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American Society of Professional Estimators

Our Mission
Since 1956 ASPE serves the construction & engineering industries by providing education, training, fellowship and opportunities for professional estimating development.

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President’s Message

Happy New Year to everyone! As we start the new year of 2008, we are excited about the upcoming programs that we are planning. We are scheduling meetings on Contracts, Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Green Buildings. More events to follow this spring.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 2, 2008 at 5 PM. You don’t have to be a board member to attend. If you are interested in hearing about what goes on behind the scenes and want to come, feel free to contact me. Board meetings are held at the Earth Tech Lake Forest office. All ASPE members are welcome.

Our dinner meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at the Mezzanine Building at the Newport Gateway Towers, in Irvine (see enclosed map for details). The next dinner meeting is scheduled for January 9th. Our meeting will be about construction contracts. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. We finish by 8:30 and parking is free.

Our ASPE meetings are informative and enjoyable. We hope to see you there!

~ Dan Schottlander, CPE
President, ASPE Orange County Chapter

ASPE Code of Ethics:

Cannon #1
Professional estimators shall perform services in areas of their discipline and competence.

Cannon #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.

Cannon #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.

Cannon #4
Professional estimators shall safeguard and keep in confidence all knowledge of the business affairs and technical procedures of an employer or client.
Notes from the President

Chapter Website
ASPE reservations can be booked online. Our chapter website is www.ASPEChapter3.org. Monthly newsletters are posted on the site. If you have any questions or ideas on what to include in our website, feel free to contact our Webmaster Paulette Rutlen. The national website is www.aspenational.com. Be sure to check out both websites as they are updated periodically.

On-Line Estimating Forum
Last month ASPE National created an online estimating forum. The service is complimentary. All one has to do is register online. Anything related to estimating can be posted, and anyone that is registered can respond. This is a great tool to talk to other estimating professionals. The website is www.commercialestimators.com. Check it out.

Certification
You may want to consider taking the Certified Professional Estimator (CPE) examination. This is a good opportunity to gain industry recognition as a certified estimator. The next testing period is scheduled for March 2008. There is still time to sign up. The workshop is being offered online on the national ASPE website. Arrangements can be made to have a local chapter workshop. Contact Certification Chair Art Quinion if you have any questions or are interested in signing up.
Will Beukman was born in South Africa. He came to America in 2006 and joined Faithful + Gould Construction Cost Consultants Seal Beach office [1 of 21 in the USA] as a senior estimator.

Will has been a Quantity Surveyor for 25 years performing duties such as estimating, managing/preparation of contract documents, payment valuations/applications, cost control etc in South Africa and neighboring Botswana. His involvement in construction projects includes Hospitals, Hotels, Office blocks, Retail Centers, Warehouses, Factories, Airports, Schools, Prisons, Industrial plants and various others. From 1995 until 2006 he managed his own business. Over the years he has done estimating for projects in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Swaziland, Malawi, Zambia, Angola, Mauritius and USA.

Will obtained a BSc (QS) degree in 1980 from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is registered as a Professional Quantity Surveyor with the SA Council for Quantity Surveying and a Professional Member and past board member of the Association of SA Quantity Surveying. He is also a Professional Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Will joined ASPE in 2007. He resides in Aliso Viejo with his wife Anita whom he married 27 years ago. They have a 23 year old son. On weekends they enjoy golfing and hiking. They like traveling and have visited Europe and the Orient. Will love watching sport particularly Football, Rugby and Cricket and he is a keen supporter of the Anaheim Ducks.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“This is so true in work or play…
“Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence.”

~ Vince Lombardi (1913 – 1970)
Our speaker Mr. Kurt Grosz has over 30 years of experience in construction & consulting in the areas of building inspection, estimating, project management, scheduling, and as Chief Operating Officer of construction companies. Mr. Grosz has put his many years of experience to use as an expert witness and as a neutral fact finder in mediation, arbitration, and civil litigation cases.

Mr. Grosz holds contractor’s licenses in four states, six different code inspection certifications, and numerous registration and certifications, including his CPE. He has been a lecturer, and instructor for various colleges and associations.

Mr. Grosz will speak on the administration of the contract based upon the AIA contract documents, including the A201, upon which so much of our own certification GEK exam is based. Mr. Grosz will touch upon the roles and responsibilities of the architect, construction manager, and owner’s representative; different project delivery systems; observation vs. inspections; payments and submittals; the three types of changes; the claims process; substantial and final completion; and present examples of a few case studies.

Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening.

For reservations, please go to the website to book your spot at www.aspechapter3.org. Contact Art Quinion at artq@phoenix-planning.com or call 949-581-9370 if you have any questions.
MEETING INFORMATION

Speaker: Kurt Grosz, CPE of KGA, Inc.
Date: Wednesday, January 9th, 2008
Social Time: 5:30 p.m. - Program & Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 19800 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA
The Mezzanine @ Newport Gateway Towers
P: 949 724-1066
405 Freeway @ MacArthur
Junction between MacArthur & Fairchild

Dinner:
Chicken $35
Fish $35

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January 2008

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

1  Happy New Year!  2  Board Meeting @ 5 p.m.  3  4  5

6  7  8  Grid for events  9  Dinner Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in Irvine  10  11  12

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*Don’t miss the next meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 PM.
Web site of the Month:

ASPE National has created a new online estimating forum. The service is free. All one has to do is register online. Anything related to estimating such as estimating questions, comments, blogs, etc. can be posted onto the website. This is a great vehicle to ask other professionals their opinions if help is needed.

www.commercialestimators.com

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Announcements

Peter Garan has volunteered to be a Board Member. Thanks and congratulations!

Any ASPE members at large that are interested in doing a biography for an upcoming newsletter, please feel free to contact Ron Svarc.

Question of the Month

What does the ‘L’ stand for in this type of stainless steel? Type 364L

A. Low Carbon
B. Light Alloy
C. Light Carbon
D. Low Alloy
E. Long

The correct answer is A.

Any Program Ideas?

If there is enough support from the chapter, other things that we can develop, could include sponsoring a golf tournament, hosting an estimating academy, or having a regional meeting in 2008 with other ASPE chapters. (This year the regional meeting is being held in Reno).

In order to make our chapter work for everyone we are looking for your ideas and input. What topics would you like to see discussed? What programs would you like? If you are a General Contractor, Subcontractor, Consultant, Architect or Engineer, what topics are you interested in? Any suggestions that you have, we would appreciate your input.

Memberships

With each publication, our electronic newsletter is distributed to over 150 individuals, members & non-members alike. If you know anyone that might enjoy receiving our newsletter, please pass it along and give us their e-mail address. If you are not currently a member and enjoy our readership as well as our events, perhaps you may want to consider joining ASPE for 2007 – 2008.