



# THE RESPONDER

## U.S. STUDENT REGION NEWS

### Congratulations!

Dan Hahn has met the requirements and has earned his CEM. Please let's make every effort to show him our support when he is acknowledged during the CEM Presentation Ceremony at this year's conference in Kansas City. Congratulations Dan, you are an inspiration to all of us who are pursuing our degrees and CEM.

### Thank you

I want to thank all of our student members for the opportunity to serve you. I have enjoyed serving as your secretary and the distinct honor of being the first editor of the Responder. You provided us with ideas as to what you all wanted at last years conference and this was one of the results. I hope you have all enjoyed it and will increase your support of it by each taking the time to write an article or provide news to be included in future articles.

At the conference I will be passing the torch to Eric Sawyer, our new Student Region Secretary. I will work closely with him in his transition to editor. Please feel free to send me any suggestions and I will pass them on to Eric. I look forward to serving as your Vice President over the next year as it will pose new and interesting challenges for me.

Respectfully,  
Andrew Jarvi, Secretary

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### University of Canterbury

At the University of Canterbury IAEM Student Chapter all of our members our postgraduate students engaged in either masters or Ph.D. research. With this in mind, we thought we would do what we do best and incorporate education into our IAEM activities.

As a result, our Chapter will be hosting a CEM101 Information Session on the University campus on 13th November. The session has been opened out to all IAEM members in the local area and if anyone is visiting from overseas and feel like dropping in they are more than welcome. During the session Kristin Hoskin, Vice-

President of the Oceania Council will present an introduction to the CEM qualification and answer questions about the certification process, requirements and benefits of CEM. Members who are already doing their CEM are welcome to attend to ask questions, share their experiences and catch up with other IAEM members. The session will give our Chapter a chance to meet with other IAEM members and will also increase awareness of the CEM programme.

When: 13th November 2008, 10am

Where: University of Canterbury Campus, Christchurch, Geology Room 210

Cost: FREE!

For more information please contact Amy Stephenson:  
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## North Dakota State University

Greetings from North Dakota State University, It has been a great semester for NDSU's IEMSA Chapter so far. The continuation of our professional lecture series has been a success. In September, Dr. Bonnie Selzler, North Dakota State University faculty, spoke to our group about her experiences working with North Dakota Native American populations assisting in the production of their emergency planning activities. In October, terrorism analyst, Dr. Jarret Brachman, spoke with our group about his experience working with the CIA and as faculty at West Point. Dr. Brachman's insights into the current activities of Al-Qaeda were also of interest to both students and faculty at the presentation.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, NDSU's IEMSA hosted the university's first ever "Emergency Preparedness Expo". The event, an information fair, provided information for students to become better prepared for emergencies and disasters. Organizations that assisted with the event included: American Red Cross, Cass-Fargo Emergency Management, FirstLink Volunteer Network, Cass County Extension Service, and NDSU's Emergency Management Program. The event brought in nearly 400 students through out the day and had a good response from attendees. As part of the event, United Blood Services assisted with a blood drive that collected around 30 pints of blood. The event also featured an extremely successful silent auction that raised nearly \$600 to fund organization activities.



Student Browse informational materials provided by IEMSA



A student explores winter survival information provided by Cass-Fargo Emergency Management.



Emergency Management student Patrick Pashall organizes rubber ducks distributed through the “Duck Disasters” exhibit



United Blood Service technicians working to assist students and faculty with blood drive donations.

I would also like to give special recognition to new members of NDSU’s IEMSA chapter: Renetta Kalis, Jon Romans, Ben Hoffman, Ryan McEwan, and Pierre Freeman. The organization and I are very excited to have new faces and ideas to continue the progression of this group.

It has been an exciting semester thus far for our chapter and I can’t wait to see what the organization can accomplish during the rest of the academic term. See you in Kansas City!

Sincerely,  
Breanna Koval  
IEMSA President  
North Dakota State University

**Metropolitan College of New York**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the election of the following officers:

President- Ryan Marr  
Vice President 1- Mario Gonzalez  
Secretary- Courtney Jackson

Hearty congratulations to the three newest officers with hope for the best to come. I would also like to thank all of the students, alumni, and faculty at MCNY. It truly has been an honor serving as President for the past year. I will continue working with the student chapter, but I will focus my efforts on creating a MCNY Emergency Management Alumni Association. I wish everyone well and hope to see you all in the field.

Thank you,  
Susamma Seeley  
President, IAEM-MCNY

**Philadelphia University Chapter**

Graduate students in Philadelphia University's Master's Degree in Disaster Medicine and Management (DMM) program had an extraordinary opportunity to apply their classroom learning to a real-world situation during the University's summer disaster drill led by DMM Program Director Jean Will, Ed.D. The DMM program at Philadelphia has on week-long residency requirement, which is designed to enhance the online degree program.

This year the practical experience was an exercise involving school violence and students being taken hostage. It involved more than two dozen different agencies from the Philadelphia and suburban area. The drill was primarily designed as a hands-on educational experience for students in the Disaster Medicine and Management program, but it also provided an excellent learning opportunity for University officials, Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments, US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA and the many other agencies that participated in the exercise. More than 500 personnel were involved in the exercise.

The hot wash and critique of the exercise provided many good observations. The concepts and ideas from this event will be used in future experiences and should provide a great start for next years Graduate Students.

The year's disaster drill was preceded by a lecture by terrorism expert John Giduck, who explained the importance of planning and preparing for a terrorist attacks. Giduck, author of "Terror at Beslan: A Russian Tragedy With Lessons for America's Schools," stressed the need for police, EMS and disaster professionals – as well as campus officials – to be prepared for worst-case scenarios. "No team trains to battle the weakest opponents," he said. "You have to train and be prepared to bring your skill sets together."

Philadelphia University Student Chapter also received full chapter status in September upon completion all of the requirements of IAEM-SC. About one third of our student body involved in our chapter and we currently hold monthly meetings via conference call to accommodate all of our students throughout the USA. We also have an on-campus meeting during the weeklong residency program.

A group of students are planning to attend the National IAEM Conference in Kansas City and we are looking forward to networking and learning from other students and IAEM members next month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Buzzerd RN, MS (c), NREMT-Paramedic  
Philadelphia University IAEM-SC  
Chapter President

**Virginia Commonwealth University**

The IAEM chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University opened the 2008-2009 year by participating in the VCU Student Organization and Volunteer Opportunities fair. The organization has been actively recruiting across VCU to build up a strong group of students interested in emergency management. To foster networking and a sense of community, we arranged a fun social mixer for new and older members. Students had the chance to speak to fellow members outside the classroom and relax together. We have also fundraised for the Greater Richmond Red Cross chapter, raising much needed money for the Disaster Relief Fund. Additionally, IAEM-VCU along with the Virginia State Police and Virginia Department of Emergency Management have sponsored and organized a tour of the Virginia State Fusion Center and Virginia's Emergency Operations Center. This tour was an excellent opportunity for students to view state-of-the-art facilities and be able to converse with professionals working in the field regarding current practices.



**REGION REMINDERS!****IAEM-SC SEEKS TREASURER & SECRETARY**

The IAEM student structure is changing and there is still an opportunity for you to be a part of it! The new IAEM-SC bylaws call for a Secretary and Treasurer to be appointed from outside the IAEM-SC leadership. The job of the Secretary includes keeping all records of meetings, managing IAEM-SC publications and online presence, handling correspondence and managing non-financial records. The job of the Treasurer includes maintaining financial records, facilitating all financial transactions, and overseeing elections and voting.

For a complete job description go to [www.iaem.com/students](http://www.iaem.com/students) to view the bylaws.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions please email Brian Silva at [bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com) with "IAEM-SC Nomination" in the subject line and include your name, address, position you desire, and qualifications.

**BE A PART OF THE IAEM-SC MARKETING VIDEO IN KC**

Will you be attending the KC conference? Are you a student or did you graduate in 2008? If so, we are looking for about 16 students to donate 15 minutes or so of your time on Monday in Kansas City to interview you for a new student marketing video. You will receive the question(s) ahead of time and will participate in a brief conference call to go over the details. If you are interested please email Patrice Burkes at [patrice\\_burkes@yahoo.com](mailto:patrice_burkes@yahoo.com) with IAEM-SC in the subject line by Wednesday November 5 / ASAP with your:

- name
- school
- graduation year (actual or projected)
- why you believe students should join IAEM-SC

We are looking for a diversity of volunteers (age, gender, grad/undergrad, geography, USA/international, online/physical programs, etc.) so please highlight any other attributes you think would make you qualified

**STUDENT COUNCIL BASKET FOR BASKET BONANZA**

Each of the Council is required to assemble a basket for the IAEM Scholarship Basket Bonanza. The Student Council Board has decided to go with a theme from the movie Animal House. We need your help in assembling the basket. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Student Council basket please contact Vice President Daniel Hahn to let him know what you will be contributing. Below is a list of ideas of items we could use.

- University sweatshirt
- party supplies
- animal house poster
- something toga / greek
- red & blue tie
- Food fight items (green jello, brownie mix, plates)

**IAEM 56th Annual Conference**

The IAEM 56th Annual Conference & EMEX 2008 "Putting a New Spin on Emergency Management" is being held November 15-20, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel & Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas City (Overland Park), Kansas. For more information go to <http://www.iaem.com/events/annual/intro.htm>.

**SCP@KC & CONFERENCE DETAILS**

The IAEM Student Council Program at Kansas City (SCP@KC), or "Scoop at KC," is a series of FREE general and exclusive events, opportunities and resources designed specifically for students attending the IAEM Annual Conference in Kansas City. The events focus on providing unique opportunities to students in professional development, networking, social engagements, academics, job/ internship placement and much more. The IAEM Annual Conference provides a forum for current trends and topics, information about the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security, and advances IAEM committee work. Sessions encourage stakeholders at all levels of government, the private sector, public health and related professions to exchange ideas on collaborating to protect lives and property from disaster. Benefits of attendance include:

- **Education and Training:** A forum for current trends and topics, latest tools and technology.
- **Collaboration:** A place for all levels of government, private sector, public health and related professions to exchange ideas.
- **Networking:** More than 1500 participants.
- **Products and Services:** EMEX 2008 showcases technologies, products and services.

For complete program details, [click here](#).

## TRANSPORTATION

IAEM-SC makes no recommendation on how to get to Kansas City. If you live nearby, consider carpooling with other students in the area. Here are a few links for other low-cost transportation options:

- [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com)
- [www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com)
- [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)
- [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)
- [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**“GREEN FLAG”: IAEM-SC NETWORKING FOR JOBS & INTERNSHIPS**

11/17 – 11/19 @ Daily

Open to all student conference attendees

EMEX Hall – Free

The IAEM-SC has worked hard to recruit organizations to the conference that are looking to offer employment or internships, especially to students. Within the EMEX Hall, all organizations that are offering jobs, internships, or are collecting resumes for future opportunities will have a **GREEN FLAG** placed at their EMEX Booth. Students can then contact representatives at those booths directly.

In addition, a job and internship board will be set up within the EMEX Hall where any member of IAEM may post job or internship opportunities. Students can access that board and make contact with the individual or organization at the conference.

Students are **highly** encouraged to bring business cards (for free business cards, go to [www.vistaprint.com](http://www.vistaprint.com)) and copies of their resume to distribute.

**IAEM-SC WORKSHOP: “Applying for Federal Jobs & Navigating KSA’s”**

Joseph Marcec, United States Office of Personnel Management 11/16 @ 4pm-5pm

Open to all conference attendees - FREE

Location: Cottonwood 3, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel



Mr. Joseph Marcec will present on how to apply for jobs within the USA Federal Government including FEMA, DHS, CDC and other agencies. He will also talk about where and how to search for jobs, how to write effective KSA's (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities), resume tips, and insider information for landing your dream job!!

**KANSAS CITY BBQ DINNER AND DISASTER TOUR**

11/16 @ 6:00pm – 9:30pm

RSVP Required - Limited space

Open to student conference attendees only

Location: Bus departs from the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel Parking Lot - \$10

IAEM-SC and the IAEM-University of Central Missouri Student Chapter (IAEM-UCM) invite fellow students to join us for a Kansas City BBQ Dinner and Disaster Tour! Our night begins at the locals' favorite BBQ restaurant. After dinner, ride a charter bus to experience a unique narrated "disaster tour" of Kansas City designed by our colleagues at IAEM-UCM. Hear about famous disaster events, including the 1951 flood, the Hyatt skywalk collapse and the Kemper Arena roof collapse, as well as a tour of the local EOC.\* Meet fellow students, network and have fun on your first night in Kansas City!

**RSVP required.** After registering for the conference, RSVP by emailing your name, school and conference registration confirmation to [bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com).

**\*Route may change**

### **"AFTER HOURS": IAEM-SC STUDENT HOSPITALITY SUITE**

**11/16 – 11/18 @ 9:30pm-12am**

**Open to all student conference attendees**

**Room TBA; Sheraton Overland Park Hotel – Free**

Time to relax! IAEM-SC will be hosting a nightly (Sun-Tues) hospitality suite where all students can gather at the end of the day to relax, socialize and hang out. Come meet your fellow students from around the world!

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAREER WORKSHOP**

**11/17 @ 2pm-6pm**

**RSVP Required – Limited Space**

**Open to all conference attendees**

Location: Leatherwood 1, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

So what jobs are available in emergency management and how can I make myself more competitive in the job market? Students enrolled in emergency management degree programs, as well as people looking at changing careers, are asking these questions more frequently, and this year's Emergency Management Career Workshop will explore these questions. Members of IAEM who are at different points along their career paths will share their experiences. There will also be information on résumé writing and interview skills, which are a critical first step when applying for a job. The presentations will be followed up with opportunities to have your résumé reviewed and critiqued as well as the option to participate in one-on-one mock interviews.

RSVP for the EM Career Workshop as part of your conference registration.

**[Register for the conference here.](#)**

**IAEM-SC NETWORKING RECEPTION****11/17 @ 8pm-9:30pm****RSVP Required - Limited space****Open to student conference attendees only****Location: Leatherwood 3, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel**

Monday night will feature the highlight student event of the conference: the IAEM-SC Networking Reception. The event will be an opportunity for students to connect with IAEM members as well as EMEX vendors who have specifically indicated they are interested in hiring or offering internships to students in the emergency management and related fields.

Because the event will be a professional opportunity to network, business casual attire is required. In addition, all students are required to bring business cards to attend (for free business cards, go to [www.vistaprint.com](http://www.vistaprint.com)). **RSVP required.** After registering for the conference, RSVP by emailing your name, school and conference registration confirmation to [bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com).

**QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact IAEM-SC President Brian Silva at [bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com).

**IAEM Memorial Service**

Dear IAEM-Student Council Members:

As you may be aware, each year we have a brief Memorial Service to remember colleagues who we have lost during the year. Chaplain Jeff Walker will lead the Service this year during the Annual Conference in Overland Park. It occurs Wednesday afternoon, November 19.

Please let Chaplain Walker know of any IAEM-SC members who have passed away this year. If possible, provide:

- 1) Name
- 2) University
- 3) Chapter (if applicable)
- 4) Job title and jurisdiction or organization (if applicable)

Send information to [jealker@lcounty.com](mailto:jealker@lcounty.com).

"This is your IAEM!"

Brian Silva, MPA  
President, Student Council  
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**2008 – 2009 IAEM U.S. Student Region Officers**



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President**



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1st Vice President**



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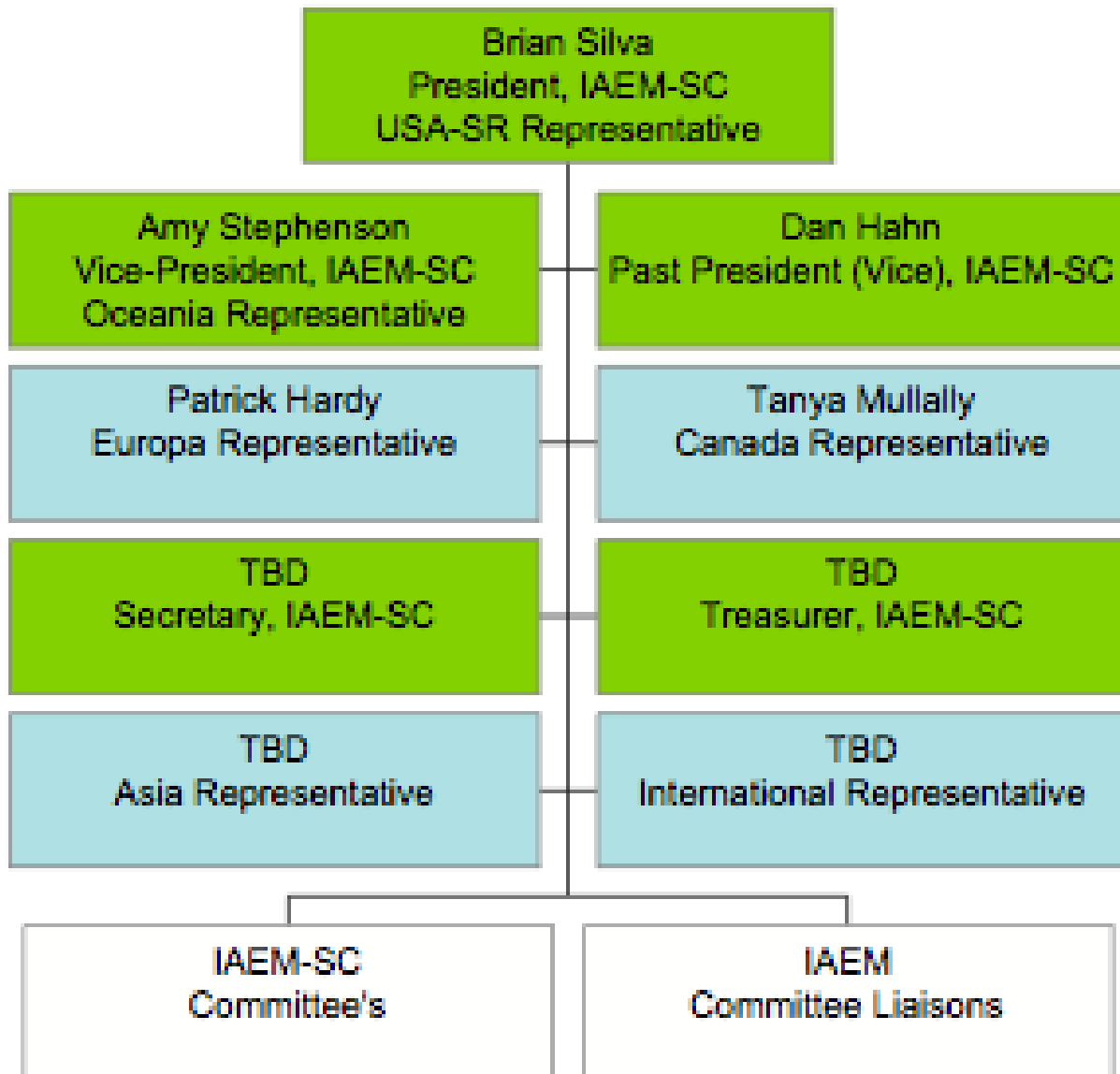


**Shelly Riggall  
Treasurer**



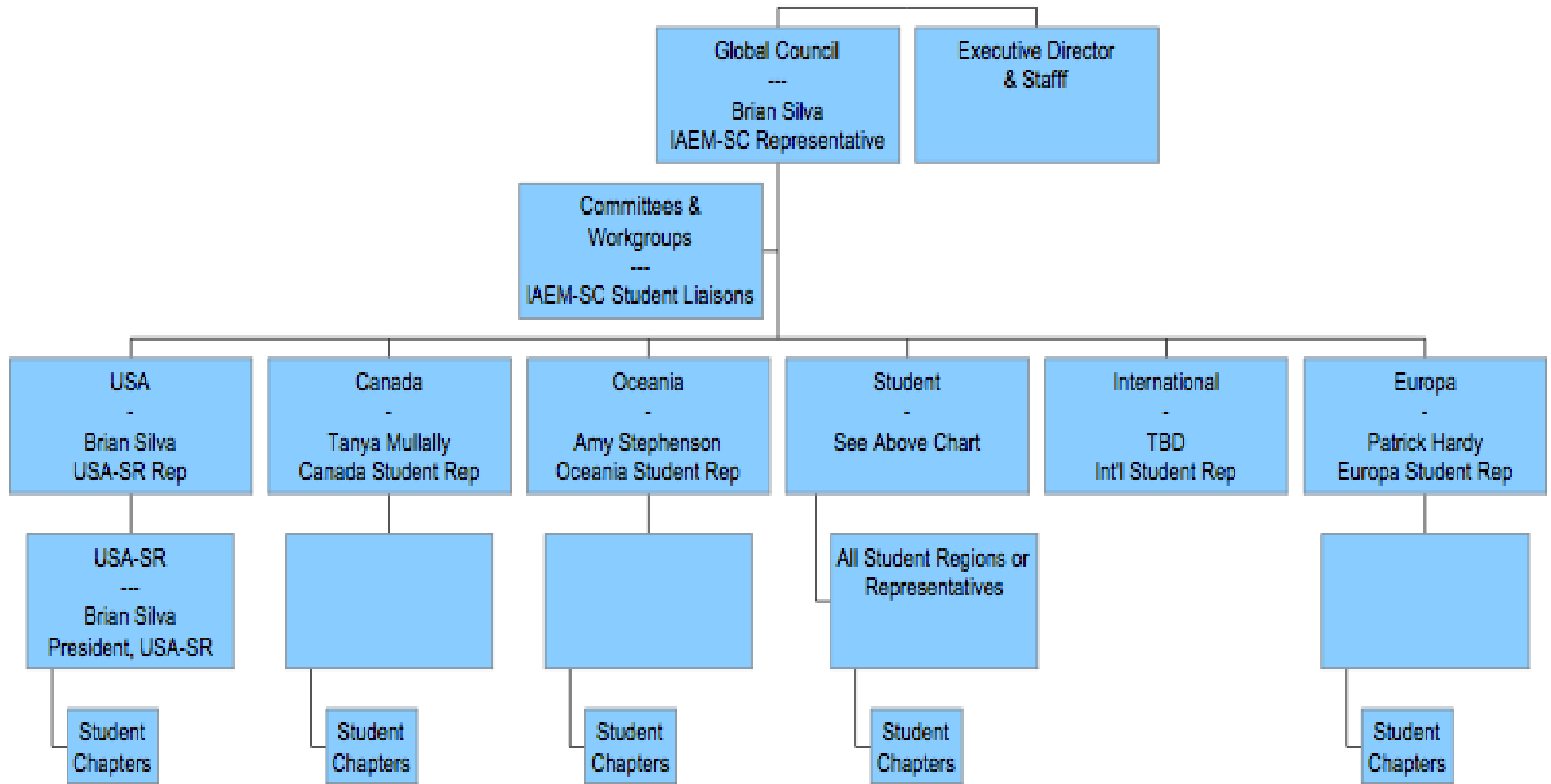
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IAEM STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP



**GREEN** = IAEM-SC Executive Committee  
**GREEN + BLUE** = IAEM-SC Board of Directors

IAEM GLOBAL STRUCTURE





# SCP@KC

The IAEM Student Council (IAEM-SC) Presents:

## IAEM-SC Program at Kansas City

IAEM 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX 2008

November 15-20, 2008

Kansas City (Overland Park), KS

## Student Hotel

The Super 8 Overland Park Motel is an approximate 15 minute walk from the conference center.

A: 10750 Barkley Street  
P: 913.341.4440



## About SCP@KC

The FREE IAEM-SC Program at Kansas City (SCP@KC) is a series of general and exclusive events, opportunities and resources designed for students attending the IAEM Annual Conference. The events focus on providing unique opportunities to students in professional development, networking, academics and job/internship placement.

## Special Thanks To:

- The IAEM-SC Executive Committee including Brian Silva, Dan Hahn, Andrew Jarvi, Patrick Hardy, and Ernest Wheeler;
- IAEM staff especially Melissa Trumbull, Clay Tyeryar, Karen Thompson, Sue Denston and Beth Armstrong;
- IAEM President Larry Gispert, Volunteer Coordinator Dan Robeson, and IAEM Policy Advisor Martha Braddock;
- The IAEM-SC Membership, especially all volunteers and the IAEM Student Chapter Presidents;
- IAEM-University of Central Missouri Student Chapter (IAEM-UCM) especially Dianna Bryant.

## Questions

Feel free to contact Brian Silva, IAEM-SC President at 562.897.6677 or email at [bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com).

## RECURRING EVENTS

○ "After Hours": IAEM-SC Hospitality Suite

*Sunday – Tuesday; 9:30pm – 12:00am*

*Room TBA, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel*

○ "Green Flag": IAEM-SC Networking for Jobs & Internships

○ IAEM-SC Job & Internship Board

○ IAEM-SC Student Academic Poster Competition Display

*Monday; 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

*Tuesday; 8:00am – 6:00pm*

*Wednesday; 8:00am – 2:00pm*

*EMEX Hall*

Daily Volunteer Morning Briefing

*Sunday – Wednesday; 7:30am – 8:00am*

*Courtyard 2-3, Overland Park Convention Center*

### SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2008

Volunteer Cadre Meeting

*2:30pm – 3:30pm*

*Leatherwood 1, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel*

○ IAEM-SC Caucus

*3:30pm – 4:00pm*

*Cottonwood 3, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel*

○ "Applying for Federal Jobs & Navigating KSAs Workshop"

*Joseph Marcec, United States Office of Personnel Management*

*4:00pm – 5:00pm*

*Cottonwood 3, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel*

IAEM Welcome Reception

*5:00pm – 6:30pm*

*Cottonwood 2, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel*

○ ◆ Kansas City BBQ Dinner & Disaster Tour (\$10)  
 6:30pm – 9:30pm  
 Bus departs from Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

Movie Night: "The Wizard of Oz"  
 8:00pm – 10:00pm  
 Cottonwood 1, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel (Dress up encouraged!)

### MONDAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2008

◆ Emergency Management Career Workshop  
 1:00pm – 6:00pm  
 Leatherwood 1, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

EMEX Opening Reception  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
 EMEX Hall

○ ◆ IAEM-SC Networking Reception  
 8:00pm – 9:30pm  
 Leatherwood 3, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

### TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 18, 2008

IAEM Scholarship Auction  
 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
 EMEX Hall

### WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2008

IAEM President's Reception, Banquet and Entertainment  
 6:00pm – 12:00am  
 Cottonwood Foyer and Ballroom, Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

○ Denotes SCP@KC Exclusive Event

◆ Denotes RSVP Required / Possible limited space

## REGION XII CHAPTERS

American Public University System (APUS)  
Arkansas Tech University (ATU)  
Brandon University  
California University of Pennsylvania  
Central Missouri State University (CMSU)  
Homeland Security Management Institute  
at Long Island University (Provisional)  
Instituto Politecnico de Castelo Branco (IPCB)  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)  
Lakeland College – Canada  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
Metropolitan College of New York  
North Dakota State University  
Norwich University (Provisional)  
Philadelphia University (Provisional)  
University of Akron (UA)  
University of Canterbury (Provisional)  
University of Chicago (Provisional)  
University of South Dakota (USD)  
University of North Texas (UNT)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Virginia Commonwealth University (Provisional)  
Western Washington University  
York University

Don't see your school on here? Want to start a chapter? We'll help! Please feel free to contact the Student Region Vice President and we will help guide you and your fellow emergency management students in starting a chapter. It has been a phenomenal year of growth for the IAEM-USA Student Region, let's keep up the momentum and continue to grow!

**2007-2008**

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