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President's Message

I would like to welcome back all AACEI Chinook-Calgary members and supporters and congratulate them for making the Chinook-Calgary section the largest section in the AACEI world. I would like to thank the 2008-09 Board of Directors (BOD) for the great work they did last year and for rejoining the 2009-10 board. I would also like to welcome Gokhan Kaya and Jeff Young to the BOD this year.

I am proud to be part of this outstanding section of AACEI since 2004. I have served as certification director for a few terms, as vice president last year and I am very thankful to all AACEI patrons for their trust in me to serve as section president for 2009-10. AACEI Chinook-Calgary section's goal has always been to provide opportunities for professional improvements; enhancing project controls skills and widening member's knowledge on current and successfully applied project controls techniques. Keeping this goal in mind once again this year, the Chinook-Calgary board has put together an excellent technical dinner meeting program with special efforts by Peter Ripley. In the past, our dinner meetings were focused mainly on the oil and gas industry but this year we have widened our focus to pipeline and infrastructure projects.



Our first dinner meeting is an overview of the P3 project delivery model by Kees Cusveller. Kees will explain how, why and who utilizes the P3 Project Delivery Model and challenges faced in the procurement and execution of P3 Projects.

Let's talk a little bit about the economy. We all are seeing the impact that the current economic conditions are having on industries where we work. Last week's news about Canada creating 27,100 new jobs is encouraging news. The stock market and some industries have reacted favorably to this news and I am hopeful that we will hear more good news in future.

Our BOD have again lined up great Skills and Knowledge (S&K) workshops for this year. As per input from attendees, four new sessions have been added. The first half day session is on "Change Management" by Peter Ripley (President AACEI Canada) and the second half day session is on "Engineering Progress" by John Lacroix (Manager of Engineering at Bantrel). Please see more details on the S&K Workshops in this newsletter.

Currently we are actively looking for seasoned professional to share their experiences with AACE patronage. We are looking for articles on cost, planning/scheduling, estimation and project management to publish in our newsletter. If you have some experience which would be beneficial to our project controls community please feel free to contact us.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Please feel free to contact me at (403) 608-8730 or at president@aaceicalgary.org

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WHAT is AACE Chinook Section?

The Chinook–Calgary Section of AACEI Canada was founded in 1972. It currently has close to 500 members from a wide range of companies in and outside of Alberta. Our members are involved in all aspects of estimating, cost control, planning, scheduling and project management.

Reservation for dinner meetings can be made by calling Anna Tremblay at **301-7007**, not later than the day prior to the meeting so that the correct number of meals can be ordered. The dinner cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Members receive the Cost Engineering Magazine, a discount on books and publications from AACEI Headquarters and access to contents on the AACEI website. This newsletter is also issued regularly and members are encouraged to submit articles or notices for publication. Please submit articles to Tanveer Ahmed or Peter Ripley.

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Left to right (Back Row): Tanveer Ahmed (Past President 2009-10), Jeff Young, Art Kowalchuk, Frank Gutowski, Gerardo Caicedo, Dave Williams, Hassan Halepota (President 2009-10), Jennifer Foster, Gokhan Kaya, Mohammed Afzal and Placido Patriana.

Left to right (Front Row): Elizabeth Pettersen, Deborah Clark, Cindy Hands, Bindu Amin, Anna Tremblay, Ginette Basak and Joan Dyck.

Missing from picture are: Paul Yasinko, Clara Teran, Donna Kainth, Steven Revay and Peter Ripley

Update from Chinook Chapter AGM – May 2009

By: Arthur Kowalchuk, P.Eng.

Some 20 Chinook-Calgary members attended the 13 May, 2009, AGM at the Chili Club Thai House restaurant. At the meeting Deborah Clark was elected Vice-President, while Hassan Halepota will be taking over as President from Tanveer Ahmed.

During this meeting Peter Ripley reviewed the proposed list of topics and speakers for the 2009-10 technical dinner meetings. Anna Tremblay up-dated the board with the 550 member list for Chinook-Calgary.

There will also be four Skills & Knowledge workshops this fall and a winter seminar in February. Former President Cindy Hands brought along her new baby boy - an early start for a potential Chinook-Calgary member.

Meeting came to a close with Drew Agnew taking a picture of the new Board.

Reflections - Seattle AGM

By: Peter Ripley CCC. ACEI Canada President

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of AACE International was held in Seattle June 28 to July 1/09. The meeting proved to be a great success with 680 attendees and some excellent presentations. There were also approximately 47 exhibitors at the meeting providing information on their products and services.

Canada was well represented with 81 attendees; 27 from Calgary, 11 from Edmonton, 21 from Vancouver, 5 from Toronto, 5 from Winnipeg, 9 from Quebec, 1 from Saskatoon and 2 from the East Coast.

At the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday afternoon, the Chinook-Calgary Section received an Outstanding Section Award for the 18th consecutive year.

Over the 3 days of the meeting, 100 papers, seminars and software were presented. Presenters from Canada included Lakshmanan Simhadri, Kevin McDowell, Brent Kitson, Ray Philipenko, Cristina Figueiredo, Philip Gardner, Wissam Hijazi and Rohit Singh.

The Monday noon luncheon featured an excellent presentation by Tom Flick speaking about strategies for leadership, teamwork, change and personal growth. The Tuesday evening reception, featuring food and drinks from the Seattle area, was well attended and proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.

A variety of AACEI Technical Committee meetings were held as well as the annual Women in Project Controls Committee's reception. At the 2009 Annual Meeting, AACEI founded a new task force, the Young Professional Task Force, to recruit and mentor younger members of the cost and management profession. The Young Professional Task Force is open to any interested members – both the young and the young at heart.

Early Wednesday morning (Canada Day), 39 Canadians attended the annual business meeting of AACE Canada Inc. Special Guests were Ken Cressman (AACEI Vice President-TEC), Andy Dowd (AACEI Executive Director) and Charla Miller (AACEI Staff Director, Education & Administration). Each section gave a report on their activities and the following executive was elected:

President	Peter Ripley (Chinook-Calgary)
Vice President	Gord Zwaigenbaum (Toronto)
Secretary	Jennifer Jessop (Winnipeg)
Treasurer	Joan Dyck (Chinook-Calgary)

The Seattle Section deserves our congratulations for holding a very successful AGM and we look forward to the next Annual Meeting in Atlanta from June 27th to June 30th, 2010.

Certification Application Deadlines

Bindu Amin

This is to inform those interested in writing AACEI certification exams. Please make note of the following dates and applicable fees.

Chinook-Calgary Section is hosting fourth quarter certification exams on November 7, 2009. The last date for registration was September 8, 2009.

AACEI Chinook-Calgary will be hosting first quarter certification exams on March 6, 2010. Please make note of the following dates:

Certification	Early Bird <i>December 21, 2009</i>	Regular <i>January 5, 2010</i>
CCE/CCC/PSP/EVP/CEP (Members)	US\$300	US\$350
CCE/CCC/PSP/EVP/CEP (Non-members)	US\$450	US\$500
CCT (Members)	US\$100	US\$150
CCT (Non-members)	US\$150	US\$200

Please note: The last day to submit application is January 5, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding **Certification Applications** or any related matters please check our website:
<http://www.aacei.org/certification>.

Any other questions please contact Bindu Amin (Certification@aaceicalgary.org) phone 403-691-7614

In addition to workshops and seminars hosted locally by the Chinook-Calgary section, AACE International has 'online' courses available.

**Enroll Now for AACEI
Online Courses**

Visit our international website for complete information - <http://www.aacei.org/education/dl/welcome.shtml>

Registration Form

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'SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS 2009'

FOUR SESSIONS ON FOUR SATURDAY'S

LOCATION: Nexen Tower, North Side Theatre, 801-7Ave. S.W. Calgary

Located in the Plus 15 behind the 7th St Westbound LRT Station, Corner of 7 Ave. & 7 St. S.W.
(UtiliCorp Networks Canada, tenants in the building are now sponsoring our Lecture Theatre)

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| 1. | SAT., SEP. 26, 2009 | 9:00AM | Change Management (Speaker - Peter Ripley) |
| 1. | SAT., SEP. 26, 2009 | 1:00PM | Engineering Progress (Speaker - John P. Lacroix) |
| 2. | SAT., OCT. 24, 2009 | 9:00AM | Planning & Scheduling (Speaker - Peter George)
(Full Day Session) |
| 4. | SAT., NOV. 21, 2009 | 9:00AM | PC 101 (Speakers - Deborah Clark & Hassan Halepota) |
| 4. | SAT., NOV. 21, 2009 | 1:00PM | PC 101 (Speakers - Deborah Clark & Hassan Halepota) |
| 4. | SAT., DEC. 6, 2009 | 9:00AM | Economics 101 - For Projects (Speaker - Sandra Paulguard) |
| 4. | SAT., DEC. 6, 2009 | 1:00PM | Quantifications Material/Take offs (Speaker - Umesh Krishnappa) |

REFERENCE BOOKS OPTIONAL:

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE OF COST ENGINEERING, 5th EDITION (\$40.00)
SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE OF COST ENGINEERING, 5th EDITION (\$80.00)
CERTIFICATION STUDY GUIDE, 3rd EDITION (\$80.00)

NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

REGISTRATION COST:	Member	NonMember	Student
All Four Sessions	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$35.00
Each Session	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

Make cheques payable to **"AACE Chinook-Calgary Section"** and bring to 1st course.

Register with Bindu Amin at certification@aaaceicalgary.org

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT Bindu Amin at certification@aaaceicalgary.org

Note: Lunch is not provided

AACEI CHINOOK-CALGARY SECTION DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

(Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering)

Wednesday, September 16th, 2009

Overview of the P3 Project Delivery Model from a Contractor Perspective

PRESENTER:

Kees Cusveller

(VP Business Development & Preconstruction Services
Graham Group Ltd.)

Presentation Overview

Kees will provide an overview of how and why governments and municipalities are utilizing the P3 Project Delivery Model for the delivery of projects. He will also discuss the challenges contractors face in the procurement and execution of P3 Projects.

Speaker Profile

Kees is involved in a wide variety of projects and contract types including heading up the \$600 million ASAP School program consisting of 18 schools in a P3 arrangement for the Province of Alberta.

He is currently Chairman of the Alberta Construction Association and is a past Chair of both the Calgary Construction Association and Calgary General Contractor Association. He is a regular speaker on construction related topics and has been active in open discussions with both the public and private sector about the role of Public Private Partnerships in government construction programs

MENU:

The meal will consist of green salad, salmon and seasonal vegetables

LOCATION and TIME:

Riverview Room, International Hotel, 4th Ave SW, Calgary
Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:15, Meeting 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP to Anna Tremblay at dinners@aaaceicalgary.org no later than Tuesday, September 15th.
(Indicate if you have a dietary preference and place your SPECIAL FOOD REQUEST with Anna 48 hours in advance)

PRICES:

\$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, \$15 for students.
Please pay with cheque or cash when you sign in at the door.

WHO IS INVITED?

Cost analysts and cost engineers, estimators, planners and schedulers, project managers and all practitioners and professionals with an active interest in project costs, estimates, schedules and project management are cordially invited to participate in our meetings.

DINNER MEETING PROGRAM 2009 – 2010

Wednesday, Sep 16, 2009 – Overview of the P3 Project Delivery Model from a Contractor Perspective

Speaker: Kees Kusveller (Graham)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

Wednesday, Oct 21, 2009 – Sustainable Projects In Syncrude

Speaker: Jimmy Dees (Syncrude)

Chairman: Mohammad Afzal

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2009 – TransCanada's Alaska Pipeline

Speakers: Arash Ranjbaran (Worley) & Jack Beattie (TransCanada)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2010 – Alberta report on Productivity

Speakers: Larry Sondrol (Suncor) & Steve Revay (Revay Associates)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2010 – Report on Research at the University of Calgary

Speakers: Haideh Farahmand and Theo Okeke

Chairman: Tanveer Ahmed

Thursday, Mar 25, 2010 – Why bother with a budget on projects - when they are known to be wrong! (part 2)

Speaker: Francis Hartman

Chairman: Steve Revay

Wednesday, Apr 21, 2010 – TBA

Speaker: TBA

Chairman: Peter Ripley

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – Chinook-Calgary AGM

Chairman: Hassan Halepota

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS 2009

Event Chairman: Elizabeth Pettersen

Saturday, Sep 26, 2008 – Change Management / Engineering Progress

Speakers: Peter Ripley / John P Lacroix

Saturday, Oct 24, 2008 – Planning & Scheduling

Speakers: Peter George

Saturday, Nov 15, 2008 – Project Controls 101

Speaker: Hassan Halepota & Deborah Clark

Saturday, Dec 6, 2008 – Economics 101 / Quantification Material / Take offs

Speakers: Sandra Paulguard & Umesh Krishnappa

SEMINAR 2010

First Quarter 2010

Speaker: TBA

Chairman: Dave Williams