



American Society of Professional Estimators

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Bob Kovacs

I know we're starting to see more projects coming on line (or coming back to life), so hopefully that's a sign that the industry is improving as a whole.

I was very happy to see the large turnout at the August meeting- it was nearly double the attendance of the last meeting. Hopefully that's due to a renewed interest in ASPE, rather than because no one had any work to do at the office. I know we're starting to see more projects coming on line (or coming back to life), so hopefully that's a sign that the industry is improving as a whole.

We had a great presentation by Chauncey Davis of the American Arbitration Association, who discussed arbitration and mediation, covering the differences between them, some key points to keep in mind regarding each, and some language to include in your contracts regarding arbitration and mediation. Thanks to Charles Carroll for setting that presentation up.

I've asked Dan Egle, our certification chairman, to give a short presentation on the new certification process so everyone is aware of some recent changes in the process. I had originally planned to have that presentation at the September meeting, but seeing how I'm going to be out of town and I'm one of the people planning to start the CPE process during the next cycle, I thought it'd be wise to move it to October.

Lastly, we were planning to set up a booth at the Associated Builders and Contractors "Meet-and-Greet the GC's" event on September 24th, but we haven't received enough responses from members willing to help man the booth. Instead, National will be sending us some literature that can be passed out by any ASPE members who may be working at their companies' booths. If you're planning on attending the event, please let me know, and I'll drop by your booth that evening to give you some handouts.

Bob



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PROGRAM LUNCH



THURSDAY

September 17, 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
September 16, 2009



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ATLANTA CHAPTER NO. 14 SEPTEMBER LUNCH PROGRAM

Mr. Brad Raffensperger

TENDON SYSTEMS

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Tendon Systems is a full-service post-tensioning specialist furnishing the dependability and advanced technology required for the nation's largest and most prestigious construction projects.

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Services

Tendon Systems' services range from providing post tension materials and Shearails for supply only projects where the required post tension materials have been specified in the initial design phase to full design of concrete structures.

Information for this article was taken from the Tendon Systems website www.tendonllc.com.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

I am a consultant, looking for information about independent estimators for the residential, commercial, apartment industry. A new supply company is looking.

Bill Hofius 770-356-4203
billhofius@leaderspact.com

We are specifically looking for 2 Mechanical Estimators, 1) with process piping experience 2) with structural / powerplant experience; however, we have numerous other places who are calling for estimators in all areas: civil, commercial, industrial and mechanical. I can be reached at the following:

Reed Daughterity, Executive Recruiter
Chadco Northwest
208-762-3900, 509-869-6305 (Cell)
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Construction Estimating 101

Beginning September 14 ~ AGC Office ~ Atlanta

The Georgia Branch AGC / Atlanta ASPE *Estimating 101* is a basic estimating course developed for estimators with limited experience. If you are beginning your career as a construction estimating professional, this is a can't miss opportunity for education and networking with many Atlanta area estimating professionals. If you are an employer, here is a great opportunity for improving the knowledge and skill level of your estimating staff. **Ten 3-hour sessions (4:00 to 7:00 pm) will be held.**

Instructors are ASPE members and ASPE National Education Board approved, all specialists in their fields.

Cost: \$349 for ASPE, PCEA, & Georgia Branch AGC members and \$449 for non-members.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Estimating Topics</u>	<u>Instructors</u>
Sept. 14 Monday	Bid Documents, General Conditions and General Requirements and how they affect project cost. A review of Basic Math for Estimators	Dan Ergle CPE ADE Construction Consultants Wayne D. Smith CPE AECOM
Sept. 21 Monday	Understanding site work plans and specifications and interpreting sub-contractor proposals. Understanding site work plans and specifications and interpreting sub-contractor proposals.	Robert W. Peppel CPE Peppel & Peppel, Inc.
Sept. 28 Monday	How to take-off and price concrete materials, forming, placement, and re-steel.	Alan J. Manno CPE Andritz, Inc.
October 5 Monday	How to take-off and price drywall, flooring, and ceilings.	J. Richard Porter E J. R. Porter & Associates
October 12 Monday	How to take-off and price concrete and brick masonry.	Walter B. Elliott E Rogers Construction Company
October 19 Monday	How to take-off and price framing and finish carpentry, and How to take-off and price doors and windows and cabinetry.	G. Garland Stewart CPE - Retired Alex B. Laney Atlanta Millworks
October 26 Monday	How to take-off and price structural steel, joists, and miscellaneous metals.	R. Brett Withers CPE Costing Services Group, Inc. Charles R. Cofer CPE McCarthy
November 2 Monday	How to take-off and price painting, wall covering, and tile work.	Michael Palacio CPE Palacio Collaborative
November 9 Monday	How to take-off and price Basic Electrical	Tom Claxton ClaxCo, Inc.
Nov. 16 Monday	A Contractor's perspective on pricing and building Green	Reed Thomas R. J. Griffin & Co.

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Continuing Dates: February 5, February 12, February 19, March 4, (no class on March 11), March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8

Cost: \$299.00 for ASPE, PCEA, & Georgia Branch AGC members
and \$399.00 for non-members.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION FORM

Please make copies as needed

Registrant Information

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Registrant's Email: _____

Company Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check One:

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

Charge to:

VISA

MasterCard

American Express

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

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.

The American Society of Professional Estimators Chapter 14

Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Meeting

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

In attendance were: Michael Bischof, Mike Bissell, Troy Bradley, Charles Carroll, Mike Davis, Dan Egle, David Floyd, Jack Fuller, James Greiner, Stephen Hobbs, Jason Holcomb, Steve Johnson, Bob Kovacs, John Lambert, David Laminack, Michael Palacio, Cole Palmer, Bob Peppel, Roslyn Sanders, Leigh Shaw, Susan Smith, Priscilla Stanley, and Brett Withers.

Minutes: No minutes

Committee Reports

Treasure's Report: No report

Old Business

Membership still under review and increasing it is a priority.

New Business

A.B.C. meet & greet September 24. ASPE members that will attend should spread the word about ASPE to the attendees.

Next month will be a review of the certification process for those interested in obtaining their CPE.

Regional meeting in Cincinnati on October 24 2009. Those interested in attending should contact Bob Kovacs for information.

Program

Chauncey Davis, American Arbitration Association

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



R. Brett Withers CPE
Secretary

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ASPE OCTOBER PROGRAM LUNCH
October 15, 2009

Mr. Andy Constantine
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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.