

Association of Contingency Planners Los Angeles Chapter *News*

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1. Nov. 13 Chapter Event: Wildfire Discussion; 2008 ACP-LA Balloting; Toyota's New CERT Strategy; Mainframe Journey to a Four-Hour RTO;

Please make plans now to join ACP-LA at its Nov. 13. Chapter meeting, where we will invite attendees to share impacts and lessons learned from the recent Southland wildfires. We'll also conduct balloting for the 2008 Board of Directors and present two interesting topics:

Janet Mebust, Business Continuity Manager for Toyota Motor Sales, USA, will present, "Toyota's New CERT Strategy." Mrs. Mebust will discuss the current Corporate Emergency Response Team program and the decision to move forward with implementing a new program. She will focus on the people aspect of Business Continuity.

Terry Zercher, Data Center Manager for Toyota Motor Sales, USA, will present, "Mainframe Journey to a 4-Hour RTO." Mr. Zercher will share the road Toyota traveled to implement a hot standby for its mainframe environment. Terry will provide insight on the challenges of not having a holistic recovery strategy.

About our speakers

Janet Mebust has worked for Toyota over 25 years in the Administration Department. She has worked in the business continuity area for over ten years. She designed, developed and implemented business continuity at Toyota's corporate office and all field locations.

Terry Zercher has worked for Toyota for over 17 years in the Information Systems Department. He is responsible for data center operations and service continuity. The majority of his time has been spent in the Design and Engineering group, where he implemented the mainframe disaster recovery strategy.

Event logistics:

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2007

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

Location: The Westside Conference Center, 6100 Center Drive, Los Angeles 90045

Directions: <http://www.westsideconferencecenter.com/directions/>

Fee: ACP members, \$20; guests, \$30 (please pay by cash or check at the door)

Reservations: Required by Nov. 9 to Carol Nelson, at: canelson@sunamerica.com, or (818) 673-4257.

Event sponsor:

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2. ACP-LA Board of Directors Slate

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of volunteers as candidates for the ACP-LA 2008 Board of Directors:

David Graves, CBCP – President
Lorraine Nelson – Vice President
Doreen Lopez, CBCP – Secretary
Lori Mendolla, CBCP – Treasurer
Laura Mack – Director of Programs
Jorgeen Boursalian – Director of Membership
Bill Kornhauser – Director of Information
Amy Berry – Director of Member Services
Molly Latham, CBCP – Director of Communications

Balloting will be held at the monthly chapter meeting on November 13.

3. Upcoming Events

Nov. 14: *ACP Orange County Chapter Meeting*, Garden Grove. Topics: "Conducting the Perfect Tabletop Exercise." Speaker: Rick Schiesser; "A Different Approach to Risk Assessment and BC Planning Assumptions." Speaker: Mike Anzis. Info: <http://www.acpoc.com>

Nov. 16: *Earthquake Research Affiliates, California Institute of Technology*. Info: <http://www.caltech-era.org/>

Dec. 3 – 13: DRII classes in Southern California. Details at http://www.drii.org/DRII/Courses/certification_fullcalendar.aspx

Dec. 11: *ACP Los Angeles Chapter Meeting*, Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City. Topic: "Chasing Tornadoes." Speaker: Sean Casey. Info: <http://www.acp-international.com/la/calendar.htm>

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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