

President's Message

Dear Rocky Mountain Section Members and Friends,

Hopefully you have seen our announcement about the upcoming “**Spring Your Career Forward**” seminar offering a day of technical presentations and certification training sessions on April 12th. I am excited about the prospects of this event with some highly qualified speakers and instructors participating. I personally can't recall a cost engineering event of this caliber in Denver for such a reasonable price at just \$95.00. An equivalent offering at the AACE International Annual Meeting would be at least ten-fold more than this amount, plus travel. If you haven't planned to attend, please give consideration to it now as it is less than a month away! If you haven't received the announcement and agenda, simply contact me and we will send the information, or you can find it posted on our web site: www.aacerms.com.

Just to make the point, here are the presenters and instructors who will be there:

John Schuyler, PE, CCE, PMP; Decision Precision®
James G. Zack, Jr., CFCC, FRICS, CCM; Navigant Construction Forum
Keith R. Molenaar, Ph.D. Chair, Civil, Environmental & Architectural Engineering Dept., CU
Julie Owen, CCC, PSP, LA Metro Senior Project Controls Manager
Carla Lopez del Puerto, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, CSU
Marlene Hyde, CCE, EVP, PMP; AACE International President
Valerie Venters, CCC; Shell Projects & Technology
Earl (Trey) Seabrook, CCC; Chevron
Mitch Arndt, CCM, PSP; Project Analytics Group
Dan Rondinelli, CCC; Construction Mastery Institute
Mark Sheel, PSP; Ball Aerospace
Bob Van Gundy, PSP, EVP, PMP; Xcel Energy

It is important to note that, even if you are not interested in sitting for either the CCC/CCE or PSP certification exams, the information provided in the training sessions is certainly applicable to the profession of cost engineering. Come and learn anyway as there is no requirement to test afterwards.

Since we are an “all-volunteer” organization, it is vital that everyone considers how he/she can contribute to the RMS on a regular basis. We are in immediate need of a Web Master with some basic web design skills to maintain our website including a one-time upgrade and monthly updating. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact Greg Green, PSP at ggreen@ball.com.

Additionally, it is time to fill the Directors and Officers positions for the upcoming 2013-2014 year. Please contact me if you are willing to serve in one of the following positions for the RMS:

- President
- Vice President-Programs
- Secretary
- Director-Certification and Training
- Director-Scholarship and Awards
- Director-At Large

I will not be able to devote much (if any) time to the RMS next year since I am going to be serving as the Director for Region 5 and that will take all of my available time. Therefore, please consider stepping in as the RMS President next year.

As you may know, the Rocky Mountain Section is actively involved in the AACE International scholarship program and it is time for us to participate again this year. We are currently in the process of grading the applications and plan to award scholarships to two students for the next school year.

Welcome to the following 5 new Members who have joined us recently:

Lisa Marie Reich
Jacobs Engineering Group
David Gerard Wallace
D. Gerard Consulting
Will Nipp
CH2M Hill Inc.

Maj Hector I. Chavez
Dyncorp International Inc.
McCullough Crawford
CH2M Hill Inc.

Also, don't forget to register and attend our regular monthly dinner meeting next week at Ball Aerospace. Dr. Stein Cass will be speaking to us about the last two phases of a comprehensive Risk Management Program; how to treat and control risks on a project. This will be a very interesting discussion so please come and learn about this most important topic. According to AACE International, the goal of risk management is: *"...to increase the probability that a planned asset, project or portfolio achieves its objectives."* Isn't that what we all desire?

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

Sincerely,

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