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2020 Q1 Newsletter

Message from the President

Early this year, the new Board met and planned the series of activities for our section this year. That includes dinner meetings, summer picnic, students outreach and Skills & Knowledge workshops as preparation for AACE certification programs such as Certified Cost Professional (CCP) and Planning and Scheduling Professional (PSP). However, with the current Covid-19 pandemic we are now on a stand-by mode until we see the curve flattened and the restriction on physical distancing lifted. We also started virtual meeting as we update ourselves on changes to the original plan to suit to the current situation. The Board will continue to serve Aurora-Edmonton the best we can on promoting Project Controls in our community and to provide members the relevant and current information affecting our organization and our profession. This newsletter also features subject that is timely with the inclusion of pandemic risk which will certainly be a consideration for future projects.

We appreciate those who keep on inquiring about our Section and those who have indicated their interest on attending dinner meetings and S&K workshops. Anyone could reach us through our contact information from our [Section website](#) or via social media such as [LinkedIn](#).

For the new and returning members, you made the right choice of joining this organization in spite of the economic challenges that Alberta is facing and thank you. Continue to reap the benefits of accessing online resources and connect likewise with your peers, mentors and mentees. With the current board, we are continuously communicating with the diverse volunteer dinner meeting speakers who will be presenting interesting topics according to their expertise. I'm so excited with the upcoming presentations that are already in the pipeline.

As well, I'm proud to present to you this year's set of officers, and their willingness to volunteer their time and talent is much appreciated. We have a diverse Board in terms of educational background and work experiences. I refer you to [Aurora-Edmonton Section website](#) for details of each officer's short bio.

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Sincerely,

Ramon Ombac, PSP

ARTICLE

(By Christian Adam)

Here are a few interesting links in regards to Three Scenarios of COVID-19 Development written by John Zhao

John has over thirty years of diverse project experience including PMO governance, qualitative risk workshop facilitation, quantitative cost and schedule risk analysis with major owner companies in Canada, USA and Europe; field coordination, cost engineering and contract management with some of world-renowned EPC firms in Canada; and field engineering for commercial and heavy industrial projects with contractors in the Middle East.

Please enjoy the links provided including a summary of John's vast experience from his bio on [LinkedIn](#). We are so fortunate to have this experience on our team.

[Three Scenarios of Covid-19 Development](#)

[Construction and Pandemic](#)

When reviewing John's bio, it was also noticed he had another great presentation based on Determining Contingencies for Megaprojects with @RISK – he is the Principle consultant at Riskcore.ca

In summary the field of Cost Engineering and cost management has come along way from the early days of no measurements in place with cost overruns being a common occurrence. Project Controls drives cost and schedule certainty based on sound engineering and project management principles. Especially in today's market there are plenty of incentives to have project controls representation on all projects. The future looks bright in the exciting field of projects and data science.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ITEM	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY	PRESENTER	NOTES
1	SEPTEMBER	DINNER MEETING	JOHN ZHAO	TOPIC TO FOLLOW
2	OCTOBER	DINNER MEETING	MOSTAFA ABDELRAZIK	TOPIC TO FOLLOW
3	NOVEMBER	DINNER MEETING	RUFRAN FRAGO	TOPIC TO FOLLOW

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