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1. Oct. 9 chapter event: Risk management and BCP; Job market update

Please make plans now to join ACP-LA at its Oct. 9 chapter meeting, when we are pleased to present two timely topics:

Wayne Gustafson, Director of Risk Management and Business Continuity for international law firm Latham & Watkins, LLP, will present, "**How to integrate risk management and business continuity planning.**" Mr. Gustafson will share Latham's approach to accepting, mitigating or sharing risks. You will come away with a better understanding of the sources of risk, potential impacts, and strategies to mitigate or share the risk exposure.

Cheyene Haase, Founder and President of BC Management, a local executive search firm specializing in placing contingency planning professionals, will discuss, "**The current job market and tips for continuity professionals in transition.**"

About our speakers:

Wayne Gustafson coordinates Latham & Watkins' risk management program and has overall accountability for the law firm's business continuity plans. Before joining Latham & Watkins, Mr. Gustafson led a turn-around effort for a small company in the entertainment industry, managed project teams for Andersen Consulting, and held various leadership roles with Arthur Andersen.

Cheyene Haase founded BC Management in 2000 and remains president of the firm. Ms. Haase, at the time already a recruiter with substantial experience, recognized a need for dedicated continuity-related employment services. Since 2000, BC Management has become a global enterprise and has grown exponentially, increasing placements, staff, and services.

Event logistics:

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Registration and networking / 11:45 – 2:00: Luncheon and program

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 Oct. 4, to Carol Nelson, at: canelson@sunamerica.com, or 818.673.4257. Please specify entrée (fish, grilled chicken sandwich, or vegetarian pasta).

Event sponsor:

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2. Chapter welcomes new Communications Director

ACP-LA is pleased to announce that Molly Latham, IT Disaster Recovery Manager for Southern California Edison, has joined the Chapter Board. She will be filling the Director of Communications position for the balance of 2007. Molly has experience as a newsletter editor and brings a great deal of knowledge to the Board. Welcome, Molly!

To ensure that you continue to receive emails from the Chapter, please add Molly.Latham@sce.com to your address book today.

3. Call for 2008 Chapter Board nominations

Would you like to become part of the leadership team that runs our growing Chapter?

ACP-LA is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Chapter Board of Directors. Available positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Membership, Director of Programs, Director of Member Services, Director of Communications, and Director of Information. Each position is elected for one calendar year.

To nominate yourself or another member, or to learn more, please contact Lorraine Nelson, Chapter Vice President, at: Lorraine_Nelson@Toyota.com. Thank you.

4. Members invited to join national Speakers' Bureau

ACP Corporate encourages all members to register for a national ACP Speakers' Bureau that is now being formed, and will be available online.

If you are interested in presenting at the L.A. and/or other ACP chapters in the future, please drop a line to Laura Mack, Chapter Program Director, at: lmack@mercuryinsurance.com, by Sept. 21, 2007. Please indicate your subject matter preferences. Thanks!

5. Chapter special ballot measures passed by members

Chapter members voted in favor of two special ballot measures, discussed in past e-News issues and chapter meetings, at the Sept. 11 chapter meeting. The measure proposing Articles of Association changes passed unanimously (14 Yes, 0 No votes). The measure proposing an increase in the annual membership fee, from \$85 to \$100, passed by a vote of 13 to 1.

Not yet a member? Join by Dec. 31, 2007, and save money! To join ACP, please visit: <https://www.acp-international.com/join.taf>

6. Upcoming events

Oct. 10: ACP-Orange County chapter meeting, Garden Grove. Featuring Rich Schiesser. Info: www.acpoc.com.

Oct. 17: Disaster Preparedness Academy, Anaheim. Hosted by the American Red Cross. Info: www.oc-redcross.org, or call (714) 481-5341.

Oct. 18: "Public and Private Sectors' Response to a Tsunami" workshop, Culver City. Hosted by BICEPP and the L.A. County Office of Emergency Management. Info: www.bicepp.org.

Nov. 13: ACP-Los Angeles chapter meeting, West L.A. Topic: "Disaster Recovery Planning at Toyota." Details forthcoming.

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>. Please feel free to forward this email to colleagues who may be interested in learning about ACP-LA. News items or distribution list requests should be sent to: lmack@mercuryinsurance.com.