



North Florida AAACE News

April Meeting to Feature *Using Your Cost Engineering Skills to Maximize Your Investments*

Most of us would like to have an extra flow of income sent to us on a regular basis or to have an extra check in the mail each month. This presentation is intended to show you ways to help make that happen using your cost engineering skills. Factors will be discussed that can be used to select stocks. But more importantly, techniques will be presented that will help you become more knowledgeable about different aspects of investing. For more presentation details, see our [Meeting](#) notice.



Speaker: F. Sam Griggs, CCP, FAACE, Cost Engineering Consultant, Investment Trainer

Sam Griggs, CCP, FAACE is a qualified cost engineer who also has extensive training and experience in the field of financial investments. He is a long-term member of the AAACE Certification Board and the chairman of the Cost Engineering Committee. In addition, Mr. Griggs has taught certification review workshops for AAACE, proctored exams, and reviewed over 50 technical papers. He has authored several articles for the Certification Corner portion of AAACE's journal, and has worked for many of the major engineering and construction firms. Mr. Griggs was named the 2014 ICEC Distinguished International Fellow Award winner and an AAACE International Fellow. He also won the 2014 North Florida AAACE "You're a Star" Award. Mr. Griggs is also an active member of several investing groups, and is a very experienced investor who has given many presentations on this topic. For more biographical details, see our [Meeting](#) notice.

April 13th, 2017, at PMA Consultants, 4901 Vineland Road, Suite 330, Orlando, FL 32811 6:30 p.m. Optional dinners at \$10/person, with advance reservations by 4/12/17. [Webinar](#) attendance also available on request. To register or for more details, see [Meeting](#) Notice. Questions? E-mail meetings@nflaace.org. Everyone is welcome.

Total Cost Management Rocks Presented at the February Meeting



February Speaker Davis Myron Berry, CCP, PMP (right) receives Certificate of Appreciation from North Florida AAACE President John P. Orr, PSP, at the February 2017 Section meeting.

At our February meeting, speaker **Davis Myron Berry, CCP, PMP, Lead Business Analyst, Project Controls, SRNS and Past President AAACE-CSRA** discussed updates on the latest news from AAACE and out-brief on several papers and highlights on the many benefits of attending the annual meetings.

In addition to the useful specific technical information from presentations at past AAACE Annual Meetings, Mr. Berry included an interesting inspirational slant, starting with the Data-to-Wisdom pyramid, which could also apply to many endeavors in everyday life. Our members especially appreciated the discussion of what a cost engineer actually does to improve our life and our world. This was a very informative presentation, which also included positive motivation for everyone. Mr. Berry's talk generated a lively question-and-answer session afterward.

We are most grateful to Mr. Berry for his insightful and valuable presentation. Watch our [Resources](#) page for the slides to be posted soon.

March Presentation Discussed AAACE Program Updates: How Can AAACE Better Meet Your Professional Needs?



Speaker Charity Quick MBA CIA CCT, Executive Director, AAACE International, with Certificate of Appreciation presented at the March North Florida AAACE meeting.

In her lively presentation, Ms. Quick informed our members about the very latest in AAACE enhancements to our membership experience. With the addition of the new Web site, content management system, association management system and learning management system in 2016, AAACE's virtual footprint is continuing to expand. The next AAACE project includes new forums and communities of practice areas. As Ms. Quick pointed out, the implications for our Section, Section leadership and each personal membership are important. Ms. Quick spoke not just about changes AAACE is making, but also included Section members in the conversation. This highly interactive session gave us the opportunity to provide feedback as AAACE builds the communities, bridges stronger partnerships with our Sections and enhances our membership experience.

We are very appreciative to have heard Ms. Quick's interesting presentation, and learn about the latest projects at AAACE International and how they will benefit its members. Watch our [Resources](#) page for the slides to be posted soon.

AAACE Annual Meeting to be Held June 11-14th, 2017 in Orlando, Florida

The next **AAACE International Annual Meeting** will be held at the Hyatt Regency, in Orlando, Florida, USA, on June 11-14, 2017. This is good news for all our Section and Florida members. Whether you've been a regular annual meeting attendee, or have never attended this event before, the convenient location here in Orlando will offer substantial benefits to our members.

If you've never been able to attend an AAACE Annual Meeting, this is your best opportunity! It's right around the corner, cost-saving, and a major chance to build your professional skills and know-how by attending this worldwide gathering of the best and brightest the cost engineering profession has to offer.

Our Annual Meeting brings together the industry's leading cost professionals in a venue focused on learning, sharing, and networking. Over 100 hours of technical presentations will challenge you to better manage, plan, schedule, and implement technology for more effective and efficient business practices.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with fellow cost engineering professionals from across the country, and to benefit from the wide range of excellent technical presentations. For more information or to register, visit <http://web.aacei.org/meetings-events>.

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From the President...

John P. Orr, PSP

We are fast approaching the 2017 AAACE International Annual Meeting which will be held here at the Hyatt Regency Orlando from June 11th to 14th. For those of you seeking AAACE certification, review courses held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting start as early as June 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a significant AAACE International event in your own backyard. Don't miss it!

Thus far this season, our Section has been blessed with a diverse and exciting series of technical presentations. Our most recent meeting was held at the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies offices in Cocoa Beach and featured the Executive Director of AAACE International, Charity Quick. In our final two Section meetings we will hear from our own Sam Griggs who is also a member of the AAACE Certification Board, and from Dr. Alexia Nalewaik, our newly-elected incoming AAACE International President. Be sure not to miss these final two local Section meetings and consider bringing guests and introducing them to the work of AAACE.

The current Section Board of Directors would like to hear from those members who are interested in serving as officers or directors for next year. Nominations are now being accepted for elections to be held in mid-April. Come, bring your talents, and help make next year's slate of meetings even better!

-John P. Orr, PSP
North Florida Section President

Don't Miss These Other Valuable Upcoming Meetings!

-May 11th, 2017: *Project Performance Review*, with speaker Dr. Alexia Nalewaik, FRICS, CCP, CCA, Principal, QS Requin Corporation, and newly elected AAACE President-Elect.

The May meeting ends our 2016-17 program year. Watch our [Meetings](#) page for other upcoming programs starting in September.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions on possible topics and speakers. Please send to administrator@nflaace.org.

North Florida AAACE Member

John Philbrick

Elected AAACE Region 3 Director



North Florida AAACE member John Philbrick PE, CCP, PMP, Director, PMA Consultants, Orlando, FL.

The North Florida Section is very pleased to announce that our long-time member **John Philbrick, PE, CCP, PMP** has just been elected as the incoming Region 3 Director for AAACE International.

As Mr. Philbrick stated upon his election, "I was quite surprised to hear that I had been elected the AAACE Region 3 Director as I did not think that I was very well known in any area other than North Florida. My plans for the position are to try to learn what each of the Sections in our region is doing well and share those ideas among Sections. Also since the North Florida Section is reaching to remote attendees with their virtual meetings, I would like to see if we might be able to share speakers throughout the region when other Sections are having a great presentation at their meetings."

Mr. Philbrick is Director at PMA Consultants in Orlando, and has given several presentations at our Section meetings. PMA Consultants also generously provides complimentary meeting facilities for most of our Section meetings.

In addition to North Florida AAACE, other Region 3 Sections include Alabama, Greater Miami, Atlanta, Central Savannah River (GA, SC), Louisiana, Catawba Valley (NC), Upcountry SC, East Tennessee, and Tennessee Valley.

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Philbrick for being elected to this important AAACE International position.

Please take note...



• **Nominations Open for North Florida AAACE Section Board Election.** We are in the process of drafting a slate of candidates for the upcoming Section Board elections to be held in mid-April. Please take part in this election process by sending in your nominations or volunteering to run for next year's board. Before nominating, please make sure to obtain the nominee's permission, and confirm if that person is qualified, and willing and able to serve. Only current members may submit a nomination. **Deadline is April 1st, 2017.** Please submit nominations to Elizabeth at administrator@nflaace.org.



Have a great idea for a speaker or program? Just [let us know!](#)

• **Can't Attend a Section Meeting in Person? Try our new Webinar Service Instead!** North Florida AAACE has recently debuted its new Webinar meeting presentations. Designed for those members and others who may not be able to attend a meeting in person due to long distances or company travel, this Webinar version is operated live from the meeting, with a simultaneous online technical presentation being Webcast along with the in-person speaker.

Offered via GoToMeeting, online meeting attendees will hear the live presentation audio, and will also see the slides on their computer screen as they are clicked along with the speaker. You can even ask questions and make comments via text chat, or by audio if you have your own computer microphone. For those who have professional certifications, Webinar meetings count toward renewal as long as you attend the entire presentation.

To register, just RSVP to your meeting notices, specifying you wish to attend by Webinar. An invitation with link and instructions will be sent in reply.

This is just one more option we offer to make it easier to attend our valuable presentations. Any questions, please e-mail administrator@nflaace.org.

• **Reminder to Board Members:** The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held immediately following our May 11th, 2017 Section meeting.

• **AAACE Scholarships:** AAACE Competitive Scholarship applications are open annually December 1st through February 28th. AAACE International offers competitive scholarships to US, Canadian, and International students pursuing a program related to cost engineering/cost management. The scholarships are awarded by the AAACE International Education Board and are currently available in amounts not exceeding \$2,500.00. AAACE International Sections may also offer local scholarships, and the North Florida AAACE Section does have its own scholarship available. All scholarships are awarded for use in the fall term of the next academic year. Students from our Section have now been awarded fifteen AAACE scholarships since 2008, with many also receiving Section scholarships plus AAACE Matching Funds. For requirements and to apply, please visit the AAACE [Scholarship](#) page.

• **Donate to AAACE Scholarships!** Members may donate to both AAACE International and North Florida AAACE Scholarship Funds. These donations are tax-deductible. For details, contact administrator@nflaace.org.

• **North Florida AAACE is now on LinkedIn,** the premiere networking site for professionals and businesses. Soon, we'll also add our own discussion group for questions and idea-sharing. Don't wait — [Connect with us on LinkedIn!](#)

• **Latest CCTS News:**

The **CCTS 44th Annual Space Congress®** was very successful and featured Dr. Buzz Aldrin, former NASA Astronaut, as a keynote speaker. Tentative dates have been set for the **next Space Congress:** February 27th, 28th and March 1st, 2018. The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS) is a group of 31 area technical associations to which our Section belongs. For more information, visit the CCTS Web site at www.cctsonline.org.

• North Florida AAACE is proud to have approximately **32% of its current members who are certified**, and that number is steadily increasing. Want to know who's certified? Just visit the [Certification](#) page.

• **Welcome New Members!** Here's a special about new members who have recently joined our Section. Welcome to all, and hope to see you at a meeting soon!

-Eric Alan Johnson, Universal Studios, Orlando, FL

(If you joined recently but were not listed above, our apologies. Please [let us know](#) and we'll include you in the next new member listing.)

• **Earn Your Professional Certification Advantage.** In this competitive economic climate, it pays to give yourself and your employer an edge by earning and maintaining a cost engineering professional certification. To register or for questions, contact Penny Woolery at the AAACE Certification Department pwoolery@aacei.org or see the Certification page at www.aacei.org.

• **Don't miss out on the valuable benefits and resources AAACE offers for your professional career!** Now is the time to renew your dues for the upcoming year. Either complete the printed renewal you have received, or renew online. To renew online, visit <http://web.aacei.org/membership-renewal>. If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the past year, please update it once you have logged into your profile, so we can provide membership services to you without interruption. If you have forgotten or misplaced your login information, please contact AAACE's Headquarters for assistance: phone 1.304.296.8444; or e-mail info@aacei.org.

• **Visit the newest job openings on our Employment page.** And, please help keep our [Employment](#) page active by sending us any suitable cost engineering job openings you may know of, or any employment wanted listings. You may e-mail these brief listings to jobs@nflaace.org. We'll keep your notice posted at least three months, or until the position is filled or you've found employment.

• **Become a North Florida AAACE Web Site Sponsor:** If your company is interested in reaching cost engineers and their companies throughout Florida and beyond to offer relevant products and/or services, then we have a great opportunity for you! A limited number of paid sponsorships are now available on the North Florida AAACE Web site, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Along with your sponsorship, an online advertisement is included. We offer various ad sizes and rates. For more information, contact Section Administrator Elizabeth Harrison at administrator@nflaace.org.

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Questions or comments? E-mail us at administrator@nflaace.org.

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