

# **INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL 2009**

## **Region 1 Meeting Agenda**

16:45-18:45 Tuesday June 30

Sheraton Seattle

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Attendance and apologies
  - a. Peter Cox, apology
  - b. Ginette Basak, AACE Canada
  - c. Peter Ripley, AACE Canada
  - d. Alexia Nalewaik, ICEC
  - e. Carsten Wredstrom, ICEC
  - f. Steve Revay, AACE International
  - g. Jose Celestino Marini, IBEC
  - h. Glenn Bordelon, observer
  - i. Dana Fetrow, observer
  - j. Jeffrey Borowicz, observer
  - k. Marlene Hyde, observer
  - l. Angelo Valle, IBEC
  - m. Paulo Vilela Dias
  - n. Vera Lovejoy, observer
3. Minutes of previous Region 1 meeting
  - a. 18 July 2007, AACEI conference, Nashville TN
  - b. No outstanding items
4. Reports
  - a. Officer reports
    - i. Ginette, immediate past chair.

1. Current role is nominations committee, will meet the chairman & secretary in Kuala Lumpur in August for the upcoming meeting in Singapore 2010.
- ii. Carsten, admin vice chair also representing the Danish PMA.
    1. There is a growing interest for cost engineering in Scandinavia. It's an undeveloped area
    2. There are discussions about certification programs and connections to AACEI.
    3. There will be much more focus on the hard skills of project management, with the financial crisis. Cost engineering methods, tools. Not so much about behavioral things, the soft skills. Big companies are developing project support departments, with a focus on the cost engineering disciplines. There is an emphasis on people, more than software. Overruns of up to 50% on large public projects, growing political pressure.
  - iii. Angelo
    1. Participation by the Mexicans is being encouraged, they have posted information to the website.
    2. Angelo has been focusing on contacting a lot of the Region 1 countries and major companies, and reintroducing them to ICEC.
- b. Overview of the activities of ICEC since the Toronto meeting in June 2008
    - i. New administrator, Andrea Fogarty. The contact information for her is on the website, [www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)
    - ii. Executive teleconferences. We are trying to compensate for the scattered nature of the executive, by holding quarterly teleconferences and maintaining momentum.
    - iii. The strategic plan was approved in Toronto, the next step is to develop concrete actions. For this, we need to be in regular contact.
  - c. Member reports
    - i. Contact information / email address updates needed

- ii. Even though Region 1 is the largest area, there are only 6 members. Europe has the most members, also Asia. PAQS meets every year.
- iii. IBEC
  - 1. A written report was provided
- iv. AACE International
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  - 2. Newly formed section in Northern India
  - 3. Opportunities to translate the S&K into Chinese
  - 4. The international marketing director is Sean Regan
- v. AACE Canada Inc.
  - 1. A verbal report was provided by Ginette B, copy to be provided in writing
  - 2. The current AACE Canada president is Peter Ripley, also serving as Region 1 director AACE International
  - 3. The economy is affecting participation in events, but not membership. Membership represents approximately 15% of AACE International membership.
  - 4. There are 9 sections, and 2 student sections
  - 5. Scholarships, certification sessions, endowment funds at U Calgary and So. Alberta Inst. of Tech.

## 5. ICEC World Congress in 2014

- a. Discussions in Region 2 about Slovenia or Italy (Milan) will be continued at the next Region 2 meeting in Paris

## 6. Strategic Plan

- a. Amended 29 June 2008
- b. ICEC is not a national association. The mission is to promote the profession and cooperation between societies. A major communication vehicle is the website.

- c. Every two years, there is a world congress. The next will be in 2010 Singapore. 2012 Durban South Africa. 2014 will be in Region 2 in Europe. 2016 is the Americas, Brazil has expressed interest.
  - d. Next, action plans will be developed to realize the strategic plan
- 7. ICEC International Cost Model / Location Factor Project
  - a. John Hollman – no progress has been made
- 8. UN NGO Roster Status
  - a. Murtala is developing literature about this
- 9. New and potential member associations
  - a. There was some discussion about possible termination of CIQS (Canada) membership. Interest has been declining, and they do not have a strong national presence. Participation has been regional. However, they have been involved with PAQS, hosted a meeting in Edmonton. There have been joint meetings in Vancouver with AACE Canada.
  - b. Is there an information kit being developed for new member associations?
- 10. Cooperation with other bodies
  - a. ICEC would like to make a presentation to the board of directors of AACE international, at the San Antonio board meeting in January 2010
- 11. Reminders / standing items
  - a. Overview of ICEC, presented by Carsten W
    - i. Mission statement
    - ii. Membership advantages – a portal to cost engineering worldwide
    - iii. Accreditation of certification and professional development programs
    - iv. International Roundup includes member association news
    - v. Academic journal
  - b. ICEC Awards
    - i. Ginette Basak is working with the current chairman, asking for nominations for awards

- c. Calendar of events
  - i. ICEC executive travel network
- d. Upcoming international congresses
  - i. XXI – 2010 Singapore
  - ii. XXII – 2012 Durban RSA
  - iii. XXIII – 2014 Region2 , Europe

#### 12. Other Business

- a. Update of ICEC history
  - i. Ken Humphreys
- b. Communication strategies

#### 13. Next Regional Meeting

- a. 2010 AACEI Annual Meeting, Atlanta Georgia

#### 14. Adjournment