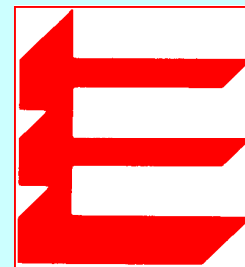


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ASPE Liberty Chapter 61, Philadelphia, PA



Our Mission :

The American Society of Professional Estimators serves construction estimators by providing education, fellowship, and opportunity for professional development.

- EDUCATION
- CERTIFICATION
- FELLOWSHIP
- PROFESSIONALISM
- STANDARDIZATION

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS

The President's Message

Have you recruited your new member yet? Remember, each member needs to recruit one new member this year!

On Saturday, October 14, 2006, I attended the Regional Meeting in Danbury Connecticut. This meeting was held just prior to the National Board of Trustees Meeting in early November to allow Chapters to present issues that our Governor will discuss with the

Board. Two items seemed to be on every Chapter's mind: Results of the Certification Testing and renewal notification to the Chapters in time to alert those members who had not renewed their membership. Both items will be addressed by our Governor, Milan Gowen CPE, at the Board meeting.

We have been approached by Community Design Collaborative which is associ-



Terry McGeehan, FCPE

ates with the Philadelphia AIA and accomplish community service by working with Community Groups to design neighborhood improvements Pro Bono (Free). We

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September brought Jack Wark's full resume

Thank you Jack Wark for your most informative presentation on the Philadelphia Construction market.

For those not in attendance, Jack walked ASPE Liberty Chapter 61 through his illustrious career as a construction recruiter

for the Philadelphia office of Management Recruiters, Inc, perhaps better know throughout the industry as simply MRI.

Jack passed on invaluable information from tips on interviewing, to preparing and polishing a winning

resume.

ASPE Liberty Chapter 61 applauds Jack for his years of service to the industry and sincerely appreciates his time in joining us for what amounted to a very enlightening evening.

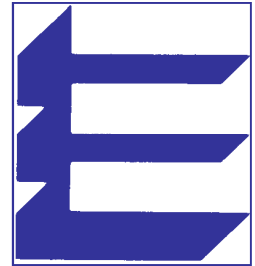
ASPE CERTIFICATION, By Dennis Gleason

The American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE) offers a Certification Program for qualified applicants. To qualify to become a Certified Professional Estimator (CPE), applicants must have at least five (5) years of estimating work experience.

The ASPE certification process requires the candidate to: (1) Write a 2500 word technical paper on a construction-related topic, (2) Take a General Knowledge Exam (GEK) consisting of over 500 questions across a broad variety of construction topics, (3) Take a Discipline

Specific Test (DST) if available or develop 100 questions. This exam is a test of the candidate's specific area of expertise. Currently, ASPE has Discipline Specific Tests in the following categories: General Estimating, Earthwork, Concrete, Roofing,

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The President's Message, continued

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have been asked if any of our members would like to get involved from an estimating standpoint. If you would be interested, please contact me and I will forward the information to you

We have also been contacted a group Future City Competition. This group works with

7th & 8th grade students in a competition to design and build working models of a portion of the city that they design. A team consists of a Teacher and a mentor (Architect, Engineer or a Contractor). If you are interested, more information is on their website www.futurecityphilly.org

Finally, anyone who needs to contact me, please use my home

email address terrencemcgeehan@yahoo.com or my home phone number is 215-643-0867.

I'll look forward to seeing all of you as the featured speaker for our October 25th Dinner Meeting on the certification process.

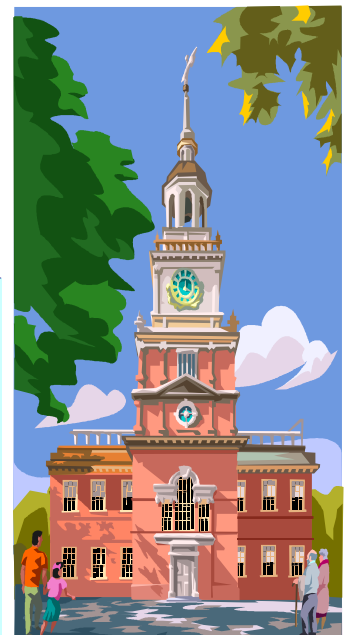
**Terry McGeehan,
FCPE**

Chapter President

"Get Involved"

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.

Tom Brokaw



ASPE CERTIFICATION, Continued

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Drywall Systems, Painting, Plumbing, HVAC Piping, HVAC Sheet Metal, and Electrical.

So, what has being a CPE done for me? You may find yourself asking that question when looking at what you need to become certified but having gone through the process I believe it has paid for itself ten fold. Having been an Estimator and Designer for ten years prior to joining the ASPE, there was nothing that I could produce to a potential employer or contractor that indicated that I brought to the table a certain amount of experience and expertise, other

than possibly word of mouth through the industry. Now that I have attained the CPE status, I personally feel a sense of accomplishment. Everything that I did to attain my certification was what I did everyday. Until I participated in the program, did I realize the magnitude of the position. At work when I was participating in a team meeting, the topic was around estimating programs, and getting a better handle on the process within the company. I stepped up and offered to participate in the evaluation process. The question posed to me was on the line of, what do you have to offer. When I indicated that I was a CPE, their attitude changed and now I not only have di-

rect input into the process but I teach the estimating and design process across a multi state utility organization. Your first step to becoming a CPE is to fill out the Workshop Application Form and return it to our Chapter Certification Chairman, Dennis Gleason, by October 1st. The application form is available on-line. Once accepted, you will be contacted by Dennis to attend a Certification Workshop or you will be offered to conduct your workshop on line at your convenience. Dennis will schedule the workshop sometime during November or early December.

Dennis Gleason, CPE

Certification Chairman

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Fees for the ASPE Certification Program are as follows:

ASPE Member: \$350.00 Total

\$75.00 (must accompany Workshop application form)

\$275.00 (due after Workshop is completed)

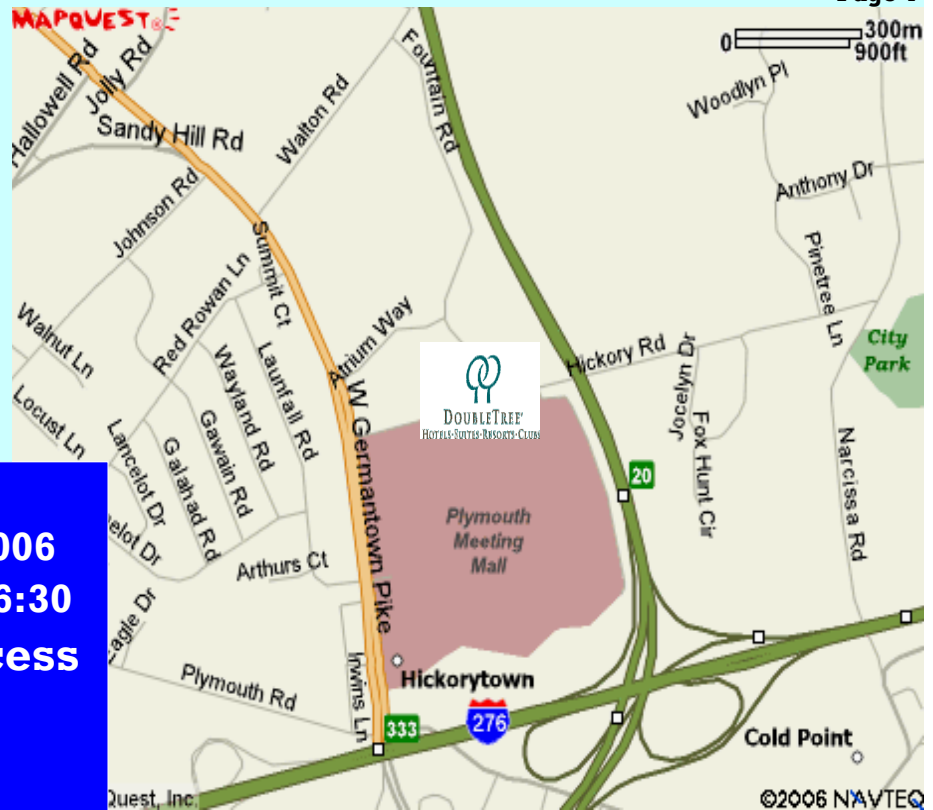
If you are interested in becoming a CPE candidate or have any further questions, feel free to visit the ASPE website or contact either Dennis Gleason, CPE or Terry McGeehan, CPE

Note: Exerts from the forgoing article are taken direct from ASPE website.

We meet on the **4th Wednesday** of the month!

Doubletree Guest Suites: 610-834-8300
640 W Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA

THIS MONTH :
Wednesday October 25, 2006
Happy Hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30
The Certification Process
Presented by Terry McGeehan, FCPE



We are on the Web: <http://www.aspenational.com>

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2006 / 2007 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Aug. 23rd, 2006	Fire Protection — Roundtable Discussion
Sept. 27th, 2006	Const. Employment Outlook, Jack Wark
Oct. 25th, 2006	Certification, Terry McGeehan, FCPE
Nov. 15th, 2006	Annual Ethics Roundtable w/ AACE
Dec. 20th, 2006	Annual Holiday Party, w/ Rick Kraus, CPE
Jan. 22nd, 2007	Joint Meeting with NAWIC
Feb. 28th, 2007	CHOP Research Bldg., Turner Construction
Mar. 28th, 2007	Estimating Glass & Glazing, Paul Pryor, CPE
Apr. 25th, 2007	Change Order Litigation, Sid Numerof, CPE
May 23rd, 2007	Estimating HVAC, John Stewart, CPE
June 27th, 2007	Awards Banquet



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CERTIFICATION UPDATE:

Congratulations to Ray Yuan, CPE and Susan Martin, CPE who have completed their certification requirements!

Margaret Jones, Rick Kraus and Karla Wursthorn are all involved at various levels in the Certification Process and for that we commend your efforts.

NEW MEMBERS UPDATE:

Christopher Page with PMC Mechanical

