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## St. Louis Section Officers

Year 2006-2007

Andy Paster, President

David Motherwell, CCE, Vice President

Carla Lopez del Puerto CCC, Treasurer

Ron Reuther CCE, Secretary



**Oct 10, 2006**

@ 11:45 AM

**Pinnacle Casino Project**

PRESENTED BY: Bob Herr

Lunch included

Location: Engineer's Club

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## WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Andy Paster

Mark these dates on your calendars.

We have many great programs ahead for the rest of the year.

Here are some upcoming meetings:

November 14, 2006

Lunch at Engineers' Club

**Ballpark Village**

Presented by: Bill DeWitt III, St. Louis Cardinals

December 12, 2006

Lunch at AGC Training Center

**Estimating Software Interface with BIM**

Presented by: Paul Daigler, U.S. Cost

January 9, 2007

Lunch at AGC Training Center

**Estimating Design Fees for Transportation Projects**

Presented by: Carla Lopez del Puerto

February 13, 2007

Lunch at Location to Be Determined

**Future of Ethanol in the U. S.**

Presented by: Abengoa

March 13, 2007

at MoDOT facility

**Tour of MoDOT Transportation Facility  
and an update on the Hwy. 40/I-64 Rebuild Project**

Dinner following the tour



## Profile on Officers

Every month I highlight an officer serving the section. This month it is your section treasurer

### **Carla Lopez del Puerto CCC**

M.S. in Construction Administration, 2003, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

B.S. in Architecture, 2000, Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico

#### **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Instructor**

- CNST 451 - Bidding and Cost Estimating
- CNST 403 – Planning and Scheduling
- CNST 495 – Hispanics in Construction

#### **The Benham Companies, Oklahoma City, OK & St. Louis, MO Cost Estimator and Architectural Designer (2003-2006)**

Experience in mechanical and electrical estimates as well as civil and architectural/ structural estimates for commercial, industrial and military projects.

#### **Graduate Research Assistant University of Oklahoma**

Grant from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to develop a tool to estimate design fees for transportation projects.

Study funded by the Society for Marketing Professional Services titled "Marketing Design-Build Professional Services: Develop a Proposal Preparation Guide for Design-Build Projects".

Construction of two multimillion dollar Corporate buildings for Mexico's leading telephone company (TELMEX). Over 500 workers on site. Duties included: Cost estimating and unit price analyst, on site supervisor and direct contact with the clients, including unit price negotiations.

Design assistant and on site supervisor of an urban corridor between the city of Cholula and UDLA.

#### **Funded Research**

"Estimating Design Fees for Transportation Projects: Phase 1," 2005-2006, Oklahoma Transportation Authority

. "Develop Guide for Marketing Design-Build Professional Services," 2003 -2004, Society for Marketing Professional Services





## Next Meeting

**Our Next Meeting** will be held at St. Louis Engineer's Club on Tuesday, Oct 10, 2006. Meet at 11:45 lunch is served at 12 noon. Bob Herr is our presenter. Please plan to attend.

Please e-mail your RSVP to David Motherwell, CCE at [david@ameren.com](mailto:david@ameren.com) no later than Oct 6th.

Cost of the meeting: \$10  
Free Parking in lot behind the Engineer's Club

### **Presenter**

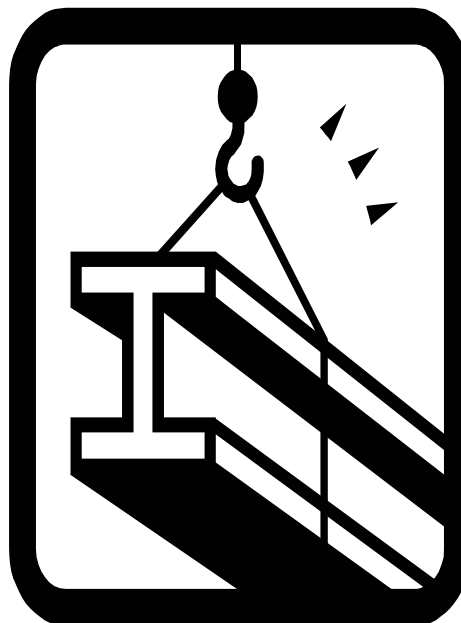
Bob Herr will be speaking on construction of the Pinnacle Casino in Downtown St. Louis. Bob has an interesting presentation.

His talk will be of interest to anyone managing construction projects. Come and learn about one of downtown St Louis' newest revitalization efforts.

### **Directions**

Directions to the Engineer's club. Take Highway 40/I64 to Kingshighway North. Go Right on Lindell. The engineer's club is at **4359 Lindell Blvd.** and is just east of the New Cathedral and Rosati Kain High School.

Syd Hymes former president of the St. Louis Section has accepted a position in Iraq. Keep him in your prayers over the next months.





### Last Month's Meeting Highlights

The September 12 meeting of the St. Louis Section's featured speaker was Lynn Whitt, the President of the Challenge Group, Inc. He specializes in program and project management, construction consulting, training, seminars, and disputes for the construction industry. Mr. Whitt's topic was construction claims. He brought the perspective of hindsight gained through analyzing and identifying the circumstances and causes behind construction claims. He emphasized the need to resolve issues promptly, wherever possible, prior to them escalating into protracted litigation that normally costs far more than preventive measures. Mr. Whitt has worked as a construction manager on some of the largest projects in the St. Louis area such as the Lambert Airport Runway Expansion Project and the Edward Jones Dome. He is also a lawyer well known for his expertise, honesty, and fairness.

There were 31 attendees at the meeting. Prior to Mr. Whitt's presentation, Dottie Burton, Life Member and AACE Fellow presented the AACE Fellow pin to section member Michael Curran. Michael received the AACE Fellow Award at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Also before the dinner meeting, Andy Paster, St. Louis Section President, presented the Past President plaque to Viola Panowitz, CCC who served as section president during the 2006 program year.



### Members in the news

**Marvin Woods, CCE** - Principal and Co-Founder of Project Controls Group, Inc. has been appointed to the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on African American Recruitment and Retention at the University of Missouri Rolla.

This committee is commissioned by the Chancellor and is responsible to the Chancellor and the appropriate delegated staff to advise on ways to enhance educational opportunities for African-American students and to assist the campus in recruitment, retention and improvement of campus life for such students.



### **November Meeting Speaker Bill DeWitt III**

He oversees all design aspects for the new \$365 million Cardinals ballpark which opened in April 2006. Includes interior and exterior design, programming, and project oversight.

- Oversees all planning for the adjacent 10 acre Ballpark Village development, which will include retail, office, residential, and entertainment components. Scheduled to come on line in 2008
- Manages Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum, Stadium Tours, and miscellaneous corporate sponsor relationships.
- Team liaison for the Cardinals' Spring Training complex in Jupiter, FL (joint venture with the Florida Marlins). Worked with architects on all aspects of Roger Dean Stadium design and led task forces that established ticketing, merchandising, concessions, accounting, and marketing departments.

Put this meeting on your calendar.

#### **Section Website**

The website is temporarily out of service. We hope to have it back in service soon. We will keep you posted in the next newsletter. Please contact one of the section officers if you would be willing to assist in updating the section website.

#### **Keep Us Informed!!**

As we are ever striving to keep our members informed about what is happening in the organization, we hope this newsletter will help us do that. If you have any announcements regarding seminars, members receiving special recognition or award, members moving or changing jobs, job opportunities or anything else deemed appropriate to share with the St. Louis AACE members, provide this information no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to [rreuther@gilbaneco.com](mailto:rreuther@gilbaneco.com).

**Changed jobs lately?** Send us your updated contact information so that you can continue to receive the monthly newsletters and announcements about upcoming meetings and events. Contact Ron Reuther at [rreuther@gilbaneco.com](mailto:rreuther@gilbaneco.com)



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## Job offerings

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### The Rise Group

**Contact Name:**

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scooke@risegroup.com

**Contact Phone:**

312.917.1000

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312.917.1572

**Open Position Title:**

Project Manager

**Job Location:**

Chicago, IL

**Type of Job:**

Permanent

**Required Primavera software experience:**

Primavera 5.0 for Engineering & Construction

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### Job Description

The Rise Group, a Program Management and Construction Consulting firm is looking for highly skilled and experienced candidates to provide project leadership. Candidates must possess excellent technical, organizational and communication skills and have a proven track record in planning, directing, and coordinating activities of a designated project to ensure that specified goals are accomplished within prescribed time frames and funding parameters. To perform this role successfully, a candidate should demonstrate strong estimating and budgeting skills, a comprehensive understanding of each stage of the design process for preparing project documents, an extensive knowledge of CPM scheduling, Project Controls, Quality Assurance and Construction Coordination of major projects. The successful candidate will, minimally, hold a Bachelor's degree (B.S.) from a four-year college or university in a related field and have a minimum of eight to ten years experience in construction, architecture and/or project management, must be proficient in Word, Excel, Project, Primavera and Internet. Downtown Location. EEO Employer. Email @ careers@risegroup.com or Fax @ 312.917.1572, Attn: Sonia Cooke, V.P. of Human Resources.

**Think Resources** has recently received a job requirement, from one of our clients, that could be a potential fit for your background, or for someone you know. Please read the following and apply accordingly:

Position: Engineer : Cost Controls

Job #: 44389WEL

#### Position description:

Contract Position, Immediate Need Searching for a Cost Engineer with experience in the Refining or Petrochemical. Industry. Requirements include BS in Engineering or equivalent and 7+ years experience with an Engineering Procurement & Construction Firm as a Cost Engineer with Engineering & Construction experience in the Refining or Petrochemical industry in both the home office and field engineering-construction environment. The successful candidate will be high energy, self managed, computer literate using MS Office and Primavera P3 or P3e, and have well developed interpersonal skills, both written and verbal. Perdiem, MOB & Demob available for qualified candidates

Position type: Contract

Position location: Baton Rouge, LA

Potential pay up to: 50 \$/Hr

Potential salary up to: 104 K \$ /Yr

Duration: 4 - 6 months



**Company** **Project Controls Group**

**Job Description** **Scheduler**

Experienced in Primavera P3e 5.0 Software - St Louis position

Contact Marvin Woods for more information on this position. Contact number is 314-647-0707

**Company**

**Faithful+Gould**

**Contact Name:**

**Nancy Fencil**

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Nancy.Fencil@fgould.com

**Contact Phone:**

612-392-3546

**Open Position Title:**

Project Controls - Pipelines

**Job Location:**

Chicago

**Type of Job:**

Permanent

**Required Primavera software experience:**

Primavera 5.0 for Engineering & Construction

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**Job Description**

We have an excellent opportunity for a Senior Project Controls Specialist in our Chicago office to work at our Client site in the Chicago area. The person would be responsible for leading the Project Controls efforts on a multi-year major project in the Chicago area. They will work directly with Client representatives on their own initiative and utilizing standardized procedures and reports. The person would be responsible for supporting the project through Front End Loading (FEL), Execute and Close-out and because these projects are part of a larger program, they would also be responsible for the timely and accurate reporting to the Project Controls Lead for the Program. The individual should be familiar with utilizing both Cost and Schedule Management Tools, such as P3EC.

Opportunities exist to expand responsibilities in terms of projects, staff management and service development.

Faithful+Gould offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits packet including: Career Development / Training Opportunities, Medical Coverage, Dental Coverage, Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, Professional Sick Leave Policy, Employee Assistance Program, Paid Vacation, Paid Holidays, Flex (Cafeteria) Plan and a 401(k) Plan with a 3 year vesting schedule. Faithful+Gould is an Equal Opportunity Employer (M/F/V/D) and is proud to employ an international staff who bring us expertise from around the world.

The successful candidate will have a professional attitude and a strong commercial awareness, able to deal directly and communicate effectively with clients and other Faithful+Gould staff both verbally and in writing.

You will possess a degree or equivalent experience in Quantity Surveying, Construction or an associated Engineering field and will have a minimum of 15 years of Project Controls (Cost focused with some Scheduling ability) experience on medium to large construction projects.

Petrochemical experience would be beneficial.

We also require:

- Ability to handle multiple projects at one time
- Strong communication skills both written and verbal
- Excellent project and time management skills
- Excellent negotiation skills
- Ability to deal successfully with various personalities and all levels of management
- Thorough knowledge of available resources both external and internal
- Working knowledge of cost analysis and decision-making skills
- Experience of various Project Delivery Methods and their appropriate application.

TO APPLY

Please visit our website at [www.fgould.com/usa/recruitment](http://www.fgould.com/usa/recruitment) to search for Reference #US0226 and enter your resume on-line.