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# ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER #3

## American Society of Professional Estimators



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### Our Mission

*Since 1956 ASPE serves the construction & engineering industries by providing education, training, fellowship and opportunities for professional estimating development..*



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# ORANGE SPEEL NEWSLETTER





## President's Message

The holidays are upon us. Hopefully, your Thanksgiving Holiday was nice, getting together with family & friends, good food and perhaps a football game or two. Our holiday party is set for Thursday, December 6th. The mystery dinner theater should be a fun occasion. Hope to see you there. The mystery dinner will be our only event for December, so please do join us.

### ASPE Code of Ethics:

#### Cannon #1

*Professional estimators shall perform services in areas of their discipline and competence.*

#### Cannon #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.*

#### Cannon #3

*Professional estimators shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will promote cooperation and good relations among members of our profession and those directly related to our profession.*

#### Cannon #4

*Professional estimators shall safeguard and keep in confidence all knowledge of the business affairs and technical procedures of an employer or client.*

At our November dinner meeting we had a round table discussion on the benefits and new technology development's with ready-mix concrete. Further information on the presentation is included in this month's newsletter. Service award pins were presented to individuals that have supported ASPE Chapter 3 for 10, 15, 20, 30 & 40 years.



Our dinner meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at the Mezzanine Building at the Newport Gateway Towers, in Irvine (see enclosed map for details). The next dinner meeting is scheduled for January 9th. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. We finish by 8:30 and parking is free.

Our ASPE meetings are informative and enjoyable. Make some new friends, network, keep current with industry trends, share some stories and have some fun.

~ Dan Schottlander, CPE  
President, ASPE Orange County Chapter

# Notes from the President

ASPE reservations can be booked on line. Our chapter website is [www.ASPEChapter3.org](http://www.ASPEChapter3.org). Monthly newsletters are posted on the site. If you have any questions or ideas on what to include in our website, feel free to contact our Webmaster Paulette Rutlen. The national website is [www.aspenational.com](http://www.aspenational.com). Be sure to check out both websites as they are updated periodically.



You may want to consider taking the Certified Professional Estimator (CPE) examination. This is a good opportunity to gain industry recognition as an estimator and make yourself more marketable to your company. The next testing period is scheduled for March 2008. The workshop is being offered online on the national ASPE website. We can still arrange to have a chapter workshop if there is enough interest. Contact Certification Chair Art Quinion if you have any questions or are interested in signing up.

## Cannon #5

*Professional estimators shall conduct themselves with integrity as all times and not knowingly or willingly enter into agreements that violate the laws of the United States of America or of the states in which they practice. They shall establish guidelines for setting forth prices and receiving quotations that are fair and equitable to all parties.*

## Cannon #6

*Professional estimators shall utilize their education, years of experience and acquired skills in the preparation of each estimate or assignment with full commitment to make each estimate or assignment as detailed and accurate as their talents and abilities allow.*

## Cannon #7

*Professional estimators shall not engage in the practice of "bid peddling" as defined by this code. This is a breach of moral and ethical standards, and a member of this society shall not enter into this practice.*

## Cannon #8

*Professional estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not enter into any agreement that may be considered acts of collusion or conspiracy (bid rigging) with the implied or express purpose of defrauding clients. Acts of this type are in direct violation of the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Professional Estimators.*

## Cannon #9

*Professional estimators and those in training to be estimators shall not participate in acts, such as the giving or receiving of gifts, that are intended to be or may be construed as being unlawful acts of bribery.*

## Member Spotlight



**John Mauk, CPE**  
**Estimating Manager**  
**O'Connor Construction Management**

John Mauk, CPE, is Estimating Manager for O'Connor Construction Management, Inc. a full service CM firm headquartered in Irvine, CA.

John graduated with a CM degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1986 and has worked for developers, general contractors, and construction management firms since. His experience includes on-site field supervision, contract administration, change order analysis, preparing budgets, cost estimating, and claims analysis and negotiation. Since joining O'Connor in 1999, John has provided estimates at all levels of design, from conceptual through to construction document. His project experience includes every type of building project including laboratories, housing projects, university buildings, schools, airport terminals, and government facilities.

John joined ASPE in 1999 and became a Certified Professional Estimator in 2000. He served as Chapter 3 President in 2002/2003. John, a southern California native, and his wife Mary and their 11 year old son Riley, live in Mission Viejo and enjoy outdoor sports and adventures.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS  
Invites you to join the  
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER'S  
2007 Holiday Party:



Date: Thursday, December 6th , 2007

Social Time: 7:00 p.m. - Dinner and Show: 8:00 p.m.

Location: 19800 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA

The Mezzanine @ Newport Gateway Towers

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Presented by: The Gourmet Detective

*"We provide a setting where both audience and performers can abandon status and inhibitions and venture into a realm of play, imagination and fantasy..."*

- Producer, The Gourmet Detective

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-OC Magazine

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**DARLING  
YOU SLAY ME**  
A MURDER IN THREE ACTS

*"Best Mystery Dinner Theater"*  
-Sunset Magazine

*"Laughs from beginning to end"*  
-LA Times



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For reservations, please go to the website to book your spot at [www.aspechapter3.org](http://www.aspechapter3.org).  
Contact Art Quinion at [artq@phoenix-planning.com](mailto:artq@phoenix-planning.com) or call 949-581-9370 if you have any questions.

# 2008 ASPE JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION



Speaker: Kurt Grosz, CPE of KGA, Inc.

Topic: Administration of the Contract

Date: Wednesday, January 9th , 2008

Social Time: 5:30 p.m. - Program & Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 19800 MacArthur  
Boulevard, Irvine, CA  
The Mezzanine @ Newport  
Gateway Towers  
P: 949 724-1066  
405 Freeway @ MacArthur  
Junction between  
MacArthur & Fairchild



Our speaker Mr. Kurt Grosz has over 30 years of experience in construction & consulting in the areas of building inspection, estimating, project management, scheduling, and as Chief Operating Officer of construction companies. Mr. Grosz has put his many years of experience to use as an expert witness and as a neutral fact finder in mediation, arbitration, and civil litigation cases.

Mr. Grosz holds contractor's licenses in four states, six different code inspection certifications, and numerous registration and certifications, including his CPE. He has been a lecturer, and instructor for various colleges and associations.

Mr. Grosz will speak on the administration of the contract based upon the AIA contract documents, including the A201, upon which so much of our own certification GEK exam is based. Mr. Grosz will touch upon the roles and responsibilities of the architect, construction manager, and owner's representative; different project delivery systems; observation vs. inspections; payments and submittals; the three types of changes; the claims process; substantial and final completion; and present examples of a few case studies.


Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening.

**Dinner:** Chicken \$35 or Fish \$35

For reservations, please go to the website to book your spot at [www.aspechapter3.org](http://www.aspechapter3.org).  
Contact Art Quinion at [artq@phoenix-planning.com](mailto:artq@phoenix-planning.com) or call 949-581-9370 if you have any questions.

# December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3	4	5	6 Holiday Party @ 6:00 p.m. in Irvine	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Board Meeting @ 6 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31 New Year's Eve! 	*Don't miss the next meeting on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 PM.					



# 2007-2008 Board Members and Committee Chairs

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Scholarship	Vacant	Vacant
Bylaws	Vacant	Vacant
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## Web site of the Month:

ASPE National has created a new online estimating forum. The service is free. All one has to do is register online. Anything related to estimating such as estimating questions, comments, blogs, etc. can be posted onto the website. This is a great vehicle to ask other professionals their opinions if help is needed.

[www.commercialestimators.com](http://www.commercialestimators.com)

## Advertising Opportunities:

Business Card Ad:	1 Issue	\$15
	6 Issues	\$60
	12 Issues	\$100
Full Page Ad:	1 Issue	\$50
	6 Issues	\$200
	12 Issues	\$300
Employment Ad	Each Issue	\$50

## November Program Report

Greetings!

The Program presented to the Orange County ASPE Chapter #3 last November 14th was presented by Attila Beres, PhD, PE, Western Regional Manager of US Buildings and Special Structures Portland Cement. Attila provided the attendees with a panel discussion on the topic of 'Recent Trends in Concrete Construction'. Other panel members were Raymond Calles of Morley Builders, Jim Brain from Pankow Builders and Jack Simonson of Suncoast Post-Tension.

This topic and discussion was one of the most informative of the year. Any time concrete is discussed it becomes very intriguing. The most interesting of 5 to 6 great topics discussed was presented by Raymond Calles of Morley Builders. Raymond presented a concrete that, while being on the market since the 1980's, has just begun a tremendous growth in its use. I'm talking about Self-Consolidating Concrete, also known as self-compacting concrete and SCC. It's a highly flowable, non-segregating concrete that can spread into place, fill formwork and encapsulate the most congested reinforcement, all without mechanical vibration, but yet maintains all of concrete's customary mechanical properties and durability characteristics.

Other topics discussed included spanable lengths of concrete and their sustainability vs. steel, the cost differences of each, concrete uses in high rise construction vs. steel, concrete PSI, curing time and testing. This discussion about the constructability, aesthetic and engineering advantages of concrete made this program a tremendous informative benefit to the local Society. We can only anticipate more of the same in the coming year.

Updated provided by: Ron Svarc

## Question of the Month

A wall 24' – 0" by 9' – 0" by 9" thick is to be demolished and replaced with Standard Non-modular 8" red bricks. How many bricks will be needed? There are no doors or windows in this wall. Do not figure waste or broken bricks.

- A. 1,728
- B. 2,808
- C. 1,404
- D. 3,456

## Joke of the Month



The correct answer is - B!

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

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~ David Brinkley



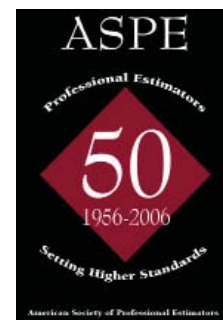
## Any Program Ideas?

If there is enough support from the chapter, other things that we can develop, could include sponsoring a golf tournament, hosting an estimating academy, or having a regional meeting in 2008 with other ASPE chapters. (This year the regional meeting is being held in Reno).

In order to make our chapter work for everyone we are looking for your ideas and input. What topics would you like to see discussed? What programs would you like? If you are a General Contractor, Subcontractor, Consultant, Architect or Engineer, what topics are you interested in? Any suggestions that you have, we would appreciate your input.

## Memberships

With each publication, our electronic newsletter is distributed to over 150 individuals, members & non-members alike. If you know anyone that might enjoy receiving our newsletter, please pass it along and give us their e-mail address. If you are not currently a member and enjoy our readership as well as our events, perhaps you may want to consider joining ASPE for 2007 – 2008.



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