



Brian Silva
Candidate for IAEM-USA Student Region President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the last year. Through the dedication of your elected team and many volunteers we have accomplished a tremendous amount in 2007-2008. Some of the highlights are:

- The creation of a student “conference within a conference” called SCP@KC that includes both professional development, social, and networking events as well as resources for students at the conference;
- The creation of a monthly newsletter highlighting student achievements and pertinent information;
- The expansion to 23 IAEM-SC Student Chapters and almost 1300 student members;
- The successful reorganization of the Student Council including the creation of IAEM-SC bylaws and the updating of IAEM-USA Student Region bylaws;
- Regular conference calls with Student Chapter Presidents to share information;
- The completion of the annual “Emergency Management Students” survey; and
- Revision of the requirements to be an IAEM student member that allows for greater flexibility for our members.

I would like to serve as your President for one additional term while I continue my post-graduate education. I feel that I have the knowledge and resources to navigate the IAEM structure and continue to represent your needs and desires. Some of the issues I would like to work on over the next year if given the chance include:

- Update the IAEM student website and job board to make it easier to navigate and provide more appropriate resources;
- Provide additional resources to our chapters as well as our members who are not part of a student chapter;
- Continue a conference program specifically designed for the needs of students;
- Work to provide connections between students and professionals in their region to increase employment and internship opportunities;
- Continue to find ways to communication with and get more students involved in the organization.

I appreciate the vote of confidence you have given me over the last year and ask for your vote one last time to continue the good work we have started. I welcome any questions, comments or suggestions you have and thank you in advance for your support!