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# ASPE CHAPTER 7 NEWSLETTER

## OUR NEXT MEETING

- THURSDAY—FEB. 21, 2013  
5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE  
330 YORKTOWN CENTER  
LOMBARD, IL 60148
- TOPIC: ETHICS

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Upcoming meetings consist of:

February 21st—Ethics and Certification presented by our past President Bryan Mixer with STR Consulting LLC. Presentation will be held at Brio in Lombard.

March 21st—USG will be presenting. Presentation will be held at Brio in Lombard.



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April 18th—Joint meeting between ASPE and AACE. Presentation will be held at Brio in Lombard.

The May 16th meeting will be at Brio in Lombard.

Currently, the board members are working on a membership drive, which involves contacting a list of general contractor’s to inquire of their interest in joining. We are also hopeful that the general contractors involvement will create interest for subcontractors. Over the last four months our membership totals have went down by two. In October we were at a total of 40. We went down to 39 for November, down to 37 for October and as of January 8th we were at 38 members. Please pass on our newsletter to others involved in estimating.

Thank You,

Marvin Fitzwater II, CPE

## PROGRAMS-PRESENTER BIO-BRYAN MIXER, CPE

Bryan Mixer, CPE will be the presenter for our annual ethics meeting. For those of you who know Bryan, you have probably stopped reading, so no worries. For those of you who don't know Bryan, he has been a member of ASPE since 1998, received his CPE in 2002, and has been a member of the Chicago chapter since 2005. He has served the Chicago chapter as Second VP, First VP, and President. He is currently the Past President and also the Certification Chairman for the chapter.



A former world class athlete, Bryan was irretrievably sidetracked from his Nobel Prize in theoretical Mathematics by the simultaneous discovery of alcohol and women. It took a while longer for women to discover him. Eventually both sides have agreed to a resolution of mutual accord, and are currently in their longest period of peace. Other little known facts: he has stayed a week in Las Vegas and did not lose a penny in the casinos; has made breakfast for Tony Bennett while Mr. Bennett sang for his supper; has performed as Kool Aid; and has had Lord of the Ring fans ask him if he is Gimli (he isn't, but sometimes says that he is to get a better seat on the plane). He is probably the most humble egomaniac you will ever meet in your life.

## **CERTIFICATION**

Please contact Bryan Mixer, CPE, for the latest certification news and updates, (312) 242-4171

## **“REMEMBERING YOUR CANONS”**

CANON #2— Professional estimators shall continue to expand their professional capabilities through continuing education programs to better enable them to serve clients, employers, and the industry.

## **MEMBER PROFILE-JOHN SALAZAR, CPE**

John Salazar began his estimating career in the Chicago area for a small masonry subcontractor and soon realized that construction estimating was his career passion. He went on to obtain a Bachelors Degree in Construction Technology from Purdue University Calumet. He has worked for subcontractors, general contractors, and even a bank, working in their construction management department. Today, John is estimating for a global ceiling grid manufacturer, Chicago Metallic, working in their specialty metal ceilings division. He is married and resides in Northwest Indiana.





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