

# Michael Bensussen

## Project Controls Professional

Biography & Headshot



Mike is a motivated and driven, rising young professional, published author, exuberant speaker, education board member and active volunteer with more than 12 years combined construction, project management, earned value, finance and project controls experience throughout a broad cross section of industrial domains. Delighted to call the beautiful Pacific Northwest region of the United States his home, Mike draws on a diversified base of knowledge when it comes to decision-making time on the project. His understanding is derived from education and training and time spent on Nuclear, Environmental, Oil & Gas, Commercial, Industrial and Higher Education projects. In a previous role as Project Controls Engineer at the University of Washington, Mike was able to explore and harness a passion for education and utilize creative thinking and strategy to promulgate the project controls discipline. This working experience pioneered his involvement as a volunteer on the Associate Board of Education for AACE International. As chair of the University Relations & Outreach committee, Mike leverages networks, resources, tools and relationships to bring the project controls community of practice to the leading edge of both education and industry. He will often appear as a guest speaker within the community – most enjoyably at his beloved alma mater, Washington State University – where he relishes the privilege to mould young minds and perhaps even inspire them to join the project control ranks. When Mike is not championing deliverables, he prefers to spend his time with family and friends, in the downhill park on his mountain bike, or on a fresh sheet of ice at the hockey rink.

# Volunteerism and Community Engagement



## President – Rattlesnake Mountain Section (2018 – Present)

Mike has been an active member since September of 2014, in which time he has participated in multiple capacities within AAACE. Primarily, a passion for education has lead him to volunteer his time as a member of AAACE’s associate board of directors for Education. As subcommittee chairman for University Relations, Mike brings his enthusiasm for education to the forefront in how he strives to serve and give back to the Project Controls community of practice. With an extensive background in cost engineering, schedule management, project planning and construction execution, Mike draws on a diversified base of knowledge when it comes to decision-making time on the project.



## Sub-Committee Chair – University Relations (2015 – Present)

The AAACE Education Board provides value-added education opportunities and products to the industry and strives to become the center of excellence in cost engineering / management. Members of the volunteer Board come from a diverse background including past AAACE presidents, university faculty, and professionals from owner, engineering, consulting and construction firms.



## Vice President – Rattlesnake Mountain Section (2017 – 2018)

Foster the thoughtful improvement and promulgation of cost engineering, project controls and Total Cost Management learning through stimulating and attractive networking, technical and learning curricula. Mike’s list of goals for his one-year term include:

- Organize attractive and effective certification opportunities for the section.
- Foster a constant learning attitude with regard to project controls and TCM.
- Act as champion to encourage all members to seek certification.
- Strengthen the bond between industry and academia.

# Published Author & Speaker Profile

## Writing and Speaking Accomplishments:

### Writing/Publishing Description

- ✚ Technical Paper PM-2128, AACE International 2016 Annual Meeting Transactions – ***The Chaos and Complexity of Megaprojects.***
- ✚ AACE International – Education Board - Skills & Knowledge guide, 6th Edition; contributing editor.
- ✚ AACE International – Education Board – CCP Certification Study Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; contributing editor.
- ✚ ***The Cream of Project Controls*** – Michael Bensussen – ProjectControlsAcademy.com and PlanningPlanet.com contributing author.
- ✚ ***Reflections on AACE International Conference & Expo 2018*** – Michael Bensussen – LinkedIn article.

### Speaking/Presenting Description

- ✚ ***Chaos and Complexity of Megaprojects***, presenter; June 2016, AACE International Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario – Canada
- ✚ ***Chaos and Complexity of Megaprojects***, presenter; March 2017, Western Winter Workshop, Palm Springs, California
- ✚ Panelist & Facilitator– AACE International, Rising Professionals Committee; Industry Liaison Workshop; June 2017, Orlando, FL.
- ✚ Keynote Panelist – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earned Value Management, College of Performance Management (CPM) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Integrated Program Management Workshop (IPMW); October, 2017, Bethesda, MD.
- ✚ Panelist & Facilitator – College of Performance Management – EVM World 2018; ***Bridging The Gap With Millennials***; June 2018, Orlando, FL.
- ✚ ***Performance Drawdown and Forecast Factoring; Complements to Traditional S-Curve Analytics***, presenter; June 2018, College of Performance Management (CPM) EVM World 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- ✚ ***Skills & Knowledge Track (int.) #3017, Intelligent Project Forecasting Using Earned Value; Extensions of The Traditional EVM S-Curve Graph***, instructor; June 2018, AACE International Conference & Expo 2018, San Diego, CA.

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