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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AACE® Toronto members and supporters,
Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

I wanted to start off by highlighting a record turnout to our last AACE technical seminar meeting held on October 26, 2011 at George Brown College. Gary Kramer, Senior Associate with Hatch Mott MacDonald spoke about Tunnel Construction – An Estimating Perspective. There were 80 people who attended and enjoyed the technical seminar. Our hats off to Gary for his stellar presentation.

Aside from the large contingent of members, there were many new faces and students, which was very encouraging. We encourage the participation of AACE members as well as other professionals in the design and construction industry.

The board is busy with upcoming plans for the year, planning events and initiatives. This is an opportunity for all of you to send us any feedback on whatever topics would be of interest for our dinner meetings, or perhaps an event or initiative which would be of interest.



All correspondence can be forwarded to either myself or other directors on the board. We are always open to feedback and comments from our membership, and associates.

For students, I encourage you to attend our seminars and use the opportunity to learn about some of our exciting topics, as well as interact and network within our events.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next upcoming technical seminar.

Best Regards,

David Colangelo
President AACE Toronto Section

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The AACE Toronto Section Board of Directors for 2011-2012 was voted into office during the Section's Annual General Meeting that was held in September 2011.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE AAACE TORONTO SECTION?

There are many benefits of becoming an AAACE member. You will be joining a group of cost and scheduling professionals with access to the collective wisdom of many, who share the same challenges that you face daily in your job, and who are willing to share their best ideas and techniques to better the profession. The other tangible benefits in joining the AAACE are:

- Access to a virtual library (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) of cost management information containing more than 4,500 technical papers
www.aacei.org/resources/vl/
- Access to a highly respected monthly publication Cost Engineering, which presents a wide spectrum of topics and approaches in the field
www.aacei.org/resources/ce/
- Access to an online webinar that allows members to post questions and engage in lively debate on potential solutions
www.aacei.org/resources/webinars
- Access to Total Cost Management which graphically demonstrates the integration of asset management and project control processes
<http://www.aacei.org/resources/tcm/>
- An option to participate in an AAACE Annual Meeting that offers a selection of continuing seminars, thought-provoking keynote speakers, and an opportunity to keep up with today's latest tools and resources offered by leading vendors
www.aacei.org/am/currentAM/
- An opportunity to participate, interact and network with your local professionals, through 80 local sections scattered around the world. These sections offer educational programs, as well as sponsor both educational and social events
www.aacetonoronto.ca
- A chance to enhance your professional credentials through an online education program, or quality training offered by approved educational providers
www.aacei.org/educ/
- A chance to validate your skills and abilities and to enhance your professional opportunities by participating in the AAACE Certification program
www.aacei.org/educ/cert/

The bottom line is simple and real. Your AAACE membership is an investment that pays dividends, and for annual fees of \$143US (plus \$10US first time member application fee), you become a part of an organization dedicated to improving your profession.

The attached link will take you directly to the right page to start the registration process: <http://www.aacei.org/mbr/>

AAACE TECHNICAL SEMINARS

Most Recent Seminar – Tunnel Construction – An Estimating Perspective

The AAACE Toronto Section held a Technical Seminar on October 26, 2011 hosted by George Brown College. The seminar had a great turnout with over 75 people in attendance.

The guest speaker was Gary Kramer, P. Eng, P.E. Senior Associate at Hatch Mott McDonald, and the topic for the event was Tunnel Construction – An Estimating Perspective. It was an interesting presentation involving the history of tunnel construction as well as the cutting edge technology used to minimize environmental impact. The presentation had a great local flair that included projects currently underway within the GTA. Tunnel engineering and construction is a unique division within the industrial engineering field where the basis of estimating is focused on task sequencing and duration as compared to quantity or volume based calculations.

Upcoming Seminar – A Dashboard that Suits the Purpose

The next Technical Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday November 30, 2011, hosted by Hatch Ltd at 2800 Speakman Drive, Mississauga.

The guest speaker for this event will be Juan Gallegos. Juan has extensive experience in Cost Engineering, Planning, and Projects Controls within the Mining, Petrochemical, Metallurgy, Civil, and Waste Management industries. The seminar topic will focus on the key concepts and fundamentals required for designing a Project Dashboard.

Please RSVP to info@aacetonoronto.ca if you wish to attend this event.



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- A monthly copy of Cost Engineering journal will be provided to each of your 8 (minimum) sponsored employees (over \$600.00 in savings).
- One local section fee is included per core group (8) members (approx. a \$120.00 value!) AACE's Section Meetings are an excellent means for your employees to network with other experienced professionals and hone their own leadership skills. Offering presentations from local industry speakers, facility tours, and social events, Section meetings are an important way to expand contacts and gain up-to-date information.
- Your corporate link will be placed on the AACE website.
- An annual listing in Cost Engineering journal, the leading industry periodical.
- The company will receive an engraved plaque recognizing its corporate sponsorship.
- 10% discount off the member rate to attend cutting edge AACE industry seminars.
- 10% discount off the member rate of attending the AACE annual meeting.
- 10% discount on employee certification fees when paid by the company.
- 5% discount on all publications produced by AACE International

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**AACE Toronto Section
Technical Seminar**
November 30, 2011
A Dashboard that Suits the Purpose
Speaker: Juan Gallegos
Hosted by Hatch Ltd: 2800 Speakman Drive,
Mississauga ON



**2nd Annual Project Management Paper
Competition**
Procept, AACE & U of T
Spring 2012
Hosted by University of Toronto Galbraith
Building
www.procept.com



**AACE Toronto Section Annual General
Meeting (AGM)**
Spring 2012



**AACE International Annual General Meeting
(AGM)**
July 8-11, 2012
A fiesta for Total Cost Management
Key Note Speaker: Connie Podesta
Marriot Rivercenter Hotel,
San Antonio, TX

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