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Aloha AACE Ohana!

Hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

As with other organizations, we had hoped by this time we would be able to be meeting in person again for events. However, due to this most recent spike in Covid-19 we have decided it best that we keep meeting remotely. We hope that you were able to participate in some of the webinars offered through AACE International, as well as those offered by our region and section.

On June 25th, Chris Baze hosted a webinar for AACE members providing an overview of software, hardware, and trends that are increasingly impacting the construction industry. Over 20 members and friends attended this webinar.

We held elections for the Board of Directors and the new members were sworn in this past June. The term will be from July 2021 to June 2022.

We are excited to announce we have two webinars coming up, one in September and the other in October. The September webinar will be presented by Garrett Harley of Oracle on the technology "chessboard". Our October webinar will be a discussion with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) Project Controls team on the challenges they face dealing with such a high visibility project.

We hope to be able to get back to live presentations, site tours, and community events later this year. In the meantime, please join us for all our virtual events. I look forward to seeing everyone again on the other side of the pandemic.

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Upcoming Events

It's been a couple months now since we last hosted a local webinar... and we are excited to announce we're in the planning stages for two upcoming webinars in September and October!

First, we'll host a talk from Garrett Harley of Oracle. Garret is an industry speaker and project controls professional with 25+ years in E&C technology, and currently holds the role of Director of Product Marketing within the Construction and Engineering business unit at Oracle. He will build on our recent webinar from June and speak about the technology "chessboard": how leading tech companies that serve our industry are moving toward fully interoperable smart platforms and ecosystems – and the steps we can take to move in this direction as well.

Our section Secretary, Mario Flores, has known Garrett almost 15 years – he's an engaging presenter with deep knowledge of our industry and how technology can help.

Stay tuned for more from our email acehawaii@acehawaii.org soon. We are targeting to host this talk in late September.

Second, we're in discussions with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) Project Controls team to deliver a presentation on the challenges and solutions they face on such a high-profile, dynamic project as building rail across Oahu.

We're still working out the details, but if you're interested in a peek behind the curtain of HART's project controls delivery, we hope you'll stay tuned for this one as well. We are targeting to host this talk in October.

Additional Future Event & Ideas:

- Networking Event – Aiea Bowl – Date TBD
- Community Service Event – Kauai Village, Salvation Army
- Webinar / Lunch & Learn on topics requested in last survey – Schedule, Estimating, and Facilities Management.

Past Event

On 25 June 2021, members and friends joined us for a virtual webinar presentation by Christopher Baze, our very own section Vice President. He covered Automation in Architecture, Engineering and Construction – topics such as machine learning and A.I. (artificial intelligence), robotics and other innovations automating the way we plan, design and build our projects. Chris covered a broad spectrum of these tools and devices, highlighting their potential in our field.

We had more than 20 members and guests join us for the webinar, with some insightful questions at the end during the Q&A period. As always, we thank you for your participation and interest. Mahalo!

Membership

The Hawaii Section's membership currently has 32 local members, more than doubling since the Section has been reinstated in September 2013 and established in 1973. AACE International continues to grow with 7,000 members worldwide. Questions on Membership: aacehawaiisection@gmail.com

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To join our local LinkedIn discussion board, click [here](#).



Calendar of Events:

The following AACE events are quickly approaching:

- A talk with Garrett Harley on the technology “chessboard”: September 2021
- A talk with HART Project Controls: October 2021