



# American Society of Professional Estimators

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NO. 14



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

**Bob Kovacs**

*For those of you who missed the meeting and are interested in starting the CPE process, the deadline for applications is January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Well, Halloween has been here and gone. Thanksgiving's just around the corner, and before you know it, Christmas, Hanukah...and New Year's will be in the rear view mirror. Another year gone - scary, huh?

We had a great meeting last month, with a presentation on erosion control measures by Andy Constantine of Profile Products, and an update on the CPE certification process by our certification chairman, Dan Ergle. For those of you who missed the meeting and are interested in starting the CPE process, the deadline for applications is January 1<sup>st</sup>. They have to be reviewed and approved by Dan prior to that, so you're running out of time. Be sure to contact Dan with any questions, or to get the process started.

Our December meeting, which will be our annual Holiday/Year-End Party, will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. As in years past, if you bring a new, unwrapped toy, your lunch will be free. All donated toys will be delivered to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for distribution to patients who are hospitalized over the holidays. I hope to see you there, and at the November meeting.

Bob



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THURSDAY

November 19, 2009  
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  
at 404.609.9006 or  
respond to reminder  
email by Wednesday  
November 18, 2009



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**DARDEN COBB**

LOADMASTER SYSTEMS, INC.  
Roof Deck Construction Systems  
[www.loadmaster.net](http://www.loadmaster.net)

Loadmaster is a complete roof deck system composed of a high tensile steel base with thermal insulation and high performance Duraflex Mineral Board mechanically anchored to the steel sections to provide composite strength.

In 1974, Loadmaster became the first dry-installed steel roof deck assembly utilizing a built-up roof to pass the rigorous UL Class 90 wind-uplift test. In 1977, the system was tested and approved by Factory Mutual for Class 1 construction with 1-60 and 1-90 wind resistance ratings. In 1985, the system received UL hourly fire resistance ratings and to date has 156 ratings in various designs for 1, 1-1/2, 2 and 3 hour ratings.

Loadmaster may be today's most efficient roof deck system in the commercial construction industry. Its users can attest that it saves time and money in the construction phase and in long-term durability of the roof membrane. Installations are performed by licensed, trained and financially responsible erectors across the nation who join with Loadmaster in offering the best warranty in the industry.

Information taken directly from Loadmaster Systems, Inc. website  
[www.loadmaster.net](http://www.loadmaster.net)

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATOR**

If you are interested in or preparing to become a Certified Professional Estimator (CPE), please contact Dan Ergle, Chairman of Certification for the Atlanta Chapter. The deadline for applications is January 1, 2010. Dan Ergle can be contacted at [danergle@bellsouth.net](mailto:danergle@bellsouth.net).



# The American Society of Professional Estimators

## Chapter 14

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### Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Board Meeting

The quarterly board meeting was held at the Cross Creek Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Bob Kovacs at 1:20 pm.

In attendance were: Michael Bischof, Charles Carroll, David Floyd, Jack Fuller, Bob Kovacs, David Laminack, Kelli Lands, Bob Peppel, Priscilla Stanley, Susan Smith, and Brett Withers.

#### **Tax Exempt Status**

No change in the status. Bob has received the proper wording for National to include in the tax exempt application, but paper work is still on hold while an attorney Bob Peppel has contacted can review the chapter incorporation charter and make sure everything is in agreement.

#### **Christmas Party**

Toy drive for Egleston on Dec 17. LaTarsha Bailey has contact information for Egleston and Bob Kovacs will coordinate that with her.

#### **Awards**

Awards for chapter officers and people. A gift card from Buckhead Life Group will be purchased by Bob Kovacs. David Laminack will write a check from the chapter account to cover it.

#### **Estimating Academy**

ABC is possibly interested in classes. Bob Kovacs will talk to both ABC and AGC gage interest and see if classes can be scheduled and look in to better advertising.

#### **Membership Renewals**

7 members have not renewed. Jack Fuller elected membership chair by unanimous vote. He will look into this issue and also look at contacting MAL's to see if they are interested in joining chapter 14 to increase our roster and give them more voting power at the convention.

#### **Other**

Priscilla Stanley added to the board by unanimous vote.

The board voted to sponsor a hole at the Vietnam Veterans golf tournament in May 2010. Cost for sponsorship is \$300. Vote unanimous.

#### **Next Meeting**

Bob will schedule the next meeting it and send a notice to the board.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Bob Kovacs, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Floyd. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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### Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Program Lunch 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, Troy Bradley, Charles Cofer, Charles Carroll, Mike Davis, Dan Ergle, Dave Floyd, Jack Fuller, Bob Kovacs, David Laminack, Kelli Lands, Warren Llado, Steve Marks, Alex McClendon, Wayne Mosely, Cole Palmer, Bob Peppel, Susan Smith, James Spangler, Priscilla Stanley, Reed Thomas and Brett Withers.

Minutes: Minutes for September meeting approved.

#### Committee Reports

Treasure's Report: no changes

#### Old Business

No old business

#### New Business

Dan Ergle – CPE Certification Chair

New cycle starts in January. There an accelerated cycle option. If anyone has questions regarding certification contact Dan. Dan is looking for someone to proctor the next test session.

#### Program

Andy Constantine of Profile Products  
Erosion Control Systems

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



R. Brett Withers CPE  
Secretary

# Leadership

## ASPE Atlanta Chapter No. 14 2009-2010 Officers

### *President*

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## 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.