



# AAACE 2026 Conference & Expo

June 28–30, 2026 | MGM Grand | Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

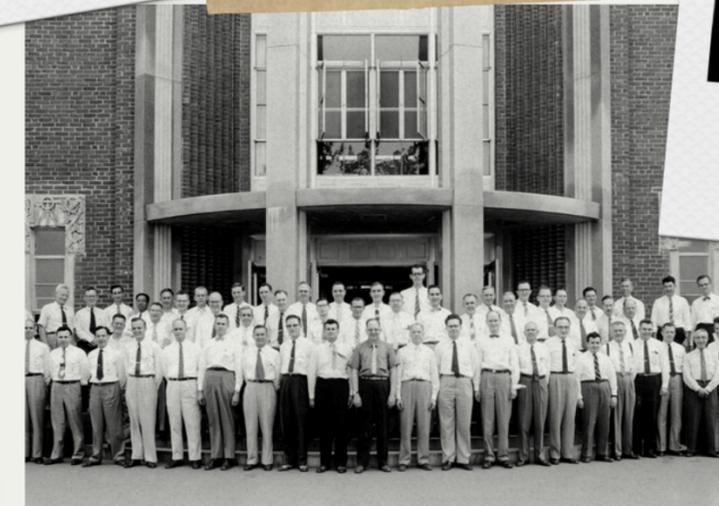
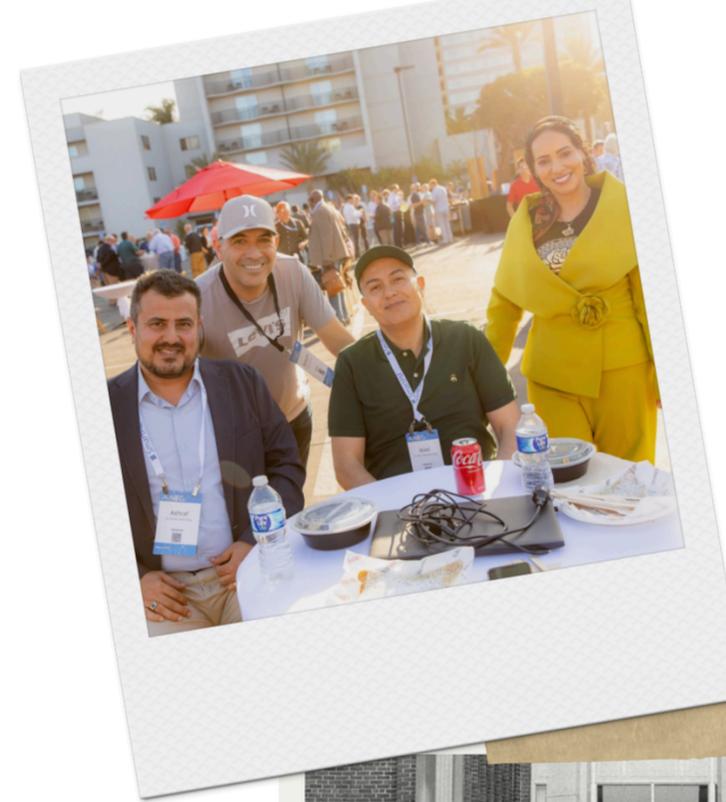
# What Is the **AACE** Conference & Expo?

 **A Platform for Ideas That Shape the Future**

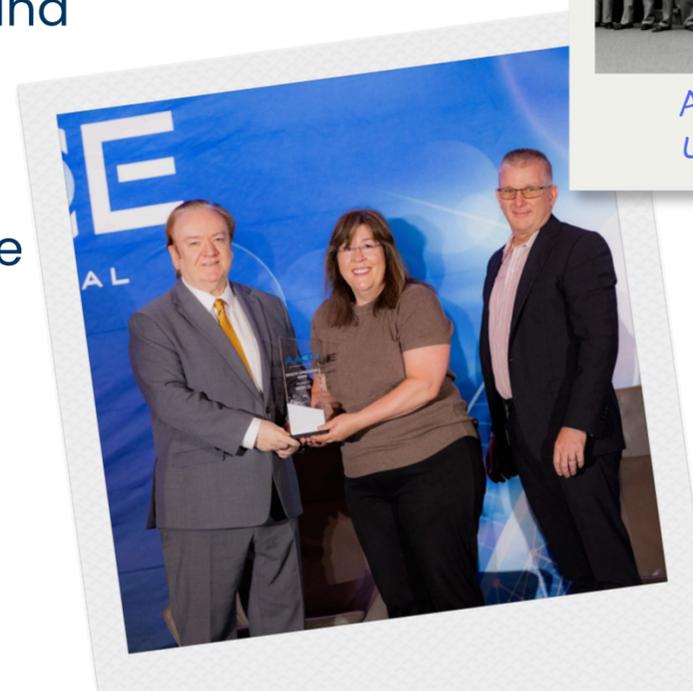
This is the premier annual gathering for cost engineering and project controls professionals worldwide, where the industry's sharpest minds come together to learn, connect, and advance the profession. From peer-reviewed technical sessions to a world-class expo hall, the Conference & Expo is where careers are accelerated, partnerships are forged, and ideas that move the industry forward are born.

In 2026, we're marking 70 years of AACE's excellence and 50 years of AACE's certifications. This isn't just another conference. This is a milestone — and Las Vegas is the city worthy of celebrating it.

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AACE Founders - June 1, 1956  
University of New Hampshire





**Michael Bennink, PE CCP PSP**  
**2025–2026 President**  
**AAACE International**

Dear Colleagues,

Milestones have a way of focusing the mind. This year, AAACE International celebrates two of them — and I believe both deserve a moment of genuine reflection before we talk about what comes next.

In 2026, our organization turns 70. And this same year, we mark the 50th anniversary of our certification program — five decades of setting the professional standard for cost engineers, estimators, schedulers, and project controls specialists around the world. When I consider what those two numbers represent in terms of volunteer hours, technical contributions, peer review, and sheer professional dedication, I find it difficult to overstate what this community has built.

I have been a CCP and PSP for a significant portion of my career. Those credentials shaped how I approach this work — the rigor they required, the community they connected me to, and the standard they hold me to every day. To mark fifty years of AAACE certifications at the same conference where we celebrate seventy years of this organization, I don't take it lightly.

The 2026 Conference & Expo takes place June 28–30 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, and I can tell you that the program reflects the moment we're in. The conversations happening in our profession right now — about artificial intelligence, about data and analytics, about the evolving expectations placed on project controls professionals — are being addressed directly, by practitioners who are living them. The technical sessions are peer-reviewed, the keynotes are substantive, and the time you spend with colleagues on that expo floor and at those receptions will be some of the most professionally valuable time you invest all year.

If you have been to this conference before, you know what I mean. If you haven't, this is the year to find out.

Come ready to learn. Come ready to reconnect. And come ready to mark seventy years of this organization and fifty years of certifications that have defined professional excellence in our field.

I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

# What to **Expect**

## ■ Professional Development

Peer-reviewed technical sessions covering cost estimation, scheduling, risk management, data analytics, integrated project controls, and more. Every session is selected for quality and real-world relevance. All recordings are included with full registration so you can keep earning CEUs long after the event.

## ■ The Expo Hall

The largest gathering of total cost management solutions providers in the world. Discover new technologies, evaluate tools, and meet the vendors reshaping how the profession works — all under one roof.

## ■ Networking That Lasts

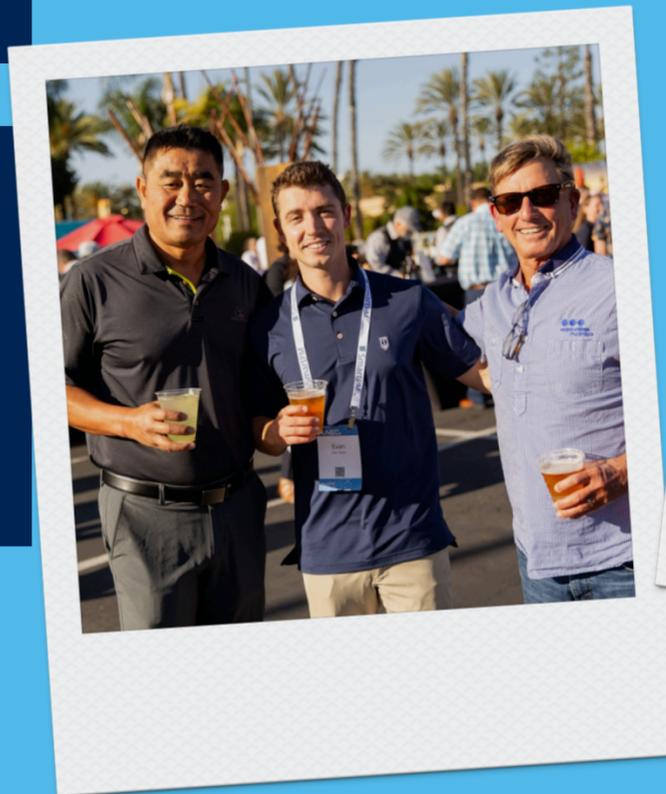
Breakfasts, receptions, lunches, and open floor time mean you'll leave Vegas with contacts — and friendships — that carry through your career. Past attendees consistently say the connections made here are among the most valuable of their professional lives.

## ■ The Certification Reception

Exclusively for AACE-certified professionals — a dedicated event to celebrate and connect with the community that holds the field's most respected credentials.

## ■ 70th Anniversary Celebration

Seven decades of advancing cost engineering and project controls. We're marking the occasion in a way that honors where we've been and sets the stage for where the profession is going. This is a year you'll want to have been there.



2004 - first PSPs awarded

# Technical Program

Attendees can choose from a variety of hot topics, including project risk management, cost estimation, scheduling, data analytics, and integrated project controls, ensuring a tailored and engaging learning experience for every professional interest. Here are just a few:

- **Delay Denied, Impact Approved: Surviving No Damages for Delay Clauses** – Garrett P. Johnson, PSP; James G. Zack, Jr. CFCC FAACE Hon. Life
- **Portfolio Capability Risk Assessment: Integrating Planning Maturity, FEL, and Monte Carlo Simulation** – Rodrigo Amoedo Quireza; José Bruno de Holanda da Silva
- **Questions For the Job Team: How to Effectively Follow Up Windows Analysis Observations** – Greg M. Hall, PSP
- **From Chaos to Clarity: Streamlining Project Controls Communication in High-Stakes Projects** – Sudhakar R. Pulagam, CCP EVP; Tracy Leung
- **Federal Planning Pitfalls: Practical Strategies for Developing a Defensible Baseline Schedule** – Alexander Bachowski; Nickolas Florez, CFCC
- **Smarter Estimates Start Here: Using QRA and Classification Strategies that Deliver Clarity and Control** – Shoshanna C. Fraizinger, CCP FAACE; Larry R. Dysert, CCP CEP DRMP FAACE Hon. Life
- **Confidence: What Stakeholders Want and What We Need from QRA** – John K. Hollmann, CCP CEP DRMP FAACE Hon. Life; Francisco Cruz, CCP
- **Beyond Compliance: Independent Reviews for Better Project Delivery** – Alex Bachowski; Blaine Guidry
- **Risk Tolerance, Not Risk Exposure: Why Contingency Estimates Rarely Reflect True Uncertainty** – Luke M. Wallace; Elijah S. Moretti



Technical session at the founding meeting in 1956



## Technical Session Perks

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation.

All sessions are recorded. The full collection of the recordings is included in each full registration.

# Continuing Education Seminars

**Saturday – Sunday, June 27–28, 2026 (1.5 DAYS)**

**1.2 CEUs**

**Early bird rates: \$1150 member / \$1300 non-member**

Enhance Your Conference Experience with Continuing Education Seminars.

Arrive early and take your expertise further with an optional continuing education seminar—held just prior to the Conference & Expo. Choose between two focused, 1.5-day seminars designed to deliver practical, real-world value.

Offered concurrently, these seminars require you to choose your focus—and are available for an additional fee.

Make the most of your time onsite by arriving prepared, informed, and ready to get even more out of the technical program.



## Data Analytics for Cost Engineering and Project Controls Professional

Learn how to turn project data into actionable insights for improved forecasting, risk awareness, and decision-making.

**Lance Stephenson,  
Instructor**



## Developing Human Skills for Effective Management

Learn to lead people as confidently as you manage projects — this seminar builds the communication, leadership, and decision-making skills that technical professionals need most.

**Shoshanna Fraizinger,  
Instructor**

# Exhibitors & Sponsors

Reach the decision-makers who shape how major projects are estimated, scheduled, and controlled. The 2026 Conference & Expo puts your brand in front of the most targeted, engaged audience in total cost management. With sponsorship packages designed to maximize visibility – from keynote branding to expo hall presence – this is your moment to stand out.

Contact Joanna Boggs at [jboggs@acei.org](mailto:jboggs@acei.org) or +1.304.296.8444 ext. 1122 for sponsorship opportunities.

Here is a listing of some of the current and previous exhibitors and sponsors:

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1993 Annual Meeting - Larry Dysert and John Hollmann



# Save Money - Deepest Discounts



Book your stay at the MGM Grand via our room block and receive a code that you can enter to save \$100 off your AACE Conference & Expo full technical program registration. The discount code is in your confirmation email. It must be entered at the time you register for the Conference & Expo.

**Host Hotel – save \$100**



Groups of 5 or more attendees can receive an additional \$50/ registration. Email AACE Headquarters to start the group discount process.

**Groups – save additional \$50**

**AACE members receive the best available rates on Conference & Expo registration – no one starts with a lower base rate. Simply put, if you're an AACE member, you get the lowest registration price.**



	FULL TECHNICAL PROGRAM			1-DAY TECHNICAL PROGRAM			GUESTS
	EARLY	REGULAR	ONSITE	EARLY	REGULAR	ONSITE	
MEMBER	\$1175	\$1275	\$1375	\$850	\$950	\$1050	\$500
NON-MEMBER	\$1375	\$1475	\$1575	\$950	\$1050	\$1150	500
STUDENT	\$950	\$950	\$950	n/a	n/a	n/a	500

**STUDENTS:** The student rate is only available for student members. One day is not applicable.

**GUESTS:** The purchase of a guest registration is restricted to guests of registrants only. A guest may not be someone eligible for membership in AACE, a business partner or a supplier who is not exhibiting.



AACE Presidents at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in 2006



AACE's 1<sup>st</sup> female president, Jennifer Bates with Bob Bakewell



# Moments That Matter

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1967 Annual Meeting - members and their wives

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# Make History with AACE

More Ideas. More Energy. More Impact.

June 28-30

MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV