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Upcoming Events

Monday, February 22, 2010 Section Meeting

Location: Sagebrush Restaurant, Oak Ridge
Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm
Speaker: Frank Keelty
Topic: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
(ARRA) Project Building 9735 Facility
Demolition

Save the date for future section meetings:

April 26, 2010
May 24, 2010
June 28, 2010

Certification Exams:

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

March 8-9, 2010 Spring Seminar:

Cost and Schedule Seminar
Presented by Ken Humphreys
“Managing Project Costs, Financial Risk, And Project
Contingency”

Message from the “Prez”

From Joy Grubb, ETS President

Please plan to join us at for the February meeting for a presentation of a B&W Y-12 Recovery Act demolition project. Hope to see you there!

The cost and schedule seminar by Ken Humphreys has been moved to March. Details are pending

January Section Meeting – January 25th

Mark Plemmons, ETS Director of Communications

The East Tennessee Section’s January meeting was held at the Carino’s Restaurant in Knoxville, TN. The guest speaker was Mike Lassiter.

Mike spoke about Y12's 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.

February Section Meeting – February 22nd Luncheon Meeting

Larry Sheron, ETS Vice-President

Mark your calendar for February’s business meeting to be held February 22 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at Sagebrush Restaurant in Oak Ridge. It's located beside McDonalds, in front of Kroger’s at 390 S. Illinois Ave.

The luncheon meeting will feature guest speaker Frank Keelty. Frank will be giving a presentation on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Building 9735 Facility Demolition.

Member News!

Melissa Buckner, ETS Director of Education



Congratulations to Kerri Hunsaker Stannard!

Kerri was promoted to Manager of the Program Controls and Scheduling Department within the Program Planning Division at the Y12 National Security Complex.

Kerri has been a member of AACE since 1999 and has participated at both the local and

International level. She has served on AACE's East Tennessee Board as Director of Activities, Vice-President and President. She has co-chaired the Fall Seminar and participated on multiple Fall Seminar Committee's. In addition, Kerri has served on the AACE International Board of Directors as the Region 3 Representative and Vice President of Administration.

Kerri has over 16 years of diverse program controls and project management experience and holds a B.A. from the University of Missouri.

Keep up the good work Kerri! AACE is proud you are a member!

Member News!

Joy Grubb, ETS President

Bechtel Corporate held its 16th Project Controls Analysis Workshop in Knoxville in November 2009. November 2009. There were 61 attendees from organizations throughout the country.



The attendees represented the following functions: Accounting, Compliance, Construction, Contracts, Engineering, Procurement, Project Controls, Project

Management and Six Sigma. Several members of the AACE East Tennessee Section attended the extensive 4-day workshop. With three members winning the Independent Case Study award.

Independent Case Study Winners:

Robert Noto, Erin Rood, Shannan Lucero, Steven Wood, Joy Grubb, Kuldip Dhar.

Table Facilitator:

Joel Lesch

Keynote Speaker: Larry Simmons.

Instructor:

Mike O'Byrne

AACE Certification News

From www.aacei.org

NEW CHANGE IN CCC/CCE TECHNICAL PAPER SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT

Beginning Summer 2010

The AACE Headquarters Certification Staff and the Certification Board are committed to offering a quality exam product by improving the overall Certification process, as well as the ability to release exam results faster. In order to accomplish these goals, the Certification Board has changed the deadline for submitting the Technical Paper required with the CCC/CCE certification. The submittal of the Technical Paper now coincides with the registration deadline date as posted on the website. Candidates failing to submit the Technical Paper by the registration deadline will not be permitted to sit for the CCC/CCE exam.

The new process for the CCC/CCE Technical Paper submittal is in effect for the following 2010 exam dates:

June 4, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is April 27, 2010
June 26, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is May 11, 2010
July 8, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is May 11, 2010
July 10, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is May 11, 2010

November 4, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is September 6, 2010
November 6, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is September 6, 2010
December 3, 2010	Exam Registration Deadline is September 6, 2010

The requirements due by the exam registration deadline are as follows:

- Technical Paper for CCC/CCE Certification
- Certification Application
- Education and/or Employment Verification
- Registration/Payment
- All certification requirements, including the Technical Paper, should be sent to certificationsubmittals@acei.org.

Once submittal of all requirements is verified, candidates will be issued a confirmation via email.

Spring Seminar – March 8-9th

Managing Project Costs, Financial Risk, and Project Contingency

Bob McCoy, ETS Director of Activities

The AACE-ETS Spring Seminar will be held March 8-9, 2010. Dr. Kenneth K. Humphreys will present a seminar on “Managing Project Costs, Financial Risk, And Project Contingency.”

Dr. Kenneth K. Humphreys, PE CCE, served as Executive Director of AACE International (the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering) from 1971 until 1992. He is a noted authority worldwide on the subject of cost engineering and is the author of several major books in the field. He has authored over 350 technical papers, articles, patents and books.

Proper project decision-making requires that cost estimates be carefully made and that risk management and risk analysis techniques be applied in order to guide management in making the best decision. The cost engineer and project manager must have a basic understanding of these factors in order to be able to successfully manage the project.

The objective of this intensive seminar is to provide an overview of the various cost factors which must be considered when developing project plans, the added

considerations when design information is not complete, why risk analysis is necessary, assessment of the probability of having project cost overruns, and determining how much contingency is required add to reduce residual risk to an acceptable level.

Simple case problems and a role playing exercise will be provided for group analysis and discussion during the three days of the course. Discussions will also center on international project considerations and ethical considerations in project planning.

Watch the website and your email for more information as it becomes available.

International News

From www.acei.org

Did you know that the AACEI website had job postings?

Did you know that anyone can place a job posting on our website?

Better yet, members can post their resumes for free! You can determine the length of time for your resume to be active on our site (not exceeding 6 months.)

Employers looking to hire can place a job post for \$135.00 a month, per posting.

Check it out and see if you are missing something!

www.acei.org/career/

On The Web

Mark Plemmons, ETS Director of Communications

A pretty thorough comparison of project management-related certifications from a number of associations (AACE, PMI, 4 others) has been published by Paul Giammalvo.

While no evaluation is completely unbiased, it is an interesting read. Different AACE certifications range from near-easiest to the hardest to obtain, by the way.

There is a narrative link and also a link to a spreadsheet and chart. See the two related links on this page

<http://www.build-project-management-competency.com/download-page/>

In Memory Of ELAINE POLY TRENT

Melissa Buckner, ETS Education Director

Elaine Trent was a familiar face to many within the ETS family. She helped out with many seminars and meetings. Our prayers go out to Frank and his family.



Elaine Poly Trent of Clinton, died Feb. 8, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospice after enduring a brief illness. Born on July 30, 1948, in Meadville, Penn., she moved with her family to Clinton in 1958 and graduated from Clinton High School in 1965.

After LPN School at St. Mary's Knoxville, and then the East

Tennessee State University School of Nursing at Johnson City, she dedicated her career and her life to helping others. She worked as an RN in critical care and intensive care for 35 years first at Mountain Home Veterans Center in Johnson City, and then at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

Known by all who knew her, her love for nursing was only outweighed by her love for her church (St. Francis Episcopal Church of Norris). As one friend said, "If anything was needed at church, Elaine was there doing it or organizing it."

Among the many contributions to her church, she was chairman of the altar guild, a Kitchen Angel, a sponsor of the greens party, an acolyte, and organized the church's Medieval Faire for many years. She also possessed a great love of fine cooking, which she passed to her family and friends, handcrafting beautiful heirloom baby clothes, and creating exquisite floral arrangements for the church, weddings and the home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Howard M. (Hud) Poly.

She is survived by: Mother, Louise Poly of Clinton; husband of 35 years, Frank Trent of Clinton; daughter, Laura Trent of Maryville; son, CPT David Trent of Clarksville; brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Lynn Poly and family of Omaha, Neb.; brother-in-law, Jimmy Trent and family of Russellville; uncle, Joe Poly of Kissimmee, Fla.; aunts, Neva Poly, Fran Wisgirda, and Patty Ferguson of Meadville, Penn.; a host of cousins and many, many wonderful and loving friends.

A memorial service and a celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 158 W. Norris Road, Norris. In lieu of flowers, Elaine requested memorial donations be made to either the Education Fund of the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Va., 22312, or to St. Francis Episcopal Church marked for the Kitchen Fund, (The Rev. Joe Minarik), P. O. Box 29, Norris, Tenn., 37828 or 865-494-7167.

Holley-Gamble Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of the arrangements.

- From Clinton Courier Web Site

Keep Us Informed!!

Suzanne Patton, ETS 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 3rd 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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