

Construction CPM Conference News

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Returning to Orlando January 16 – 19, 2022

Continuing 2021-22 Events

Orlando Area resorts are still struggling to see who will be willing to travel to a non-essential meeting and even as to who will still be in business. Many venues, such as those owned or affiliated by Disney have stricter rules than the Florida government; our 2020 B Resort ownership is even stricter. Our latest word is to look for further updates by October. With roughly 12% of our Attendees from overseas, we must also be cognizant of international travel restrictions and attitudes.

The AACE Conference both Virtual and LIVE in Boston are now history. The live program had about thirty-five attending (perhaps a few more signed up but were not evident at live sessions) and was populated with mostly our senior and most recognized membership. Thus newbies attending had a great opportunity to network with these leaders. But the host hotel really was not up to accommodate all permitted by the Governor, the restaurant and bar were closed (except perhaps for a Saturday,) the breakfast nook (outdoor) not even operating until the day after the end of the conference. Other local eateries and pubs also appear to be hit or miss with opening but the few open were thus crowded.

My PSPE (Pennsylvania Society Professional Engineers Philadelphia) also has issues beyond vaccination. As we seek to return to live meetings, our President and other leaders have voiced concerns beyond disease but now to other “State of Safety” issues such as an uptick in daylight violent crime even on major streets of our office building district. And so our pre-pandemic model of “walk to” or ride public transit to our meetings (a block from a major light rail transit stop) are also now compromised. There are many factors that all have to be good before we can promise you the ambiance for which we are known.

We are therefore watching, waiting and planning a bifurcated program of Virtual or Online curricula while determining safety issues of a Live event.

Our Virtual component includes inviting our “CCC” community to share pre-recorded content to be presented in an asynchronous manner over several weeks on your schedule, followed by several days of live Q&A with Content Providers and live networking with each other. For those presenters who are more comfortable with a live audience, or whose presentation requires a live audience for live interaction, we may create several dates where the set time Zoom Room model is utilized, recording the proceedings for asynchronous viewing by our larger audience.

We intend to provide our asynchronous content without charge to prior attendees of Construction CPM Conference. This may include colleagues and other employees of those Attendees whose firms previously subsidized employee costs. A nominal fee may be charged to join “live” components such as Q&A, and for new members of our community. The costs of these efforts are being supported by our [Sponsors](#) including [Drexel University](#). Please consider joining these [Sponsors](#).

So please visit our website http://constructioncpm.com/At-A-Glance/at_a_glance2022.htm to view content as such is posted. Once we reach a critical mass of content we will schedule another Live Zoom Meeting to Meet the Speaker for Q&A and Comment.

CALL for CONTENT

If you are willing to share your knowledge we invite you to submit your suggested presentation at this time or in coming weeks or months. We are looking for:

- “How to Use” tutorials of popular and even [NEW](#) software from a User perspective
- Analysis of the inner workings of popular software used in our industry
- “How to” tutorials, refreshers, checklists on Preparing the Logic and other skills
- Sharing experience of innovative use of project controls to improve a troubling issue
- Announcing a [NEW](#) software release or feature • Sharing of best practices
- Comparison of two or more software solution features • Your pandemic experience
- Connecting CPM with BIM and other location based applications • And ...

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- Review your proposal and if accepted assist in your recording of your presentation
- Post to our Online Virtual platform and publicize to our Past Attendees and others
- Host a Zoom style meeting for Viewers to interact with Authors for Q&A
- Prioritize your presentation for sharing at our next Live F2F conference

News on Ninth Edition CPM in Construction Management

Work continues on writing of additional content for an interim 9th Edition including material discussed with Jim O’Brien in his final years of 2019 and 2020:

- An alternate approach to the Weather Calendar: As a Resource, Risk, Contingency
- Updates on latest releases Prevalent Softwares and New non-CPM Scheduling Tools
- Creation and Use of a Work Breakdown Structure properly tied to the CPM
- Writing and Reviewing the Narrative for Initial and Update Submittals
- New Case Histories on Speeding a Project and Reviewing Why Late
- and More

Other Recommended Association and Software Developer Events now being planned, posted and now open for (at least advanced) registration. Two for July:

- **[Oracle Construction and Engineering Connect is on July 13!](#)**
Be among the first to hear strategy, big announcements, and product insights—direct from the source. [Register today](#) to attend the upcoming Oracle Construction and Engineering Connect, a virtual event, where you’ll explore how our technology is leading the industry into the next era of construction excellence. From July 13-15, 2021, attendees from around the globe will learn how to connect, empower and synchronize project teams with Oracle Construction and Engineering solutions for owner and contractor organizations. Reserve your spot [HERE](#).
- **[American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law on July 20](#)**
Protecting the Design Professional: Exploring Recent Construction Law Issues Impacting Risk-Shifting for Design Professionals. This 90-minute Webinar will focus on recent trends and changes in construction law that impact the risk shifting strategies for design professionals on construction and design projects. Visit https://www.americanbar.org/groups/construction_industry/events_cle/ for more.

Be well – get vaccinated and yet maintain safe conducts – enjoy life.