

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Volunteers needed! In November I discussed the need for some Section Volunteers and that need still exists. We are soliciting three or four people who are interested in helping plan and support our Spring Education/Certification Training Seminar to be held here in April. This is a huge undertaking and its requires the coordinated effort of several people to conduct such an event successfully. We are also looking for a "web geek" to assist Greg Green with updating and maintaining our Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) web site. Please contact me if you are interested in helping in either of these areas.

The balance of this year's monthly meetings has been planned and they currently include:

- January 17th will host Curt Corrigan from Project Integration. Curt and Wendy Corrigan have been providing services and support to the local Scheduling and Project Controls community for as long as I can remember. This has included consulting, training, as well as software sales and servicing. Wendy will update the Section of the latest innovations from Asta and Primavera and discuss some new trends and happenings related to scheduling.
- February 21st, March 21st, and May 16th haven't been fully scheduled yet, but during those months we will hear from folks at CH2MHill on their program support to the 2012 London Olympics. We have Dr. Cass Stein from Ball Aerospace available who will speak on risk management issues relating to highly technical and complex projects. We are also pleased to announce that Valerie Venters will be speaking to us regarding the advantages of AACE's various certifications. She will answer any questions we may have about those certifications and how you can participate. Val is with Shell Exploration and Production in Houston and is the current AACE International Certification Board Chair. We will announce those plans once everyone's schedules are finalized.
- April 12th and 13th is our Spring Seminar and it will be held Downtown in conjunction with the AACE International Quarterly Board Meeting. It is planned for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with dinner Friday night hosted by the Board. The dinner will be free of charge to all RMS Section Members, but there will be a nominal charge to attend the Seminar.
- May will conclude the 2012-2013 year with a tour and, while there are several interesting options available to us so far, final selection hasn't been made yet. More on that as the details develop.

Finally, I want to offer a special recognition to three of our local companies who have been selected for *Distinguished Corporate Sponsor* to AACE International and the Rocky Mountain Section. Jacobs Engineering, CH2M Hill, and Ball Aerospace all have actively contributed by hosting RMS events and meetings, providing both Section and International Board Members, and maintaining approximately 18 RMS members (on average among all three firms). I am currently planning luncheon recognition ceremonies at these firms during the next couple of months to honor both the RMS Members and their Management at each company.

As a final note, the RMS has added 14 new Members during this 2012-2013 year that began in September. We encourage each new member to actively participate in some way to reap all the benefits and opportunities AACE has to offer in support of your educational and career advancement.

Thank you for your membership and support and please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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