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FROM THE PRESIDENT

CHARLES D. CARROLL, CPE
President – ASPE Atlanta
Chapter No. 14

Dear Members:

I want to welcome any new members that have joined recently.

I also, wanted to tell you about the National Estimators Summit.

First, San Diego was really nice. The speakers were really good and you were always busy. The food was great as everything was held within the convention center.

There were four amendments brought before the delegates.

#1 MAL voting at the convention:

This amendment was brought to give MAL a way to have their vote by having the MAL's in each region delegate a singular representative of the MAL's of each region to represent them with the number of votes per MAL's in that region minus any MAL's that attend per that region.

This was voted down because MAL's don't necessarily belong in a chapter therefore unless MAL's in each region want to form a chapter with adopted chapter by-laws it's difficult to support this position. My take is that with the ability of chapters to have recorded video and soon live feeds for MAL's to possibly virtually attend meetings in a nearby chapter this might be way for their voice to accounted for with having to attend the convention.

#2 Technical Committees

The main issue in regards to the bylaws was an amendment that wanted to change the verbiage of the Certification Committee back to its original Certification Board. The reasoning was that a "Board" seemed to some to hold more of a prestige notoriety versus a "Committee". This resolution failed.

ASPE MISSION STATEMENT

ASPE's mission is to serve Construction Estimators by providing education, fellowship and opportunity for professional development.

ASPE ATLANTA
CHAPTER NO. 14
PROGRAM LUNCH
SPEAKER:

DAVID PENDERED
SAPORTA REPORT

THURSDAY
August 20, 2015
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

CROSS CREEK CAFÉ
1221 Cross Creek
Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30327
\$20 per person



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http://www.aspenational.org/Membership_Join.aspx#How To Join



#3 & #4 were connected

Since all voting now is done electronically the need for a Chief Teller was questioned. This amendment failed but was amended by addressing the newly electronic voting totals to be submitted first to the Chief Teller to be verified and then the Chief Teller will submit the results to the BOT. (Some conspiracy theorist wanted it this way even though an outside firm collects all the votes and had been sending them to the BOT directly) So, this amended amendment passed.

There is also in the works a new Study Guide and updated Estimating Standards and after those have been updated then the ASPE college textbook will be developed for colleges to teach classes on estimating. If anyone is interested in helping Mr. Chris Brown with Harris Rebar in Auburn, Alabama is very involved in outreach to higher education as noted from his email to me:

I have called several of the former coops that I dealt with over the past ten years and the resounding theme was "until I did my coop cycle with you, I did not even know that estimating was a real job". The sad thing was that most of these students were just a few months away from graduating in Building Science.

After talking to several of you, I believe this is a problem at many of the universities. So we are just not dealing with these students not acquiring the basic skills and knowledge to estimate, we are dealing with students that don't have a clue that there is a viable career path in estimating. The key is to at least give these students a chance to make a choice in their career path. Our goal is to expose these kids to some type of literature, video, etc. to at least let them know that estimating is a viable career and ultimately tap in to the passion of those who want to pursue this path. Then I definitely think that we should partner with these universities and help implement these estimating learning tools such as this estimating book/course that is being developed.

I am very passionate about making a positive change in our industry. I have watched several of these former coops go on and do well in estimating. I know we cannot have every student in the nation in our coop programs. But I do want to enable these students so they can realize that estimating can be a great career path and allow them to make the choice.

So I do hope that each of you share this same passion and I look forward to seeing all of this develop.

Thanks for all of your time and help.

Chris Brown, CPE

There were 3 company awards for most members: #1 Baldwin & Shell Construction; #2 Madsen, Kneppers & Associates; #3 Skanska USA

We have been asked to host the next Southeast Regional Meeting. Would any of our members companies be interested in hosting if you have a nice conference room to hold 10-15 people with a hotel close by? Maybe have them arrive on Friday and on Saturday morning have a small estimating academy, have lunch, regional meeting, then drinks and dinner nearby? Tampa did it that way and it was easy for attendees. I believe it was \$100 for the entire day which included continental breakfast and a box lunch. Please let me know if you are interested.

Our speaker for this month is Mr. David Pendered an Atlanta Development Columnist for Saporta Report. He will speak on the Atlanta construction industry trends & future planned projects in the Atlanta area.

Best Regards,

Charles Carroll



AROUND THE REGION

ONLINE CLASSES

September 7- November 16,
2015 Fall Session

9/7/2015 to 11/16/2015

When: 9/7/2015

Where: All Classes are Online

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ASPE ATLANTA PROGRAM LUNCH

Thursday, August 20, 2015

David Pendered

Atlanta Development Columnist
Saporta Report



David Pendered is an Atlanta Development Columnist at Saporta Report. Saporta Report is a website for Atlanta's business and civic issues. David Pendered, managing editor, is an Atlanta journalist with 30 years' experience reporting on the region's urban affairs, from Atlanta City Hall to the state Capitol. Since 2008, he has written for print and digital publications, and advised on media and governmental affairs. Previously, he spent more than 26 years with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and won awards for his coverage of schools and urban development. David graduated from North Carolina State University and was a Western Knight Center Fellow. David was born in Pennsylvania, grew up in North Carolina and is married to a fifth-generation Atlantan.

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ASPE Atlanta Chapter No. 14



IN OTHER NEWS

The American Society of Professional Estimators Atlanta Chapter No. 14

Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Meeting
Revised 18 June 2015

The monthly meeting was held at the Cross Creek Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Charles Carroll at 12: pm.

Attendance: Clinton Alridge, Michael Bischof, Eric Freeman, Bob Peppel, Charles Carroll, Brett Withers, Susan Smith, Ed Hulsey, Bob Kovacs, Steve Marks, James Spangler, Kevin Evertz

Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were approved. Motion to accept Ed Hulsey 2nd Bob Peppel

Treasurer's Report:

Still in the black

Old Business

501/3e-status still on hold as attorney is working on documents. Fees for filing should be less than \$500. New website is nearing completion and should go live soon. It has been suggested that the chapter purchase the domain name ASPE.com so that both .org and .com are owned by the chapter.

Meetings will remain at Cross Creek for the time being.

Revison: The non-profit status should be Section 501(c)6

New Business

Charles Carroll is now the S.E. Regional Certification Chair.

The national conference is in San Diego in June.

Program

Robert A. Nidzgorski, CPE Preconstruction Director of Skanska USA Building Soft Costs of an Estimate

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm. Motion to adjourn Bob Kovacs, 2nd Susan Smith

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Withers, CPE

Secretary

SPECIAL INTEREST

With the growth of internet, Social Media Groups, ASPE has established accounts on Twitter and LinkedIn. By far, the most active at this time is LinkedIn.

If you would like to start a new SIG, contact ASPE-National at info@aspenational.org.

LinkedIn groups are:

- ASPE National
- ASPE Electrical Estimators SIG
- ASPE Project Managers SIG
- ASPE Steel Estimator SIG
- ASPE's Professional Estimator's Career Central
- ASPE Concrete/Masonry SIG
- ASPE Scaffolding SIG

ASPE PUBLICATIONS FOR THE ESTIMATOR

STANDARD ESTIMATING PRACTICE
NINTH EDITION
New Revised Masterformat and Uniforamt II Sections

CATALOG FOR THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATOR
American Society of Professional Estimators

ESTIMATING TODAY
MAGAZINE



The American Society of Professional Estimators

Atlanta Chapter No. 14

Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Meeting

The monthly meeting was held at the Cross Creek Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Charles Carroll at 12:02 pm.

Attendance: Clinton Aldridge, James Bailey, Eric Freeman, Bob Peppel, Charles Carroll, Brett Withers, Ed Hulsey, David Skinner

Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were approved with correction. Motion to accept Bob Peppel, 2nd Ed Hulsey

Treasurer's Report:

+/- \$2000 in the bank

Old Business

Chapter 14 website should be finished soon. There are a few additional features still being refined. On line paying via PayPal and a members only section for announcements and job postings

New Business

Charles Carroll will be attending the national convention.

Program

Anatomy of a Builder's Risk Claim by Mr. David Skinner of Madsen, Kneppers & Associates, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. Motion to adjourn Ed Hulsey, 2nd Clinton Aldridge

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Withers, CPE
Secretary

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Junior estimator needed for an established multi-family developer / contractor in Atlanta.

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OFFICERS/CODE OF ETHICS

ASPE CODE OF ETHICS

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 Gifts that are intended to be or may be construed as being unlawful acts of bribery.