

AACE International Catawba Valley Section Newsletter



AACEI & Section News

We hope to continue to develop our section's goals for membership, education, certification, professional development, and service to the industry. As our section grows our publication will also adapt to serve the membership. If any of our readers have any ideas regarding how our section might better serve its membership please feel free to contact any board member to express your ideas.

The Catawba Valley Section welcomes the participation of all professionals engaged in the practice of project controls and those who have interest in careers of the same.

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The President's Message

Don M. Johnson

AACEI Catawba Valley Section President

Share Your Experience



To quote our past international president, Steve Warhoe, from the October 2008 issue of "Cost Engineering" magazine, "The ultimate benefit of networking is experienced when two or more people are able to interact and collaborate on mutually common interests; sharing experiences, mentoring and educating one another and even discussing employment opportunities." His President's Message, "The Value of Networking", has summated the entire cause of our association. The most natural growth method of any professional association is that of sharing your experience with like minded individuals. Those persons we may meet and those who we already know that may benefit from our association should be the focus of our organic growth for the local section. With the interest of our own continuity our local section has a great need to provide the benefits of our association to everyone who may be engaged in a covered profession or whom may have interest in a new career.

The leadership for the vital function of managing our growth is provided by the officer holding the role of Membership Director. This office is elected every two years as the board is selected by the membership. If any of the membership has made any contacts with interest in our professions they should forward the contact information to the Membership Director. The contacts' information is actively managed as part of a contact database. Individuals who have provided their contact information will be included on our regular meeting notices. Please join me in encouraging and completing this vital process amongst the membership by forwarding your interested contacts to Alan Burdett, Membership Director.

"We are women and men, within varying business models and industries, working in concert toward a common ethical goal of unified practice."

*Don Johnson
President
AACEi-Catawba Valley
Section*

Happy Holidays

Meeting Details

*The Catawba Valley
Section hopes to
encourage and enhance
the professional growth of
each of our members as
well as the growth and
contributions of our
section.*

Doug Creech

*AACEI Catawba Valley
Section President 2006-2007*

Location:

[CH2M HILL](#)

11301 Carmel Commons Boulevard
Suite 304
Charlotte, NC 28226

Date: Tuesday December 8, 2009

Open Section Board Meeting Time: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Presentation of Informational/Technical Material: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

As the meeting time coincides with the evening meal, members and guests are allowed to bring a light meal that may be consumed in the meeting location.



Presentation Topic

Michael Dunn will make a presentation of a cost engineering/project controls subject titled,

"Successful Owner Engagement in the Financial Administration of a Construction Contract"

Presenter's Bio

Michael Dunn

Michael Dunn brings over 15 years of experience in the control and reporting of project costs in the high tech, health care and petroleum refinery industries. He has demonstrated the practical implementation of project control principles in the management of a wide range of industrial projects valued between \$5 million and \$600 million. His insight and practice of execution of project budget base lining and performance reporting, trend analysis, change control, tracked project health/performance indicators, analysis of contracts has ensured contracts are within negotiated parameters. The range of his project experience has been demonstrated on numerous projects from engineering only thru full execution of Engineering, Procurement, and Construction in both the United States and overseas.

Since 2008 he is engaged as Lead Cost Analyst on the AP 1000 Nuclear Duke Project at The Shaw Group in Charlotte, NC.

Special Events

We would like to start recognizing our memberships Birthdays, and special events. Please be sure to fill in your Birthday month and date at our next meetings sign in sheet. Additionally, if you have any special personal or professional announcements that you would like to share with the section please contact [Roy Luo](#), Secretary of AACEi Catawba Valley Section.

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Upcoming Events

Below are some events of note for our section. Please notify Roy Luo at Roy.Luo@ch2m.com if there are any additions to this list.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
 CH2M HILL, Charlotte, NC

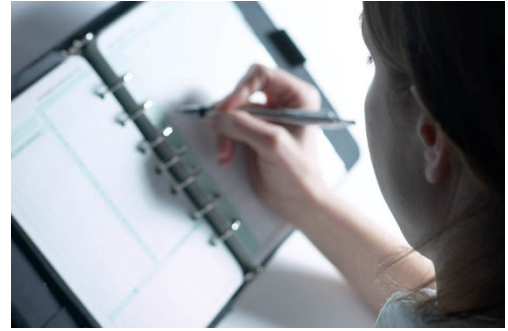
Testing Opportunities

Certification Test Dates, as requested by AACEi:

- June 06/13 Qualified proctors are requested to volunteer by 05/08.
- December 12/06 Qualified proctors are requested to volunteer by 11/11.

Presentation Calendar

Below is our calendar for the 2009 – 2010 year. Please review this calendar each Newsletter since some presenters and topics will be updated and/or changed.



AAEI Catawba Valley Section 2009 - 2010 Presentation Calendar

Date	Speaker(s)	Organization	Topic
September 8, 2009	Don Johnson	Fluor	Membership Benefits
October 13, 2009	Bryon Willoughby	Willoughby 2000 PLLC	The Utilization of Short-Term Scheduling to Reduce Project Costs
November 10, 2009	Cokey Mills	Consultant	EVMS: Alternate Cost Containment Methodologies
December 8, 2009	Mike Dunne	Shaw Group	Contract Relations
January 12, 2010	TBD	TBD	TBD
February 9, 2010	Ken Humphreys	Consultant	Ethics in Engineering
March 9, 2010	Doug Creech	Consultant	TBD
April 13, 2010	TBD	TBD	TBD
May 8, 2010	N/A	N/A	Social Dinner
June 12, 2010	N/A	N/A	Board Planning Session For 2010-2011

Indicates Completed Meeting, Event, and/or Presentation

Section Board Contact Information

Below is the contact information for the Catawba Valley Section Officers & Directors for the 2009 – 2010 year. If you have any questions or suggestions for our section for the coming year please feel free to contact the persons below.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the meetings, and please bring your friends and colleagues.

AAEI Catawba Valley Section 2009 – 2010 Officers & Directors

	Name Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Name Suffix	Company	Email
President	Mr.	Don	Johnson	CEP	Fluor	president@ace-catawbavalley.org
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