

Association of Contingency Planners

Los Angeles Chapter

News

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1. Reservations due today for BIA interviewing workshop

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in a special, two-hour Business Impact Analysis (BIA) interviewing techniques workshop, to be hosted by ACP-LA this Tuesday, August 14. Reservations are due today, August 9.

You'll learn how to prepare for a successful BIA interview from a seasoned veteran, Rich Schiesser. Rich has conducted more than a hundred BIA interviews over many years of managing business continuity programs. The session will include a number of practical take-aways that will make your next round of BIA interviews the best ever.

Event logistics:

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Agenda: 11:30 – 11:45 am: Registration, networking, and lunch served / 11:45 – 12:30: Lunch meeting / 12:30 - 2:30 pm: BIA workshop

Location: Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

Fee: ACP members, \$10; guests, \$20 (please pay by cash or check, at the door)

Reservations: Required by Aug. 9, to Carol Nelson, at: canelson@sunamerica.com, or 818.673.4257. Please select entree (fresh fish, grilled chicken sandwich, or vegetable pasta).

Event sponsor:

Many thanks to our sponsor, **Iron Mountain**. Iron Mountain Inc. helps organizations around the world reduce the costs and risks associated with information protection and storage. The Company offers comprehensive records management, data protection, and information destruction solutions.

2. Notice to ACP-LA members re: proposed chapter changes

ACP Corporate made a suggestion to all the chapters earlier this year that they incorporate a wording change in their Articles of Association (AoA) to make it easier to conduct business and reduce bank fees. The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles chapter has adopted their suggestion and has incorporated the wording change on how chapter expenditures are approved. These changes were introduced at the June chapter meeting and will be voted on at the September chapter meeting. ACP-LA members are asked to please take a few minutes to read the proposed changes to our AoA, at: [http://www.acp-international.com/la/files/ACP-LA%20Articles%20Of%20Association%202007%20\(draft-2a\).pdf](http://www.acp-international.com/la/files/ACP-LA%20Articles%20Of%20Association%202007%20(draft-2a).pdf)

In addition, another motion is scheduled to be voted on at the September chapter meeting. The chapter Board has voted to increase annual membership dues, beginning next year, by \$15, to an annual fee of \$100.

Each chapter sets their annual membership dues. (For a list of current dues by chapter, visit <http://www.acp-international.com/chapter.taf?function=duelist>.) ACP Corporate keeps \$50 from each member's dues; the appropriate chapter receives the balance.

The proposed increase is the first in several years, and has become necessary to meet higher chapter costs, including expenses for speakers, meeting facilities, catering, insurance, and equipment.

If you have questions or feedback regarding either proposed change, please contact David Graves, chapter president; (david_graves@countrywide.com); Doreen Lopez, secretary (doreenl@amgen.com); or Lori Mendolla, treasurer (lori.mendolla@sungard.com).

Members are also encouraged to attend the chapter's Sept. 11 meeting, and cast your vote for these two proposed changes. Thank you.

3. Upcoming events

August events:

Aug. 23: *Application Availability and Data Protection seminar, Cypress.* Free half-day event, hosted by SunGard Availability Services and Double-Take® Software. Details and registration:

<http://www.availability.sungard.com/resources/events>

For information about other events happening this month, please visit: <http://www.acp-international.com/la/files/ACP-LA%20eNews%2007-25-2007.pdf>

September events:

September: *National Preparedness Month.* To learn more, visit: <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html> or www.citizenscorp.gov.

Sept. 8–29: *Emergency Preparedness Fairs, City of Los Angeles.* Various locations. More info: www.lacity.org/epd.

Sept. 10-14: *Sentryx Business Continuity Planning and Management seminar, El Segundo/LAX.* ACP members receive a 15% discount. Contact Sentryx at 1-800-869-8460 or visit www.sentryx.com for details.

Sept. 11: *ACP-LA chapter meeting, West Los Angeles.* "Business Continuity Risks from Terrorism in the Post-9/11 Age," presented by Dr. Robert Chandler, Pepperdine University. Details forthcoming.

Sept. 12: *Pandemic planning workshop, Orange County.* A half-day event hosted by ACP-OC. Details forthcoming.

Sept. 16-19: *DRJ Fall World 2007 Conference, San Diego.* ACP members can save \$145 off the registration fee. Sign up by Aug. 16 for best rates. Details: www.drj.com.

Sept. 24–Oct. 12: *Pandemic flu exercise for the financial services sector, U.S.* The exercise is sponsored by the [US Department of the Treasury](http://www.dht.gov) and the [Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association](http://www.sif.org). Registration is open through Aug. 31. Info: <http://www.fspanfluexercise.com/>.

About the Association of Contingency Planners - Los Angeles Chapter (ACP-LA): *Established in 1983, ACP-LA is the original chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP). ACP is the premier, non-profit trade association dedicated to the advancement of business continuity professionals. For more information, please visit:* <http://www.acp-international.com>.

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