



# The Volunteer

## AACE International East Tennessee Section Newsletter



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**Happy New Year!**

**January 2010**  
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### Upcoming Events

#### Monday, January 25, 2010 Section Meeting

Location: Johnny Carino's Restaurant, 210 Lovell Road,  
Knoxville (near entrance to Turkey Creek)

Time: 6:00pm social/dinner  
6:30pm business meeting  
6:45 – 7:30pm Speaker

Speaker: Mike Lassiter, UPF Project Lead Estimator  
Topic: B&W Y-12 Uranium Processing Facility

#### Save the date for future section meetings:

February 22, 2010  
March 22, 2010  
April 26, 2010  
May 24, 2010  
June 28, 2010

#### Certification Exams:

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
UT Outreach Center, Oak Ridge

#### Winter Seminar:

Cost and Schedule Seminar  
Presented by Ken Humphreys

### Message from the "Prez"

*From Joy Grubb, ETS President*

Please plan to join us at Johnny Carino's in Farragut on January 25 at 6:00 pm. Mike Lassiter will provide a briefing on B&W Y-12's Uranium Processing Facility. Mike is the Cost Estimating Lead for UPF. Hope to see you there!

Watch for an announcement on the AACE-ETS website for a cost and schedule seminar by Ken Humphreys to be held in February.

### December Section Holiday Social – December 17<sup>th</sup>

*Larry Sheron, ETS Vice-President*

On Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the section held its annual Holiday Social. This year it was held at the Carraba's in Knoxville. We had almost twenty people in attendance.

Everyone had a wonderful time and the food was wonderful. There was much talk and laughter throughout the evening.

Joy Grubb presented Melissa Buckner with her Total Cost Management award plaque. Everyone congratulated Melissa on a job well done. It was much deserved. If you have not already congratulated Melissa, drop her an email or give her a call.



If you weren't able to attend, plan to next year. It is a good time to get to know other members better in a relaxing atmosphere.

Hope everyone is having a great New Year.

## Retirement

*Audrey Clark, CCC, ETS Treasurer*



Bob Briest has finally decided to call it quits at Alstom after many years of hard work. I have known Bob Briest since the late 1970's when we worked together at Carborundum (acquired by Alstom through various company take-overs). He joined the AACE East Tennessee Section in the early 1990's and all of us in the

section have had the privilege of working with him through the years. He has always been willing to dig in and assist the section in whatever manner he could - Vice President, President, Treasurer, and Fall Seminars, to name a few. He has received several ETS awards as well as the Total Cost Management (TCM) Award for outstanding professional and civic contribution to the advancement of cost management. He has earned a rest, but speaking for the section, I hope it is not from the section. He would be sorely missed.

Enjoy your well earned "vacation", and get all the "honey-does" done for Barbara.

## January Section Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup>

*Larry Sheron, ETS Vice-President*

Mark your calendar for January's business meeting to be held January 25 beginning at 6:00 PM at Carino's Restaurant located at 210 Lovell Rd in Farragut. It's located near the Lovell Rd. entrance to Turkey Creek.

The speaker is our very own Mike Lassiter and he'll be speaking on Y12's biggest (and I mean BIGGEST) project to come along in decades; the Uranium Processing Plant (UPF). The project has gone through many transformations due to politics, funding issues, process & technology changes, and business model decisions.

An integral part of Y-12's transformation efforts and a key component of the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Uranium Center of Excellence, the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) is one of two facilities at Y-12 whose joint mission will be to accomplish the storage and processing of all enriched uranium in one much smaller, centralized area."

Come hear what's happening with this exciting project and make and meet a few friends along the way.

## 2010 AACE Scholarships

*Joy Grubb, ETS President*

It is scholarship time again! The Association for Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACE) scholarship is offered to those majoring in engineering, construction management, building construction, computer sciences, business, quantity surveying, information technology, etc. If you know someone who is pursuing a degree in one of these fields, please encourage them to visit <http://www.aacei.org/education/EducFunds/scholarship/> to find out more about this wonderful opportunity. The deadline for on-line registration is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Important dates are listed below and can be found on the AACEI website

<http://www.aacei.org/education/scholarship/>.

AACE International scholarships are awarded for use in the fall term of the next academic year. The process follows this cycle each year:

**January 1 to February 15** – Obtain an application on campus or use one of the electronic applications below  
**February 15** – By this date, applications must be received by AACE International. The mailing address is:  
ATTN: Staff Director-Education  
AACE International

209 Prairie Avenue, Suite 100  
Morgantown, WV 26501-5934

**February 17** – All applications received electronically and by mail will be forwarded from AACE Headquarters to the appropriate local AACE Section (chapter) for the first round of judging.

**March 1** – After the local sections' judging committees have reviewed all applications received, they submit the names of up to four semi-finalists to AACE International Headquarters office by this date.

**March 1 to March 15** – AACE Headquarters distributes semi-finalists applications to Education Board for second round of judging

Spring Education Board Meeting – Education Board identifies finalists, and makes determination of awards

**July 1** – All candidates are notified of the results of the judging

**August 1** – scholarship checks are mailed to the schools of the winners

Don't let this opportunity pass.

## Join the Board

*Joy Grubb, ETS President*

Elections for the 2010-2011 AACE ETS Board members will take place April 2010.

The Board consists of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, and five directors (Regional Representative, Directors of Activities, Education, Communications, and Membership). The President's main responsibility is overseeing the operation of the Section and carrying out its goals and objectives. In this role, the President presides at the Section and Board meetings. The Vice-President serves as the Chair of the Program Committee establishing the technical and social content of the monthly Section meetings and selecting the meeting locations. The Treasurer is responsible for administering the financial affairs of the Section. This includes maintaining records, financial accounts, and preparing budgets.

It always helps to have new faces with new ideas on the board. The board meets once a month for about an hour in the Oak Ridge or West Knoxville area. It is a great networking opportunity and you receive recertification points for serving.

Please consider helping out the section by serving on the Board.

## AACE Certification News

*From [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org)*

Save the date.

The next time all certification exams will be hosted by the local sections is on March 6, 2010. EARLY deadline for this exam is December 21, 2009 and final deadline is January 5, 2010.

After the March exams the next time all certification exams will be hosted by the local sections is on July 10, 2010. EARLY deadline for this exam is April 27, 2010 and final deadline is May 11, 2010.

If you miss both the March and July exams, the next opportunity would be November 6, 2010. EARLY deadline for this exam is August 23, 2010 and the final deadline is September 6, 2010.

In order to prepare for the EVP exam, AACE has released the EVP Study Guide, 2nd Ed. It is available through the AACEI website bookstore.

Plan ahead and be ready to take your exam in 2010.

## International News

*From [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org)*

Be sure to cast your vote for the future leaders of AACE International! The Board of Directors election opens on February 1, 2010 and will close on March 15, 2010. You will need your user name and password in order to cast your vote. Candidate information is located on the AACE International website. Positions to be fill are President-Elect, Vice President-Finance, Vice President-Regions, and Directors of Regions 1, 2, 4, and 7.

## Keep Us Informed!!

*Suzanne Patton, Newsletter Committee Chair*

As we are ever striving to keep our members informed about what is happening in the organization, we hope this newsletter will help us do that. If you have any announcements regarding seminars, members receiving a special recognition or award, members moving or changing jobs, job opportunities or anything else deemed appropriate to share with the East Tennessee AACE members, provide this information no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month to Suzanne Patton. Suzanne can be emailed using the ETS Board link on the ETS website. Just click on contact under the phone number.

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