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## October 2011

### President's Message

Hello Southern California Section members, I hope you all are doing well!

Last month, we held our first monthly dinner meeting of the fiscal year at Holiday Inn in La Mirada. It was quite a success! Nearly 40 attendees participated in the event. I want to offer much thanks to our presenter Don McNatty of DRM Associates who took the time out of his busy itinerary and gave us a presentation on Oracle-lization of Primavera.



I want to also thank all of the attendees who made the event possible.

For the month of October, our dinner meeting will be jointly held with the LA Chapter of the ASPE on Wednesday the 26th in South Pasadena offering a great opportunity to expand your professional network. We will also start hosting a series of workshops on Saturday the 15th for the CCE and PSP certifications at the Jacobs office in Long Beach. I encourage those who are interested in getting certified to take up this opportunity. More information can be found in the links below. Hurry, registration deadline ends soon!

⇒ [http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/CCC\\_Workshop\\_Flier2011.pdf](http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/CCC_Workshop_Flier2011.pdf)

⇒ [http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/PSP\\_Workshop\\_Flier2011.pdf](http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/PSP_Workshop_Flier2011.pdf)

In closing and on behalf of the Southern California Section we hope to see you and hear from you soon, please feel free to visit our website and contact us with any comments or suggestions you may have.

Respectfully,

Charles Hu

President 2011-12



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### Section Announcements: October Joint ASPE Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

**Joint Dinner Meeting with the Los Angeles Chapter of the  
American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE)**

**Presentation: Coaching Fundamentals for the Non-Coach**

**Presenter: Carly Anderson, MCC of Stellar Leadership Performance**

Are you a technical expert who is also expected to influence others in order to be considered successful at your job? The use of coaching skills can help you attain better teamwork, increase leadership competence, and positively influence others in order to achieve stellar business performance.

Master Certified Coach, Carly Anderson, will introduce you to three key contextual elements of a coaching approach, a simple coaching model, as well as two key skill sets every coach uses. Anyone at any level in an organization will be able to take this information and immediately implement it.

Carly is an internationally recognized executive and leadership coach. Since 1998, she has worked in a confidential trusted advisor role with leaders, executives, managers and supervisors to mobilize the energy in themselves and others to consistently achieve stellar performance.

As a master certified coach since 2004, she is recognized for her training in the skills and application of how behavior, mindset and communication impact motivation and performance.

Carly's experience is in many industries, including technology, banking, healthcare and engineering. Her clients include a range of smaller and medium-sized companies as well as known organizations such as AECOM, Blizzard Entertainment, Cochlear, Crowe Horwath, GE Healthcare, Google, and Lloyds TSB Bank. She has also worked extensively with entrepreneurial business owners.



For more information, go to [www.stellarleader.com](http://www.stellarleader.com)

**Location: The Barclay Restaurant & Bar**, 1400 Huntington Drive, South Pasadena, 91030

**Map & Directions:** <http://www.yelp.com/map/the-barkley-restaurant-and-bar-south-pasadena>

**Time:** Social Hour, 6-7 PM; Dinner & Presentation, 7-8:30 PM

**Cost:** \$30 (includes dinner). Cash bar. FREE PARKING

**PLEASE RSVP BY E-MAIL TO:**

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### Section Announcements: 2011—2012 Calendar of Events

#### September 2011

Dinner Meeting: September 21st at the Holiday Inn, La Mirada

#### October 2011

PSP Cert Workshop: Four Saturdays, October 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

CCC/CCE Cert Workshop: Six Saturdays, October 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 12, 19, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Dinner Meeting: October 26th at The Barclay Restaurant & Bar, South Pasadena

#### November 2011

AACEI Leadership Conference: November 12th at the Magnolia Hotel in Houston, TX

Dinner Meeting: November 16th

#### December 2011

AACEI Certification Exams at SoCal Section: December 10th

Holiday Party: December 11th

#### January 2012

Dinner Meeting: January 18th

#### February 2012

Dinner Meeting: February 15th

#### March 2012

AACEI Certification Exams at SoCal Section: March 5th

SoCal co-sponsored 51st Western Winter Workshop: March 16-18 at Harveys-Harrahs in Lake Tahoe, NV

#### April 2012

Dinner Meeting: April 18th

#### May 2012

Dinner Meeting: May 16th

#### July 2012

AACEI Certification Exams at 56th Annual Meeting: July 7th

AACEI 56th Annual Meeting: July 8th - 11th at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, TX



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### Section Announcements: 2011 Leadership Conference



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**Section Announcements: 2011 Leadership Conference (Cont.)**

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**AACE® INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

- Join your colleagues at the Leadership Conference in Houston and:
- ★ Learn about Leadership and the Changing World
  - ★ Find out about preparing for Certification exams
  - ★ Learn about preparing a technical paper, speaking publicly, and presenting a positive online presence
  - ★ Network with your peers

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**LINDA TARR-WHELAN**, Author & Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos

Linda Tarr-Whelan is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos, a US national progressive think tank. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Women Lead the Way: Your Guide to Stepping up to Leadership and Changing the World* (Berrett-Koehler, 2009 and 2011). She is also Chair of the National Women's Advisory Council for Pax World Resources. Linda served as Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in the Clinton Administration, Deputy Assistant to President Jimmy Carter for Women's Concerns in the White House and a member of the President's Advisory Council on Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Named as one of the 50 most powerful women in Washington by Ladies Home Journal, her career has included government, business, unions and NGO's including as President/CEO of the Center for Policy Alternatives, and as Managing Partner of Tarr-Whelan & Associates, Inc, an international management consultancy. She appears frequently nationally and internationally as a speaker, writer, media commentator and blogger ([www.lindatarrwhelan.com](http://www.lindatarrwhelan.com)) on Huffington Post, the Washington Post, Bloomberg News, San Francisco Chronicle, NPR and Newsday.

She began her career as a nurse and holds a BSN from Johns Hopkins, MS from the University of Maryland and honorary PhD's from Chatham University and Plymouth State University. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!**  
Contact Jennie Amos at AACE Headquarters

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### Certification Corner



#### PSP Certification Workshop

Four (4) Saturday mornings, October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#### CCE/CCC Certification Workshop

Six (6) Saturday mornings, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2010 1:00PM to 5:00PM.

#### Location

Jacobs Engineering, 1500 Hughes Way (Pod C Conference Room C1 & C2), Long Beach, CA 90810

#### Registration

Space is limited, so those interested better RSVP as soon as possible. For information or reservations, please contact Marc Glasser, PSP, Certification Chair for the Southern California Section at [marc.glasser@jacobs.com](mailto:marc.glasser@jacobs.com) or Tel: (949) 224-7582.

Workshops will only be offered if a minimum of 8 people register  
so grab a colleague and sign up today!

### Upcoming Certification Examinations

#### December 10, 2011

All AACEI Certification Exams at Southern California Section.

Early Bird Discount deadline is September 25, 2011 and Final Registration deadline is October 10, 2011.

#### March 3, 2012

All AACEI Certification Exams at Southern California Section.

Early Bird Discount deadline is December 6, 2011 and Final Registration deadline is January 3, 2012.

#### July 7, 2012

All AACEI Certification Exams at the 56th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Early Bird Discount deadline is To Be Announced and Final Registration deadline is To Be Announced.

## PSP Certification Workshop begins Saturday, October 15, 2011

PSP certification will distinguish you as a Planning and Scheduling Professional who has the knowledge and skills equivalent to high quality standards. The PSP certification gives you a competitive advantage in today's employment environment and improves your marketability. A mark of distinction, the PSP certification is designed to recognize specialists who meet a demanding set of planning and scheduling criteria.

The PSP exam includes four parts (1 hour 45 minutes each) and tests participant's knowledge and understanding of best business practices in planning and scheduling. The exam consists of multiple choice questions concerning the basics of planning and scheduling, problem solving regarding hypothetical scheduling scenarios and a communications exercise simulating schedule reporting and analysis. This workshop covers planning and scheduling topics in a way to best help you refresh your knowledge or acquaint you with new information.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity! Typically this workshop is only offered at the AACEI and Primavera annual meetings. Don't wait to sign-up because this workshop will only be offered if a minimum of 8 people register!

### Location

Jacobs Engineering, 1500 Hughes Way (Pod C Conference Room C1 & C2), Long Beach, CA 90810

### Dates and Time

Deadline for online payment: October 8, 2011

Workshops: October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 2011, Four Saturdays half day from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Exam: December 10, 2011

### Required Materials

It is the student's responsibility to obtain both of these books. They are available from AACEI's online bookstore at <https://www.aacei.org/bookstore/cgi-bin/shop.cgi?CustomerID=998355232&page=Topic12.html>:

- PSP Certification Study Guide, 1st Edition Revised (CD)
- CPM in Construction Management (5th edition)
- Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling, and Controlling (8th edition)
- Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering (5th edition)
- Construction Planning and Scheduling Manual (2nd edition)

### Cost

The Southern California Section is offering this workshop for members and non-members alike for \$300.00. However, you should be aware of other costs associated with the certification. The materials and exam (both paid directly to headquarters) have higher prices for non-members. Members save over \$275.00!

| AACEI member      |              | Non-member        |                |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| workshop          | \$300        | workshop          | \$300          |
| materials         | \$376        | materials         | \$504          |
| exam              | \$300        | exam              | \$450          |
| <b>total cost</b> | <b>\$976</b> | <b>total cost</b> | <b>\$1,254</b> |

### Reservations

For information or reservations, please contact Marc Glasser, PSP, Certification Chair for the Southern California Section at [marc.glasser@jacobs.com](mailto:marc.glasser@jacobs.com) or Tel: (949) 224-7582. Online payment via PayPal on the SoCal website is available until October 8, 2011. To confirm online reservation, email PayPal receipt to the SoCal AACEI Treasurer, John Matsumoto, at [John.Matsumoto@worleyparsons.com](mailto:John.Matsumoto@worleyparsons.com).

## CCE/CCC Certification Workshop begins Saturday, October 15, 2011

Continuous learning is important to keep you competitive in today's employment environment. Professional certification can give you a competitive advantage. In taking the certification examination and writing the professional paper, your preparation can make the difference between passing and failing.

The Southern California Section of AACE International offered the certification workshop last year and it was a great success. We want to offer the workshop again this year if a minimum of 8 people register. The workshop provides systematic coverage of all areas of the certification exam, as well as guidance on preparing the professional paper. The workshop meets on six Saturday mornings, spending three hours at each workshop covering cost engineering topics in a way to best help you refresh your knowledge or acquaint you with new information.

AACE International offers exams for CCC/CCE/CCT, PSP, EVP, and CFCC when five or more candidates submit their applications to headquarters with 40 days or more notice, the local section may offer the exam. We are offering the certification workshop for CCC/CCE only at this time.

### Location

Jacobs Engineering, 1500 Hughes Way (Pod C Conference Room C1 & C2), Long Beach, CA 90810

### Dates and Time

Deadline for online payment: October 8, 2011

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- AACE International's Certification Study Guide (3rd edition or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition revised)
- Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering (5<sup>th</sup> edition)

### Cost

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| AACEI member      |              | Non-member        |              |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| workshop          | \$300        | workshop          | \$300        |
| materials         | \$104        | materials         | \$137        |
| exam              | \$300        | exam              | \$450        |
| <b>total cost</b> | <b>\$704</b> | <b>total cost</b> | <b>\$887</b> |

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### From Headquarters

## AACE International Presents

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AACE Presents is an online program featuring highly regarded, popular technical presentations from previous Annual Meetings. The technical presentations, selected by the Technical Board, are delivered online through the corporate website at:  
<http://www.aacei.org/resources/webinars.shtml>



The webinar presentations are primarily driven by enhanced PowerPoint presentations augmented by the voice of the presenter. The presentations are deployed using Articulate, a software program that includes interactive features that allow listeners to return to a presentation exactly where they left off and to access additional resources that supplement the presentation. AACE Presents are only available to AACE International members, free of charge.



"AACE Presents is another way for AACE to multipurpose the valuable technical resources that we have developed for the total cost management community." "Assuming the response to the initial presentations is favorable, it would be the Technical Board's intent to make available almost 12 hours of quality education resources available 24 hours a day, seven days per week each year. We believe that AACE Presents will be a welcomed addition to the impressive array of resources offered to our members and other stakeholders."

— Larry Dysert, Chair of the Technical Board

Presentations are released monthly—the initial presentations posted are:

- May, 2011: "How to Write a Technical Paper", by James D. Whiteside, II PE
- June, 2011: "Downstream Schedule Analysis for Non-Schedulers", by Amanda M. Madl
- July, 2011: "Front-End Engineering and Design: Influence over a Project's Outcome", by James D. Whiteside, II PE, and Tyler Humes
- August, 2011: "Constructive Acceleration; A Global Tour", by James G. Zack, Jr.
- September, 2011: "Claims Analysis Nested in Schedule Updates", by Christopher W. Carson

**Stop by the corporate AACE International website and check out these exciting presentations!**

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### Job Opportunities

**Know of a job opening?  
We post job opportunities free of charge  
in both our newsletter and website.**

Please forward your company logo and job opportunity text to:

Joshua Lavers at [jlavers4aacei@gmail.com](mailto:jlavers4aacei@gmail.com)



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### Section Announcement

## Online Registrations and Payments



AACEI Southern California is pleased to offer a secure online registration and payment system for our events. You can now visit the calendar section on our website ([www.aace-scs.com](http://www.aace-scs.com)), view the program details, register and pay online. AACEI SoCal uses a secure paypal payment system, which allows you to pay using your bank checking account, credit card, or paypal account.

We will continue to receive the registrations by traditional RSVP system and payments by checks or cash for some time. However, as our members and users get familiar with the online system, the traditional system will be phased out.

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### Upcoming Events

| Description                     | Date                           | Location                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CCE/CCE Certification Workshop  | Oct 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5, 12, 19 | Jacobs Engineering, Long Beach |
| PSP Certification Workshop      | Oct 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5         | Jacobs Engineering, Long Beach |
| AACEI SoCal Dinner Meeting      | October 26                     | The Barclay, South Pasadena    |
| AACEI Leadership Conference     | November 12                    | Houston, TX                    |
| AACEI SoCal Dinner Meeting      | November 16                    | TBD                            |
| AACEI Certification Examination | December 10                    | Jacobs Engineering, Long Beach |
| AACEI SoCal Holiday Party       | December 11                    | TBD                            |
| AACEI SoCal Dinner Meeting      | January 18                     | TBD                            |

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

It's the start of a new fiscal year, and time to consider the advertising opportunities available to you through the AACEI Southern California Section.



Business cards or ¼ page ads placed in the newsletter reach the **entire membership** of the Section, which covers Southern California from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. All ads placed in the newsletter are also posted on the Section website.

#### Advertising Rates:

- Business Card Ads are \$35 per month, or \$125 for the year (ends June 1).
- 1/4 Page Ads are \$65 per month, or \$250 for year (ends June 1).



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