



North Florida AACE News

October Meeting to Feature *Have You Looked at AACE's Recommended Practices?*

October-November 2017



From the
President...

John P. Orr, PSP

This program will provide an overview of the AACE Recommended Practices. At latest count, AACE has 74 Recommended Practice (RP) documents. Every member of AACE would benefit from being familiar with the RP documents pertaining to their area of specialization.

This presentation will show where these documents are located on the AACE Web Site. We will also provide examples of the vast knowledge to be gained from the study and use of these documents in establishing the proper practice standard for you and your team. These guidelines also provide a useful basis in supporting your work methods. We will also provide insight into the development process for Recommended Practices. For more presentation details, see our [Meeting](#) notice.

Speakers:

John Philbrick, PE, CCP, PMP:

John Philbrick is the current Region 3 Director with AACE International. He is Director with PMA Consultants and has 38 years of experience in project management for major road, airport, infrastructure, architectural, manufacturing/process, theme parks, and water/wastewater projects in southern and eastern United States. He has significant expertise in project controls, project scheduling, scheduling (development, analysis, training, implementation), cost estimating, cost controls and claims analysis.

John P. Orr, PSP:

John Orr has more than 30 years of construction management and project controls experience, including expert witness reports and impartial assessments of the validity of construction delay. In the past he has led presentations and training sessions in scheduling and claims avoidance for clients, at AACE Annual Meetings and the North Florida Section of AACE International.

Mr. Orr expanded both his horizon and his audience, with two peer-reviewed technical papers published in AACE's *Cost Engineering* magazine. He has been selected as a member of the Technical Board of AACE International, serving as subject-matter expert for Planning and Scheduling. He is also a CCTS Technical Achievement Award winner, and was recently honored with the 2017 AACE Charles V. Keane Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Orr's volunteer service to his professional organization has served to advance the standards of practice within AACE International and to mentor other project controls professionals in their work.

Despite extensive disruption from Hurricane Irma and that one of our members (a scheduled September technical program speaker) experienced the catastrophic earthquake in Mexico City, our first local Section meeting was held on September 21, 2017, launching us into our new program year. Eric Cannon and Fernando Villanueva, both local Section board members, gave a presentation on the new AACE online community forums and membership engagement platform. The upcoming October meeting will feature a presentation by two other members regarding the development of AACE Recommended Practices. These are excellent examples of the opportunities we have to gain from the shared wisdom and experience of our members and to learn more about the resources available within our international organization.

While this past June we in Orlando enjoyed being the host Section for the 2017 Annual Meeting, the next year's meeting will be on the west coast in San Diego, CA at the Manchester Grand Hyatt from June 24-27, 2018. Since this is the time of year when many of our members' employers are developing their 2018 budgets, I remind our members to think ahead and to submit their own travel/budget requests for next year's Annual Meeting.

Although the AACE Annual Meetings are a highlight, our monthly local Section meetings provide an ongoing opportunity to network, to collaborate, to ask questions, and to find answers and resources for issues that can influence our projects and careers. Please plan to join us as we continue our monthly meetings of this program season. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, from September through May. Be sure to bring along your friends and colleagues. Membership is not required for attendance, and we always enjoy seeing new faces!

-John P. Orr, PSP
North Florida Section President

Don't Miss These Valuable Upcoming Meetings!

-November 9th, 2017:

International Estimating, Procurement and Construction Costs, with speaker John McConville, CCP, Compass International.

-December 14th, 2017:

How to Successfully Use Earned Value on Projects with speaker Joseph A. Lucas, PMP, CSM, PE, CCP.

-January 11th, 2018:

Improving the Update Process: Solutions for a Contentious Industry, with speaker Greg Hall, PSP, Kiewit Engineering (Tentative).

-February 8th, 2018:

Dr. Alexia Nalewaik, FRICS, CCP, CCA, Principal, QS Requin Corporation. (Topic to be determined.)

-March 8th, 2018:

Intuitive Math and Cost Estimating, with speaker Dr. Saleh A. Mubarak, PhD, Project Management Consultant.

-April 12th, 2018:

Using Your Cost Engineering Skills to Maximize Your Investments, Part 2, with speaker F. Sam Griggs, CCP, FAACE, Cost Engineering Consultant and Investment Trainer.

-May 10th, 2018:

I-4 Ultimate Scheduling Challenges and Project Update, with speakers Vince Gucwa, Rey Diaz and James Ward.

The May meeting ends our 2017-18 program year. Watch our [Meetings](#) page for other upcoming programs starting in September. Please send your ideas and suggestions on possible topics and speakers to administrator@nflaace.org.

October 12th, 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 10/11/17. [Webinar](#) attendance also available on request. To register or for more details, see [Meeting](#) Notice. Questions? E-mail meetings@nflaace.org. Everyone is welcome.

September Presentation Discussed AACE Online Communities



N. FL AACE President John P. Orr, PSP, (left) presents Appreciation Certificates to September meeting speakers Fernando Villanueva PMP (center) and Eric G. Cannon, PSP (right).

In their well-organized presentation, co-speakers [Fernando Villanueva PMP](#) and [Eric Cannon, PSP](#) compared the former way of participating in AACE's Web site forums and groups to the new dynamic interactive version of joining and participating. In this interactive session, both speakers showed the lists of current online communities and gave examples of what some online communities offer. Tips on how to navigate the new AACE Web site were also described, and demonstrated step-by-step. Their engaging presentation helped promote these exciting and valuable new online AACE features and tools to our members.

We are most appreciative to have heard Fernando and Eric's very useful presentation, and to learn about what's new on the AACE Web site benefiting professional cost engineers. Watch our [Resources](#) page for the slides to be posted soon.

Our Special Kudos Go To...



Marlene Hyde CCP, EVP who was appointed as Interim VP-Technical at the September 2017 North Florida AACE board meeting. She will serve the remainder of the current term of office through May 31st, 2018.

Marlene is a former AACE International President, and has also served previously on our Section board. We welcome Marlene back to our board, and look forward to the benefit of her experience, positive contributions and unique insight.



Please take note...

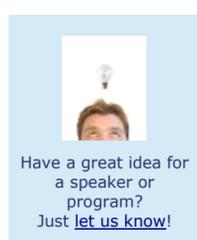


- **Can't Attend a Section Meeting in Person? Try our Webinar Service Instead!** North Florida AACE has recently begun our new Webinar meeting presentations. Designed for those members and others who may not be able to attend a meeting in person due to long distances or company travel, this Webinar version 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 technical presentations. Any questions, please e-mail administrator@nflaace.org.



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- **Reminder to Board Members:** The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held immediately following our November 9th, 2017 Section meeting.

- **AACE Scholarships:** AACE Competitive Scholarship applications are open annually December 1st through February 28th. AACE 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 AACE International Education Board and are currently available in amounts not exceeding \$2,500.00. AACE International Sections may also offer local scholarships, and the North Florida AACE 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 seventeen AACE scholarships since 2008, with many also receiving Section scholarships plus AACE Matching Funds. For requirements and to apply, please visit the AACE [Scholarship](#) page.

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

- **North Florida AACE 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 **CCTSL 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 AACE 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.

- **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 Whoolery at the AACE Certification Department pwhoolery@aacei.org or see the Certification page at www.aacei.org.

- **Don't miss out on the valuable benefits and resources AACE 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 AACE'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 AACE 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 AACE 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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