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September 2011

President's Message

Hello Southern California Section members! I hope you and your loved ones have spent the summer doing what you enjoy! Be it traveling, home remodeling, motorcycling, surfing, the list is endless...

I feel honored to have been elected to serve as your president for this fiscal year. The board & I met in late August and officially kicked off the year. I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed with the events that we have planned. I'll make this short & sweet!

Monthly Dinner Meetings

- Occurs on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Dinner meeting flyers sent electronically at beginning of the month
- Meeting starts with social hour at 6, dinner served at 7, followed by technical presentations
- Some meetings will be held jointly with other professional associations (ASPE, RICS, NAWIC)
- Details can be found on <http://www.aace-scs.com/event>

Certification Workshops

- CCE/CCC workshops will be held on (6) Saturday mornings starting 10/15
- PSP workshops will be held on (4) Saturday mornings starting 10/15
- Both workshops will be held at the Jacobs office in Long Beach
- Registrations starts this week and concludes on 10/8
- Details can be found on:
http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/CCC_Workshop_Flier2011.pdf
http://www.aace-scs.com/uploads/File/PSP_Workshop_Flier2011.pdf

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President's Message Continued

Certification Exams

- Both PSP and CCE/CCC exams will be held on Saturday 12/10
- Exams will be held at Jacobs office in Long Beach office

Annual Conferences

- Western Winter Workshop (WWW)
 - Southern California Section will co-host WWW with San Francisco Section
 - WWW will be held in Lake Tahoe, weekend of 3/16/2012
 - More details on <http://www.aaceisf.org/page13.html>
- AACEi Annual Meeting
 - Meeting to be held in San Antonio TX, week of 7/8/2012
 - More details on <http://www.aacei.org/am/currentAM/>
- Southern California Annual Symposium
 - Symposium to be held on weekend of 11/9/2012
 - Location is tentatively selected at Brea Embassy Suites

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.

Respectively,

Chiang (Charles) Hu, CCE, PSP
Section President FY11/12



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Section Announcements: September Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Presentation: The "Oracle-ization" of Primavera

Presenter: Don McNatty, Principal and co-founder of DRMcNatty & Associates, Inc.



Mr. McNatty is an Oracle Certified P6 Specialist, Oracle Certified Trainer and ACEI Certified Planning and Scheduling Professional as well as a Fellow of the ACEI. He has over 40 years of experience in construction and project management. He has used automated systems to enhance construction and project management business processes since 1980 and has been directly involved with Primavera software since 1985. DRMcNatty's team of 36 consultants in California and New York provide all levels of support to clients using Primavera software including the latest versions of P6 and Contract Management.

Since Oracle acquired Primavera in late 2008 there have been numerous changes in the Primavera software environment. Primavera started the revolution in project scheduling with the product eventually named "P6" and the abandonment of P3, the scheduling standard for the past 20 years. Expedition evolved into "Contract Management" and both tools became "100% web based". Recent releases of the both tools include P6 8.1 (is 8.2 far behind?), 13.1 of Contract Management (the last gasp of Infomaker) and a major environment change with Contract Management 14.1 Business Intelligence Publisher Edition (CM14 BIPE). Don will provide some perspective on where we are and where we are headed with Primavera tools and the enormous impact that Oracle has had on the tools that many of us use every day. He will also provide some perspective on the impact that he feels Oracle will continue to have on the construction project controls environment. With the help of wireless internet (hopefully), he will also provide an online demonstration of how the new products are accessed.

Please join us to learn more about 'The "Oracle-ization" of Primavera'.

Location

Holiday Inn (phone: 714-739-8500)
14299 Firestone Blvd. (on the north side of the I-5)
in La Mirada, at the Valley View exit

Schedule

6:00 to 7:00 Registration and Networking
7:00 to 7:30 Dinner
7:30 to 8:30 Presentation / Program

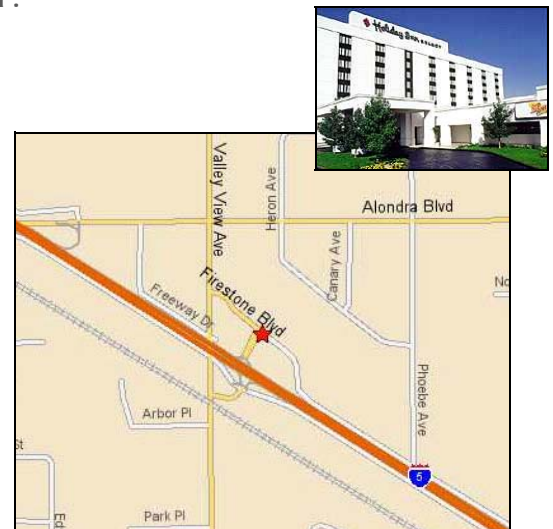
Cost (Reservations by 9/19/11, 5:00 PM)

\$40 Members, \$45 non-members, \$20 Students
At the door: \$45 for members, \$50 non-members, \$20 Students

Reservations

Register Online with Paypal at <http://www.aace-scs.com/event>.

Be sure to bring your Paypal receipt with you to the meeting. For more information, please contact: Jim Gerdes, AACE Events Chairperson for the Southern California Section, at 661-713-9951, or E-Mail at jmgerdes@aol.com.



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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 19th

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 at Jacobs Engineering, Long Beach

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



NOVEMBER 12, 2011

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Section Announcements: 2011 Leadership Conference (Cont.)

★ **NOVEMBER 12, 2011** **MAGNOLIA HOTEL HOUSTON** ★
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) 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.



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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 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
total cost	\$976	total cost	\$1,254

Reservations

For information or reservations, please contact Marc Glasser, PSP, Certification Chair for the Southern California Section at 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.

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 2nd edition revised)
- Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering (5th edition)

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Members save over \$180.00!

AACEI member		Non-member	
workshop	\$300	workshop	\$300
materials	\$104	materials	\$137
exam	\$300	exam	\$450
total cost	\$704	total cost	\$887

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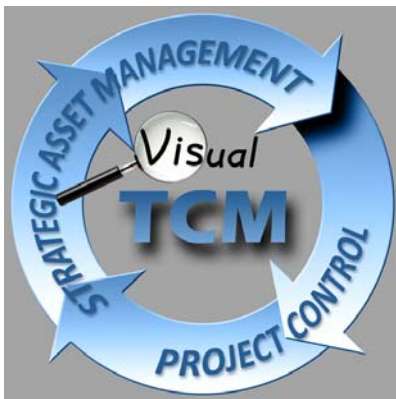
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From Headquarters

Total Cost Management has gone VISUAL

Combining web-based technology with the skills, knowledge and expertise of the Total Cost Management Framework. Visual TCM (VTCM) graphically demonstrates the integration of the strategic asset management (SAM) and project controls (PC) process maps of the *TCM Framework*. The Visual TCM application has been designed to provide a dynamic view of the TCM processes, from the overall strategy process maps to the mid-level processes and detailed activities.

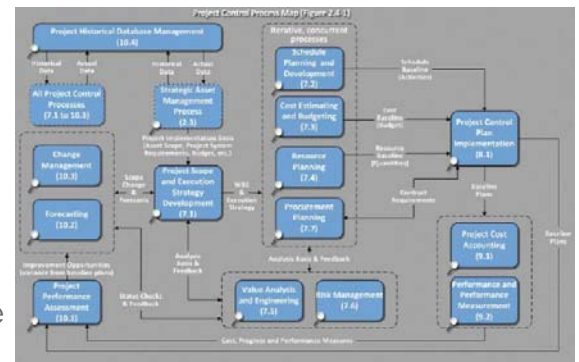


The processes are hyperlinked, giving the user the ability to move to and from related process maps and reference material. This allows for the optimal effectiveness of understanding and utilizing the process and sub-process in the context of and relationship to associated sub-processes that share common strategies and objectives. Visual TCM allows the user to view and apply TCM section-by-section, at a sub-process or functional level.

Benefits of the Visual Approach to the Total Cost Management Framework. Web technology provides a model for developing cost engineering education and training, advanced product delivery, and supporting curricula that will

serve those individuals and enterprises in need of a broader, more integrated perspective. The following identifies some of the key benefits that VTCM offers:

- Links the process maps to support the interactive relationships with other processes maps within the TCM.
- Provides collapsible/expandable bookmarks for user interface efficiency.
- Eliminates time rustling through literature and reference data in search of collateral information.
- For corporations, increases the productivity of your organization through efficient orientation, process standardization, and usability.
- Provide a learning experience based on the information they need to know and more. And,
- Finally, VTCM will introduce to the individual and organization a way to identify and provide real time online training.



The VTCM is available on the AACEI corporate website at: <http://www.aacei.org/resources/vtcm/>

“Ultimately, the vision of VTCM is to provide our membership with a complete, integrated system that links all of the AACE product lines together.”

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**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



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Section Announcement

Online Registrations and Payments

AACEI Southern California is registration and payment system the calendar section on our web-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.



pleased to offer a secure online for our events. You can now visit site (www.aace-scs.com), view the

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
AACEI SoCal Dinner Meeting	September 21	Holiday Inn, La Mirada
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 19	TBD
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

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).



For payment information, please contact our Treasurer, John Matsumoto, at John.Matsumoto@worleyparsons.com

For graphics information, contact our Newsletter Editor, Joshua Lavers, at jlavers4aacei@gmail.com

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