



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Bob Kovacs

As the articles in Estimating Today said, it's an "edge" that you can have over the competition, whether you're looking for a job, or looking to secure a project for your firm.



GET CERTIFIED

Certification seems to be the buzzword for the past few months—we're in the middle of the CPE certification cycle, last month's issue of Estimating Today was all about revisions to the LEED certification process, this month's issue focuses on the importance of (and changes to) CPE certification, and our speaker for this month's meeting, Reed Thomas, is discussing changes to the LEED certification process. OK, that was a long, run-on sentence.

As I mentioned above, we're in the middle of the certification cycle, and we have five candidates for certification in our chapter- myself included. With the recent accreditation of our program by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards, it's only a matter of time before having estimates prepared by a CPE starts to become a requirement in RFP's, just like having plans signed and sealed by a PE currently is, so I urge those of you who haven't yet taken the steps to start the certification process to do so. As the articles in Estimating Today said, it's an "edge" that you can have over the competition, whether you're looking for a job, or looking to secure a project for your firm.

Lastly, we're going to need some proctors for the exams for this cycle, which will take place in early July. If you're a current CPE who would like to volunteer to proctor an exam, please let Dan Ergle know so we can start arranging exam dates. Hope to see you all on Thursday!

Regards,

Bob



ASPE LUNCH PROGRAM

THURSDAY

April 15, 2010

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

CROSS CREEK CAFE

1221 Cross Creek Pkwy
Atlanta, GA 30327

Price \$15.00

RSVP is required.

Please RSVP to
LaTarsha Bailey
at 404.609.9006 or
respond via email by
Wednesday
April 14, 2010.

Check out the latest ASPE Atlanta
Chapter No. 14 events at
www.aspeatlanta.org





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APRIL 2010 LUNCH PROGRAM
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APRIL 2010 ASPE LUNCH PROGRAM



Updates to LEED 2009 Rating System

Reed Thomas will discuss the following topics at the April 2010 Program Lunch:

Updates to LEED 2009 Rating System

- Major changes for LEED 2009
- The new Tiered Credentialing System
- Credentialing Maintenance Program
- What does this mean for previous LEED APs?

Reed Thomas has been employed in the construction industry since 1969. He began his career in New York City as an estimator for a small masonry and concrete subcontractor and is currently Chief Estimator with R. J. Griffin & Company (Southeast Division of the JE Dunn Construction Company) in Atlanta, GA. Reed has worked in literally every major department within the commercial construction industry and has been involved with well over \$1 billion worth of constructed commercial and residential projects.

Reed Thomas owned a General Contracting firm in New York City for 20 years and worked for a variety of other General Contractors before leaving for Atlanta in 1999. He worked with The Winter Construction Company as Senior Estimator and then moved to RJ Griffin & Company five years ago.

Reed has been directly involved in the preconstruction and construction of seven LEED projects:

- Southface ECO Office building - Platinum Certification
- Richard B. Russell Clubhouse - Silver Certification
- Georgia Power Company Daycare Facilities (2) - Gold Certifications
- Cancer Center, Augusta, GA, - targeting Gold
- Class A Office Building, Alpharetta, GA - targeting Gold
- Data Center, Atlanta, GA - targeting Gold



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Reed Thomas has also worked on numerous other green projects in various stages of preconstruction. Reed is a LEED Accredited Professional (AP) since 2002 as well as a Certified Professional Estimator (CPE) and a Construction Document Technologist (CDT). He is a member of the Branch Leadership Group of the Atlanta Chapter of the USGBC, the chairman of the Sustainability Committee for RJ Griffin and a member of the ASPE Sustainability Committee.



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View complete calendar at www.agcga.org
by clicking on Education & Safety

Georgia Licensing Prep Courses Offered at AGC Training Center

April 12 - Monday
May 10 - Monday

To learn more about the Georgia Licensing Prep Courses and
to register with the instructor please visit www.contractorsseminars.com.

Courses scheduled for the coming months include:

- Basic Blueprint Reading
- Construction Quality Management for Construction (CQM)
- CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens
- Fall Protection
- Georgia Licensing Prep Course
- LEED Green Associate Exam Prep
- LEED AP BD+C (Building Design and Construction) Exam Prep
- NPDES Level 1A Course and Exam
- NPDES Level 1A Recertification
- OSHA 10-Hour for Construction
- OSHA 30-Hour for Construction

Attention Florida Licensed Contractors! Need Continuing Education Units? April 14 – 7
Hours CEUs

NPDES Level 1A Course and Exam

April 6 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

The Level 1A Fundamental Seminar and exam is a one-day course ending with the Level 1A certification exam. The course is designed to train contractors, builders, developers, site superintendents, utility and grading contractors, and monitor consultants in the proper installation, maintenance, and inspection of BMP's on construction sites. Topics covered in this course are fundamentals of erosion and sediment control, the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act, NPDES Permits, maintenance, stream buffers, vegetative and structural BMP practices.

To obtain the "certified personnel" certification you will need to:

- (1) Attend an approved Level 1A Seminar
- (2) Submit an application for certification
- (3) Pass the Level 1A certification exam

Length: 1 day, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$185 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;

\$166.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;

\$235 Non-members

Instructor: Jim Spotts

Fall Protection

April 13 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

OSHA's Subpart M states "Employers have a duty to provide fall protection when employees are at risk of falling 6 feet or more." Last year 33 percent of all fatal workplace accidents were caused by falls, and 70 percent of these falls occurred at construction sites. As a result, OSHA's compliance officers are specifically trained to identify fall hazards and perform on-the-spot inspection and will conduct enforcement operations at worksites.

Most of these falls are preventable by worker training and compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Subpart M.

This course offers information on the following:

- OSHA's Subpart M
- Scope and application
- Definitions
- Guardrail systems
- Safety nets
- Personal fall arrest systems
- Positioning devices
- Warning line systems
- Controlled access zones
- Safety monitoring systems
- Fall protection plans
- Training requirements

Length: 1 day, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$185, Georgia Branch, AGC Members; \$166.50 AGC Young Leaders; \$285 Non-members

OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Outreach Course

April 15, 22 and 29 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

This three-day course is developed for the person who works with a broad variety of construction standards. The class covers the full spectrum of construction safety, from Subpart A through Subpart Z. Learn how to recognize basic construction hazards and implement corrective measures through classroom instruction and hands-on demonstrations.

Upon successful course completion, attendees will receive an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Outreach Course completion card.

Length: 3 days, 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE for participants of CompTrust AGC Mutual Captive Insurance Company;

\$265 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;

\$238.50 AGC Young Leaders;

\$365 Non-Georgia Branch, AGC members

Instructors: Safety Team members from Affinity Service Group and Turner Construction Company

CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens

April 21 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

CPR/First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens course is an American Safety and Health Institute program consisting of three modules:

Adult Heart Saver: Includes information about the chain of survival concepts, risk factors, prudent heart living, signals for 911 activation, adult-one rescuer CPR and Foreign Body Airway Obstruction.

First Aid: This course covers video and guided discussion presentations covering signs, symptoms, and treatments of common medical and traumatic emergencies.

Bloodborne Pathogens: Topics of this module include definition, prevention, universal precautions, immunization, exposure control, and post-exposure reporting.

Length: 1 day, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$89 Georgia Branch, AGC Members

\$80.10 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;

\$109 Non-members

Instructors: Emergency One

LEED AP BD+C (Building Design / Construction) Exam Prep

April 27 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

This full-day course covers the LEED rating system for the design, construction and major renovations of commercial buildings, known as LEED BD+C. Credit by credit review of the LEED BD+C Rating System, lead by two LEED AP instructors, is designed to prepare attendees to pass the LEED BD+C Exam. Attendees will learn about the tools and resources available for managing LEED projects, strategies for achieving LEED credits, reference standards of the LEED program and sustainable design solutions for the built environment. Visit www.gbci.org for additional information on the Green Building Certification Institute's levels of tiered LEED credentials. Competent Person Training: Trenching and Excavations

Length: 1 Day, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$235 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;

\$211.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;

\$335 Non-Members

Instructors: Southface

Construction Quality Management for Contractors (CQM)

April 30 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

The Construction Quality Management (CQM) course for contractors is offered to familiarize contractor personnel with CQM concepts and procedures. The requirement is for the CQC System Manager of the principal member of the CQC staff personnel of the contractor on the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects to successfully pass the course.

Topics Covered:

- What is Construction Quality Management
- Contractor Quality Control
- Contractor and Government Responsibilities
- Contractor's Review
- Quality Management Planning
- Review and Acceptance
- Preconstruction Conference and Coordination Meeting Submittals
- Quality Management During Construction
- Three-Phase Control System
- Documentation
- Testing
- Completion of Work
- Making the System Work
- The Resident Management System (RMS)

Attendees Must Bring a Pen or Pencil for Exam

Length: 1 day, 7:30 a.m. – approx. 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$199 Georgia Branch, AGC Member; \$179.10 AGC Young Leaders; \$299 Non-member

Instructor: Helane Church, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Basic Blueprint Reading

May 4 and 5 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

This course offers not only the basics of blueprint reading, but also the fundamentals of construction methods that make blueprint reading meaningful. The course is designed for office personnel, foremen, superintendents, and anyone who desires a basic knowledge of construction drawings. This course will offer basic descriptions of pictorial drawings, construction materials, construction specs, how to use a scale, and reading plot plans. It will also cover the basics of print reading for concrete footings, structural steel framing, welding, unit masonry construction, framing and finish, plumbing systems, air conditioning systems and electrical systems.

Registrants need to bring a yellow highlighter and an architectural scale.

Length: 2 days, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$265 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;

\$238.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders

\$365 Non-members

Instructor: Wayne D. Smith, CPE

The Great Recession: Emerging Smarter – Building Stronger!

May 11 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

If there were a practical proven survival solution for the great recession, would you be interested in learning more about it? This one-of-a-kind workshop has been developed and tested within the construction industry over the past two years. It starts with defining where you're at, where you want to go, and how you're going to get there. You'll develop a roadmap, prioritize steps tailored to sustain progress, and learn skills to ensure success. This workshop is designed for company leadership and any customer-facing personnel responsible for winning clients, building relationships and realizing profits. The instructor has been providing solutions to the trade since 1974, ensuring that you'll end the day with real business development strategies, tools, and techniques.

This program delivers proven principles and practices for competing, winning, and profiting that will exceed your expectation.

Length: 1 day, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$185 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;

\$166.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders

\$285 Non-members

Instructor: Doug Jones

NPDES Level 1A Recertification Course

May 12 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

Do not let your blue card expire...

Recertification requires no exam!

This course is required by State law for NPDES Level 1A recertification. This course is four hours in length and is good for three years. No exam is required in this course.

Attendees must present a government issued photo ID and current certification card or proof of valid certification.

Individuals may take this course one year before their certification expires. Recertification (continuing education) courses taken prior to the 1 year mark will not be accepted.

Those individuals that fail to obtain at least 4 hours of continuing education prior to their expiration date will be required to retake the course and pass the exam before certification will be reinstated.

Certification cards will be provided by the GAWSCC after course completion.

Length: 4 Hours, 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Cost: \$89 Georgia Branch, AGC Members; \$80.10 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;
\$109 Non-members

Instructor: Jim Spotts

LEED Green Associate Exam Prep

May 19 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

This full-day course offers an overview of the LEED framework and concepts of integrated design as well as policies and procedures for working within the LEED program. Attendees will learn about the tools and resources available such as LEED Online as well as the applicable standards utilized in the LEED program. Attendees will also gain an understanding of sustainable design strategies in the built environment. This course will introduce attendees to the LEED Accredited Professional program areas. Visit www.gbci.org for additional information on the Green Building Certification Institute's levels of tiered LEED credentials.

Length: 1 Day, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$235 Georgia Branch, AGC Members;
\$211.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;
\$335 Non-Members

Instructors: Southface

OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Outreach Course

May 20 ♦ AGC Offices, Atlanta

OSHA requires a contractor to have a competent person on-site to qualify for Focused Inspection. This safety course, formerly OSHA 10-Hour, is designed to help contractors develop safety and health competent persons for their job sites. The competent person will learn to recognize potential hazards in construction before an incident occurs. Plus, individuals will be able to identify and implement abatement techniques for hazards found on the construction site.

The course covers the following topics:

- Fall protection
- Excavation and trenching safety
- Electrical safety
- Hand and power tool safety
- Personal protective equipment
- Heavy equipment safety
- Fire prevention and protection
- Hazard communication
- Recordkeeping
- OSHA's Focused Inspection Initiative

Length: 1 day, 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Free for participants of CompTrust AGC Mutual Captive Insurance Company;

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\$166.50 GA Branch, AGC Young Leaders;

\$285 Non-members

Instructor: Affinity Service Group

Check the course(s) you are registering for:

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May 11 -- Atlanta

NPDES Level 1A Recertification

May 12 - Atlanta

LEED Green Associate Exam Prep

May 19 – Atlanta

OSHA 10-Hour for Construction

May 20 – Atlanta

Attendee Registration Form

Please make copies as needed

Registrant Information

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Registrant's Email: _____ Fax: _____

Company Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check One:

Check -- Payable to Georgia Branch, AGC Amount: \$ _____

Charge to:

VISA

MasterCard

American Express

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

If paying by check: Fax a copy of this registration to **Jenny Tuggle** 678-298-4113 or 4101, **THEN** mail payment along with a copy of this registration form to our lockbox address --- Wachovia Bank/Georgia Branch, AGC • P. O. Box 934023 • Atlanta, GA 31193-4023

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For more information, please contact **Jenny Tuggle** @ at 678.298-4112 or tuggle@agcga.org.

Cancellation Policy: The registration fee is fully refundable up to one week prior to the event. If you do not cancel before this one week period or do not attend the seminar, the registration fee will not be refunded. Substitutions are encouraged and may be made by calling 678.298.4112. A confirmation letter will be emailed one week prior to the course.

ASPE Atlanta Chapter No. 14

MARCH 18, 2010 MEETING

MEETING MINUTES



The American Society of Professional Estimators Atlanta Chapter 14

Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Meeting

The monthly meeting was held at the Cross Creek Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Bob Kovacs at 12:00 pm.

In attendance were: Michael Bischof, Mike Bissell, Hall Brown, Buffy Tom Carr, Dave Floyd, Eric Freeman, Jack Fuller, Curt Geibeig, James Greiner, Keith Hanson, Michael Heisey, Caleb Jordan, Christy Kovac, Bob Kovacs, David Laminack, Steve Marks, Karla Mc Daniel, Wayne Mosely, Michael Palacio, Bob Peppel, Allison Schlathes, Susan Smith, James Spangler, Henry Taylor and Brett Withers.

Minutes: Minutes for February meeting approved. Motion by Dave Floyd

Committee Reports

Treasure's Report: No report

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Bob Peppel needs head shots of the officers to post on the website.

Program

Tom Wiggins, CVS Faithful & Gould

Advantages of becoming a CVS through SAVE. What value management is and is not.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm. Motion to adjourn Jack Fuller, 2nd Dave Floyd

Respectfully Submitted

R. Brett Withers, CPE
Secretary

ASPE Code of Ethics Basic Canons

Canon #1 - Professional estimators shall perform services in areas of their discipline and competence.

Canon #2 - Professional estimators shall continue to expand their professional capabilities through continuing education programs to better enable them to serve clients, employers and the industry.

Canon #3 - Professional estimators shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will promote cooperation and good relations among members of our profession and those directly related to our profession.

Canon #4 - Professional estimators shall safeguard and keep in confidence all knowledge of the business affairs and technical procedures of an employer or client.

Canon #5 - Professional estimators shall conduct themselves with integrity as all times and not knowingly or willingly enter into agreements that violate the laws of the United States of America or of the states in which they practice. They shall establish guidelines for setting forth prices and receiving quotations that are fair and equitable to all parties.

Canon #6 - Professional estimators shall utilize their education, years of experience and acquired skills in the preparation of each estimate or assignment with full commitment to make each estimate or assignment as detailed and accurate as their talents and abilities allow.

Canon #7 - Professional estimators shall not engage in the practice of "bid peddling" as defined by this code. This is a breach of moral and ethical standards, and a member of this society shall not enter into this practice.

Canon #8 - Professional estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not enter into any agreement that may be considered acts of collusion or conspiracy (bid rigging) with the implied or express purpose of defrauding clients. Acts of this type are in direct violation of the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Professional Estimators.

Canon #9 - Professional estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not participate in acts, such as the giving or receiving of gifts that are intended to be or may be construed as being unlawful acts of bribery.

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