



ORANGE SPEEL

ASPE Chapter 3 Newsletter

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Letter from the President

Summer is a time for rest and relaxation. Time to spend with family and friends. Well, not always the case for an Estimator. As is often the case in our line of work there are deadlines that don't take into consideration the time of year, holidays or even scheduled vacations. It is easy to get so involved with the workload that we forget to take time out for ourselves. While the most common response might be that work waits for no one and that it is our responsibility to make sure the deadline is met NO MATTER WHAT (I know I have felt that way), this is not always realistic. More importantly it is not the best way to take care of ourselves. How effective will you be to your employer, your family or yourself if you work yourself to the point of exhaustion? I have seen some work themselves into some serious health conditions. No job is worth all of that! Make sure you are taking care of yourself. Make time to relax. Listen to music or watch a funny movie that makes you laugh. You know what works for you. Now do it!

ASPE's Annual Meeting and Estimators Summit (AMES) is right around the corner. This year it is being held in Tampa, Florida July 13 – 17. More information is available at www.aspenational.org. All ASPE members should have all received a copy of the proposed National By-Laws changes (about the middle of May). Please take the time to read them and let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns. I am your Chapter delegate and as such will be carrying our Chapter votes to the business session.



Just a reminder that we do not meet in July or August. Starting back up in September you will see some great educational programs that I hope you will take advantage of. See the listing in the newsletter for upcoming presentations.

Until next month,

Carri

“Professional Estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not participate in acts such as the giving or receiving of gifts, which are intended to or may be construed as being acts of bribery.”

- Canon # 9

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ESTIMATING TODAY

The official monthly new magazine of the American Society of Professional Estimators "Estimating Today" is available online. The February/March edition has interesting articles and each month features a technical paper. Read about BIM Estimating and the Certification Program. This is an opportunity to learn more about estimating and understand what is required to become a Certified Professional Estimator.

ASPE Membership Meeting

Please RSVP by the Wednesday before each meeting so we are sure to have enough food and place settings.

Registration is available at www.aspe-oc3.org. Click away and make sure you select your dinner choice. On-line payment is now available!

Cost is \$45 if RSVP before the deadline and \$50 if you don't. Note that if you RSVP and you do not attend you will be invoiced and are expected to pay.

The Chapter has to cover the cost of the meals that we confirm.

Special "Thank You" to our June Meeting Sponsor Alliance Solutions Group!

Alliance Solutions Group represents a variety of software solutions designed for construction and real estate businesses. They are a Sage software business partner, the number one business partner in the country for the last couple of years. They are approaching 7,000 clients in 3 states working with gold standard solutions in Estimating, Project Management, Accounting, HR Systems, Mobile Time Keeping solutions etc. For more information, visit their website at www.allianceSG.com.



Upcoming Programs in 2016:

September 14: Digital Antenna Systems by Ryan Foucault of DAS Connexion

October 12: Pricing Change Orders Like A Pro by Anwar Hafeez of SDC & Associates

November 9: Electrical Testing and Commissioning by Ben Thomas of Wildwood Power, Inc.

December 14: NO MEETING THIS MONTH

January 11: Conceptual Estimating by Marcene Taylor, CPE of Marcene Taylor, Inc. (ASPE National President)

February 8: Audio Visual Estimating, New Technologies, Value Engineering Options by Jeff Barrett of Direct AV

March 8: Cable, Switches & Networking Products by Kim Zolna of Belden

April 12: Bluebeam Part 2 by Hannah Swanson of Bluebeam, Inc.

Employment Opportunities

Swinerton Builders OCLA (Orange County and LA) is looking for:

2 Senior Estimators for LA office. Minimum 7 to 10 yrs. experience, well versed in all disciplines, conceptual estimating and hard bidding. Knowledge with OST or Bluebeam or Plan Swift take off software a must, SAGE estimating software, Revit and/or 5D estimating knowledge a plus. Concrete estimating experience major plus.

Mid-level Estimator with a minimum of 5 yrs. experience. Prefer experienced in all disciplines, with conceptual and hard bid estimating. Knowledge of on screen takeoff software a must.

Concrete Estimator experienced in structural concrete and parking structures. Must be experienced in compiling self-perform concrete estimates and bids.

Email resume to lhendrick@swinerton.com

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Employment Opportunities

SCS Engineers is looking for:

Project Estimator, Field Services Construction Division, based in Reston, VA or Long Beach, CA. Responsibilities include preparing quantity surveys, cost estimates and proposals. Prefer Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Architecture or related field and 4 years construction estimating experience. Prior experience estimating landfill gas system projects but relevant experience will be considered.

More information at www.scsengineers.com/careers Email resume to aheffel@scsengineers.com

Advertising Employment Opportunities:

This is offered FREE to the companies of Chapter members (great member benefit!)

If your company does not have a Chapter member, perhaps it is time to sign up! Or you can place a listing for \$50 per issue.

These need to be brief (a few lines) including the position, general requirements, point of contact for information and/or where to send resume.

We only publish every other month (the first week of the month), so information needs to be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the end of the previous month.

Our next issue is scheduled for September. We currently have a distribution list of over 200 people!

Chapter Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for articles for the Orange Speel newsletter. These can be informational or technical in nature. Share a recap of a program/seminar attended, estimating tips, articles on ethics, or other construction/estimating related items. The deadline for submittal is the Friday following our membership meeting. Any arriving after that will be considered for the next month. Items can be sent to Wil Beukman at wbeukman@gmail.com.

Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA)

The Basics of Construction Accounting – On Line July 20 & 27, 12-2:00 pm Pacific

Four-part course, which will teach construction accounting processes, construction cost-management systems, job costs and job cost reporting, the WIP, and the most important elements of a contractor's financial statements. Cost: CFMA Member \$236; Non-Member \$357. To register and get more information visit the website at <https://cfma.digitellinc.com/cfma/live/29>.

Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA)

For more information on this organization visit their website at forensic.org. Check our "News & Insights" at <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/FORENSIC/> for some interesting articles and industry news. The next meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter is July 13, 2016 at Westside Tavern. Chuck Diamond the senior partner of O'Melveny and Myers' Century City litigation group, will present "What Can Go Wrong

Certified Professional Estimator – Certification Program & Renewal

The deadline for the next certification cycle is in July. If you are interested in applying for the program it is not too early to do so. The information and forms are available on line at www.aspenational.org

Once you are certified you must renew your certification every 3 years. A complete list of requirements can be found at the National website. The deadline is July 31 of the year your certification expires. If you are unsure of when that is contact Carri Morones at president@aspe-oc3.org. It is important to note that if your certification has expired you have up to 6 months past the expiration date to apply for Re-Instatement or up to 3 years to apply for Re-Activation. Once it has passed the 3 years you must reapply as a new candidate. More information is in the Certification Renewal Handbook at the website.

National Partnerships



About RICS: RICS is the world's leading qualification when it comes to professional standards in land, property and construction. In a world where more and more people, governments, banks and commercial organizations demand greater certainty of professional standards and ethics, attaining RICS status is the recognized mark of property professionalism.

112,000 professionals worldwide have already recognized the importance of securing RICS status by becoming members. Members are recognized by the designation after their name - FRICS (for Fellow of RICS) or MRICS (for Member of RICS).

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. Sixteen women working in the construction industry founded it in 1953. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction. Today, NAWIC provides its members with opportunities for professional development, education, networking, leadership training, public service and more.



The Orange County Chapter #91 meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Frontera in Anaheim.

JULY 26 Meeting: The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises – Risks and Rewards”, presented by Jim Wakefield, Cummins & White LLP. What are the “risks and rewards” of using a DBE? What are the requirements (Federal and State)? Who are DBE’s? Responsible bidders? Meeting the DBE goals?

Register and more information at www.nawicoc.org

Member Mingle: BRYON BARKER

This month the spot light is on Bryon Barker, newly elected Director of the OC Chapter.

Bryon is a true Californian having grown up in Orange County. He graduated from the University of Redlands in 2011, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business. At the same school he was inducted into Whitehead Leadership Society.

Bryon started working for CEI in 1995. Over the last 21 years he held various position and is currently the Director of Budgets and Costs with Murrow CM

Bryon is SCUBA certified.

SPONSOR SHIPS:

Newsletter/website: \$100 per year [minimum of 6 issues, one every other month]. This is for a business card ad in the newsletter and on our website.

Dinner Sponsors: \$75 per meeting. Your company logo will appear in the meeting program, a logo and mention will appear in the next newsletter issue and 3 minutes to speak about your company at that meeting to tell us about your company and what it does etc.

We reserve the right to decline based on ASPE Canons and bylaws

Business card/logo to be provided in resolution suitable for use.



Bryon Barker