



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Bob Kovacs

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It's now mid-June, and the current certification cycle is coming to a close -- papers are due on June 15th (I sent mine in last week) and testing has to be complete by the end of July -- wish us luck! The next cycle is still open for applications, but they are due by July 1st, so you've got to hurry if you are still looking to sign up.

If you will recall, we had a presentation on BIM a few months back from Doug Robinson of Walter P. Moore, and we received some great feedback on that program. We also heard that it's a topic members wanted to hear more about. To that end, our presentation for this month's meeting will be by Michael Smith of RCMS. He will discuss the modeling services that RCMS provides, and their application to the estimating process. We are all seeing more and more clients asking about BIM, and it has begun to move from its original uses, such as visualization and clash detection, into other applications like scheduling and estimating. This is very timely information and sure to be a presentation you won't want to miss.

Lastly, the national convention is coming up next month, and Reed Thomas and Dan Ergle will be serving as our delegates. In that capacity, they'll represent the chapter in any voting that takes place. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the voting process, please let us know so we can get them answered and ensure that your voices are heard at the convention. Hope to see you all on Thursday!

Regards,

Bob



ASPE LUNCH PROGRAM

THURSDAY

June 17, 2010

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

CROSS CREEK CAFÉ

1221 Cross Creek Pkwy

Atlanta, GA 30327

Price \$15.00

RSVP is required.

Please RSVP to
LaTarsha Bailey
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- Chief Estimator's Roundtable
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ATTENDEE COST:

Full 2-Day - \$595

1-Day - \$345

Half Day - \$195

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JUNE 2010 LUNCH PROGRAM

KP REDDY

“Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Application to the Estimating Process”

June 17, 2010

KP REDDY

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KP Reddy is the Vice President of BIM Services for RCMS Group. A nationally recognized expert on construction technologies, including Building Information Modeling (BIM), he is a sought-after speaker and industry advisor.

JUNE 2010 ASPE LUNCH PROGRAM



Before founding RCMS Group, KP Reddy was Vice President of Operations and Chief Information Officer for Verso Technologies (NASDAQ). While at Verso, he was involved with nearly a dozen mergers and acquisitions of technology companies. Prior to Verso, KP served as Chief Technology Officer of Cereus Technology Partners, which he founded in 1997, and acted as President and CEO until its acquisition in 1999. During his tenure at both Cereus and Verso, KP was deeply involved in technology projects which included software development and data management.

A second generation Civil Engineer, KP grew up in the family owned Design-Build firm of K.P. Reddy and Associates Pvt. Ltd. (India), a firm that his father started in India after an extensive career in the U.S. He began his career as a Project Engineer and Business Development Manager for Law Engineering and Environmental Services (now Mactec).

KP is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is an active Alumnus of the Georgia Institute of Technology, serves as a Mentor Member for The Indus Entrepreneur (TiE) Atlanta, is an advisory board member for Midtown Bank & Trust, and serves on the board of directors for several privately held companies. KP also serves on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) BIM Task Force.

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RCMS Group is a trusted services partner to the building design & construction community. Leveraging the power of Building Information Modeling, RCMS creates quality BIM objects for data management and collaboration. Their services support existing production capabilities for owners, architects, facility managers, contractors and building product manufacturers. By instilling process and focusing on specific project functions RCMS Group provides integrated project deliverables – empowering their clients to focus on the rest of their businesses. Innovative firms across the globe rely on RCMS when accuracy, quality and success count.

Information for this article was taken from the RCMS Group website www.rcmsgroup.com

MICHAEL SMITH

Regional Program Director

Michael Smith is the Regional Program Director for the southeast and is responsible for directing sales and delivery of our iBIM services for the region. Michael has extensive experience in the construction industry and in technology including over 10 years with Reed Construction Data/RS Means and extensive experience in BIM, PIM (project information management) and collaboration technologies.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Estimator/Purchasing Manager - Residential Construction

Julie White, Professional Recruiting Consultant

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- Knowledge of applicable building codes & regulations
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Blueprint reading and strong computer skills a must.
- Proficiency with Excel



CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE WORLD

Bob Peppel has just returned from a business trip that included stops in Rome, Athens, and Cairo. He saw construction from 2400 BC, 500 BC, and 200 AD.

Here are a few pictures he took in Egypt.



On this site I counted 17 tower cranes, 2 boom cranes, and 10 telescoping cranes



ASPE Program Lunch
May 2010 Meeting Minutes

ASPE Atlanta Chapter No. 14
Meeting Minutes for
Program Lunch May 20, 2010
will be submitted
in July 2010 Newsletter.

ASPE ATLANTA CHAPTER NO. 14

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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