



THE RESPONDER

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome Back!

We all hope you enjoyed your summer break. As you have noticed from the recent e-mails the restructuring of IAEM is moving along well. Thank you to all who took the time to vote on the Student Council Bylaws. Through your participation and input we can continually improve students standing within IAEM and our profession. Please start sending news updates and remember they need to be in by the 23rd of each month to be included in the newsletter.

Respectfully,
Andrew Jarvi, Secretary
IAEM Student Council

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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)

REGION REMINDERS!

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](#).

FREE REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEERING

The normal cost of the registration is \$200 for IAEM Students (Students who are not members may join IAEM (\$25) prior to registration to receive the discount rate). To become a student member of IAEM, [click here](#).

IAEM will waive the \$200 registration fee for students who volunteer for a minimum of 8 hours at the conference. Volunteer Applications are due by **Sept. 26, 2008**. For more information about volunteering or to apply to be a volunteer, visit the [IAEM 2008 Conference Volunteers Page](#). Once you have been accepted as a volunteer, or if you would like to register without volunteering, [click here](#).

IAEM-SC DISCOUNT HOTEL

IAEM-SC has secured discount rooms for students at the nearby [Super 8 Overland Park Motel](#), about a 15-minute walk to the conference center. The single (\$48/day) or double (\$55/day)* occupancy rooms include free continental breakfast, free high speed

internet, heated outdoor pool and more. To book a room (reservation is non refundable and cannot be changed) call (913) 341-9040 before October 31 and make sure to reference "IAEM Conference" to get the discount rate.

Obtain information and rates for the other conference hotels.

***Note: If fewer than 30 rooms are booked before Oct. 31 by IAEM Students, or more than 2 students will be in a room, the rates will be \$5 higher per day.**

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
- www.hotwire.com
- www.priceline.com
- www.greyhound.com
- 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) 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 @ 6:30pm – 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, rider 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.

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

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact IAEM-SC President Brian Silva at 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.

"This is your IAEM!"

Brian Silva, MPA
President, Student Council
International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-SC)
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2008 – 2009 ELECTIONS

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL TAKE PART IN THIS YEARS ELECTIONS. IT IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION BECAUSE OF ALL THE CHANGES THAT ARE HAPPENING WITHIN IAEM AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL. TO VOTE PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK.

<http://www.iaem.com/about/membership/Regions/StudentRegion/StudentVote2008.htm>

NOMINEES**IAEM-USA PRESIDENT****David S. Blevins**

Candidate for IAEM-USA Student Region President

I would like to introduce myself as part of my nomination for the President position of the International Association of Emergency Managers – Student Council. As mentioned above my name is David Blevins and I am a serve my community as a member of the fire service, and the country as an emergency manager in the Tennessee Air National Guard / USAF Air Reserve Component.

I am currently enrolled with the University of Memphis obtaining two Bachelor's degrees, one in Fire Administration and the other in Fire Prevention Technology. I am also completing an Associate's degree program through the Community College

In my career, I have served in many roles from firefighter to company officer, staff officer, and Health and Safety Officer. I have served as an advisor to upper level administrators and city officials increasing my ability to communicate in any situation

My education coupled with my experience places me in a perfect position to assume the role of IAEM-SC President with the acceptance of its members.

Thank you and as always, remain safe

**Brian Silva**

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;

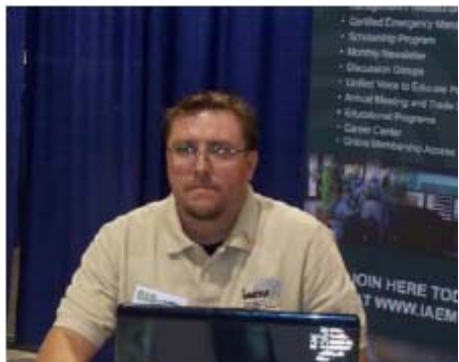
Continue a conference program specifically designed for the needs of students;

Work to provide connections between students and professionals in their region to increase employment and internship opportunities;

Continue to find ways to communicate 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!

IAEM-USA 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Mark Borland

I am an up and rising Honors Student of Emergency Management in Colorado. At my college I have made great strides in leadership. I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serving on the Student government as an officer. My ambitious and passionate nature in volunteering for disaster relief and emergency services field has given me experiences of a life time. During the four and a half years in the field I have seen some a wide variety of disasters. From large disasters to the single home disasters, I have worked with diverse populations. While serving as a volunteer I have clocked more than 3000 hours in the field including time as a government liaison. All this volunteering has influenced me to want to work as an emergency manager. During my personnel work for IAEM, I have brought the first IAEM-SC to Colorado and I am out-reaching to all the colleges in Colorado that express interest in IAEM.

Why I want to be an officer for IAEM-SC? I believe in visibility and involvement. By being and officer I will have even greater opportunities to help others learn about IAEM and to continue working to strengthen and expand IAEM. As an officer I bring to the team my knowledge, experience and passion toward the organization and emergency management in general.



Andrew Jarvi

I have enjoyed serving as your secretary over the last year and would like to continue to serve you as the First Vice President of the USA Student Region. We have accomplished a great deal over the past year but the Student Region has not yet hit its peak. As the First Vice President I would work to help the President and the Region move forward towards achieving its maximum potential.

I am now in my first year at American Public University working towards my MA in Emergency and Disaster Management. I am currently employed by Columbus State Community College as their Emergency Management Coordinator. My position is new at Columbus State and comes with many challenges.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Secretary and the editor of the newsletter; I hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve you, my fellow students as the First Vice President of the IAEM-USA Student Region.

IAEM-USA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT**Lydia Maria Dross**

My name is Lydia Maria Dross aka Lilly. I graduated in the year 2000 with a Bachelor's Degree in psychology (study of violent behavior), and community organization at Ottawa University, AZ. I am senior graduate student from Regent University, Virginia and with the Lords help, I will be graduating next Spring 09 with a Master's degree in Public Administration and second major is in Homeland Defense-Terrorism. I have completed my first major in HLD and in process of completing my second major.

I am originally from New York born and raised in Long Island NY. I moved to Arizona in 1995 and in 2006 accepted a position with the American Red Cross. As an employee of the American Red Cross, I oversaw the Armed Forces Communication-Services to the Armed Forces unit- which encompasses five branches in the State of OK. I was responsible to oversee 30 counties, including training, mentoring and supervising volunteers and staff. I was the coordinator of Family Reserves to assist families whose loved ones are currently serving in the war against terror.

The American Red Cross is the only international organization in the world that has the congressional mandate to be the mediator between civilians and the military branch. It was my great pleasure to serve our men and women at the home front on behalf of their love ones. In addition, I was also responsible to oversee day to day operations in disaster relief operations, client service delivery, training, volunteer supervision, partner services, community relations and administrative duties. I was responsible to oversee 18 counties in that capacity.

A few months ago, I resigned from the American Red Cross and became a volunteer due to academic reasons. A few days ago, I came back from serving 21 days in the IKE disaster relief operations in TX, SC and San Antonio. I was assigned as the Partner Services Manager for voluntary agencies, working with NGO's, federal and local communities in the pre-planning and landfall operations. It was quite an experience, as it is the highest level of operation I have ever participated in-level 6.

At the home-front, I currently serve as an appointed commissioner for the Greater Tulsa Hispanic Commission Board. This is my second year in service. As a commissioner, the greatest challenge our state and other states are facing is immigration. I can tell you stories about my experience and what the disaster relief operations had to do to overcome those barriers. The commission works on diversity issues as well as specializing on local Hispanic/Latino issues and has made great strides to ensure the safety and well being of illegal immigrants during catastrophic events, through media intervention and other means of communications through higher level of interventions.

Prior to my passion in emergency response, I have served 20 years in social work practice and in various disciplines including, suicide-homicide prevention and intervention, seven years in child welfare expertise-tribal, federal, state and county affiliations, medical background, mental health and counseling practices. In those 20 years of paid and non-paid positions, I received a presidential volunteer pin for serving more than 4000 hours in volunteer services. As you can see, my passion is helping people.

My second passion is establishing, assessing, organizing and assisting local communities, faith-based organization in preparing, planning and organizing disaster preparedness and drills.

Serving as a second VP for IAEM student body will be a learning opportunity for me, as well as utilizing my field expertise, academic training in emergency response and public administration to engage the body to a new meaning of emergency management based on the IAEM mission and vision for the upcoming year.

I recently was approved as a member of Oklahoma Emergency Management, where I currently am resident of and have been approved to complete my internship at my local EOC with the City of Tulsa Emergency Management/Homeland department.

My desire is to bring our student body to greater level and achieve those goals that were set out for us to do. It will be my great pleasure to give my time to a great organization and to assist as Second VP to our student body. If not elected, I will continue to assist in any capacity, because the cause is worthy of its vocation and it is what I called to do and that is to serve humanity.



Matthew Kurz

My name is Matthew Kurz and I will be a third year student this year at The Ohio State University. I am nominating myself for the position of Second Vice President within the USA region because I believe there are several positive things that I can offer concerning this position. I have been put in positions of leadership in the past, such as high school class vice president, and captain of various sports and organizations. While these are not necessarily leadership positions of similar magnitude to Second Vice President of the Student IAEM, the college and major that I am currently enrolled in (International Studies / Security and Intelligence) at The Ohio State University have more than prepared me to accept a leadership role of this magnitude. I also am a conscientious and diligent person and I am extremely willing to complete any task assigned to the best of my ability. I would appreciate any consideration taken concerning my nomination to a leadership position for such a highly regarded organization such as IAEM.



Brenda B. Webber

I am a duty active Army Senior Medical Non-commissioned Officer with over 23 years of service. I have been involved in emergency response for the last 10 years: as an Emergency Medical Technician Instructor Trainer, Practical Nurse, and my current position as the Senior Clinical NCO for USA MEDDAC-Alaska. I am an active American Red Cross Disaster Volunteer and a Fairbanks North State Borough LEPC Committee Member. Currently I am attending Cappella Universities Public Safety: Emergency Management Doctoral Program.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Science in Disaster Management, Touro International University, 2007; Master of Arts, Human Resource Development, Webster University, 2008; PhD Public Safety, Cappella University full-time student

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Fairbanks Local Emergency Planning Committee Member - 2006

American Red Cross, Disaster Action Team - 2007

American College of Healthcare Executives - 2007

International Association of Emergency Managers Member – 2008

IAEM-USA TREASURER**Meg Prior**

All government agencies charged with Emergency Support Functions must purchase the resources essential for the performance of their duties using a carefully vetted procurement process. As tax payers, citizens demand that their dollars are spent wisely, according to the principles of transparency and competition. Effective and nimble procurement is particularly essential in terms of emergency management, where time is of the essence and lives hang in the balance. When an emergency strikes it is the function of government procurement to make sure

that whatever resource is needed, whatever service required can be acquired in a timely, legal, and cost effective process that provides best value to the g

The operational reality of emergency management however, represents enormous challenges to that directive and the emergency procurement system is constantly the subject of ongoing development. In the first years of the new millennium, this procurement system has been put to the test, processing an unprecedented amount of contracts. The events of 9/11 and the ongoing war on terror, coupled with the severe hurricane season of 2005 – including Hurricane Katrina, have placed federal procurement under intense scrutiny and were the impetus for ongoing review and reform federal procurement guidelines.

When one thinks of “emergency management professionals”, we tend to think first of those on the front lines – Police, Fire, Search & Rescue teams, etc. However, every single item or service needed to support our frontline responders must go through the government procurement process. As a government contracting subject matter expert, I work to recruit, train, and retain the best talent into the government workforce and execute fair, competitively transacted contracts for emergency goods and services. I believe it is my job to make sure emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation is fully supported in their procurement needs before, during, and after an emergency. As a member of the International Association of Emergency Management, I feel my area of study is an essential compliment to the skills of emergency managers and first responders. I understand the business of government business and look forward to my continued contribution to the field of emergency management research and application.

**Shelly Riggall**

I am a transplant Texan living in the Florida Panhandle, married with grown children. I am working towards my bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration on local and state government and a minor in business accounting. Once I complete my BA I plan to follow with my master's degree in Emergency Management.

I have over 14 years experience in the office environment. I was co-owner and office manager of Cavin Crop Insurance in Texas for seven years. In that time business increased by 35%. I personally maintained the agency budget and financial records. Currently I am a state employee working as document manager on a multimillion dollar IT project.

I became familiar with emergency management while living in Texas and working as an EMT. I spent two years working with Small Business Administration Disaster Recovery when I first moved to Florida. I worked in disaster recovery centers throughout Florida and Mississippi during the Florida big 4 and also worked with Hurricane Katrina relief.

Because of my experience in the office environment managing financial records and maintaining databases combined with my accounting classes, I would make an excellent Treasurer for the IAEM Student Council.

IAEM-USA SECRETARY**Eric N. Sawyer**

As a Maine native, I currently work at the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency in Windham, Maine. I have been with the agency for nearly 4 years. I am attending Frederick Community College, in the Emergency Management program.

With extensive PIO training and an eye for graphic design, I will serve as the primary content manager for the region's publications. I will also be sure that regional information is updated online and on social networking websites. If elected as secretary, I will carry out all official duties with pride while assisting in moving the Student Region into the future.

At 23, I've lived in Maine my entire life and when I'm not managing emergencies, you'll likely find me kayaking on a tranquil lake or camping in Northern Maine.

Thank you for your support as I run for the position of Secretary for the IAEM-USA Student Region. I look forward to serving you, the students of IAEM-USA.

CANDIDATES FOR IAEM-ASIA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There were no nominees but write-ins are encouraged

CANDIDATES FOR IAEM-CANADA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**Tanya Mullally**

I am employed with the Canadian Red Cross, as Disaster Manager for PEI Region as well as the Atlantic Zone Disaster Management Training Coordinator.

I have formal training in Basic Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Centre Management, ICS 400, CISM and have accreditation as a Certified Continuity Manager in Business Continuity Planning, through NIBCM (National Institute of Business Continuity Management). I am currently working on a diploma in Emergency Management, through distance learning with NAIT. I have worked in the field of

Emergency Services in various roles for over 13 years, including 12 years as a volunteer Fire fighter, GSAR and currently as an Auxiliary Constable with the RCMP.

For the past 2 years I have been a member of the National Training Committee for the Canadian Red Cross which is responsible for the development and Quality management for the National Disaster Management Training curriculum. Since joining the Red Cross I have coordinated several responses for events such as Hurricane Katrina, Tropical Storm Noel (Fall 07) Atlantic Impacts, and PEI Ice Storm in January 08, and managed Saint John NB operations for the first week during this years NB Floods.

Benjamin Pantin

Two years ago I joined the field of emergency management out of curiosity when York University introduced a certificate in Disaster and Emergency Management. Today, I see the big picture. There are few disciplines that force you to push yourself to strive for a better tomorrow and this can only be done by merging academics and practical experience.

Now in my second year of a MA in emergency management, I have the distinct pleasure of learning and working under David Etkin, Alain Normand and so many more professors, professionals and friends in the field of emergency management in Canada. Recently, my interests have focused on Business Continuity and Resiliency which led to my current position with Hydro One Brampton, the power distribution company for the City of Brampton.

Last year I was the president of the Disaster and Emergency Managers' Student Association (DEMSA) which operated out of York University. Because I strongly believe that effective emergency management is the union of academic and practical experience, my vision for DEMSA was to create a network between emergency managers and ALL students, regardless of institution.

This vision for DEMSA proved to be highly effective in networking EM students and getting students from other fields to consider a career in emergency management. As the IAEM student representative for Canada I will expand this vision and methodology to a national scale. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

CANDIDATES FOR IAEM-EUROPA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



Patrick Hardy

The Student Region of IAEM has a fantastic tradition of serving the next generation of the emergency management community, and it has been an honor to be part of it. Elections are being held for the President position for Student IAEM-Europa, as we have the opportunity to build on that tradition.

The job of President is to be the “strong, silent type”, because the core leadership of running our new region should be something students and the other officers can always count on to be solid.

My name is Patrick Hardy, and my experience as Student Region Treasurer, a Nationally Registered Parliamentarian, and an undergraduate political science student, makes me an excellent candidate for President of our Student Region.

Our region is one of the smallest. We have yet to establish chapters throughout Europe. We also are dwarfed by student membership numbers in the US and abroad. This is not something for which to be depressed.

It is tremendously exciting.

I am fluent in two languages spoken in Europe, and will travel extensively during my year as Student Region President, speaking to student groups.

Last year, I was Student Region Treasurer, and discovered how to effectively lead as an IAEM - Student Officer. We have the potential to grow exponentially over the next year.

Together, we will open chapters throughout Europe, and give our region depth and uniqueness from that of the United States. I'm a Masters of Laws student in the UK, studying emergency management treaties.

It would be an honor and a pleasure to serve you as your first IAEM-Europa Student Region President.

CANDIDATES FOR IAEM-INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There were no nominees but write-ins are encouraged

CANDIDATES FOR IAEM-OCEANIA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**Amy Stephenson**

I have a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Development and Health in Disaster Management from Coventry University in the UK. During this degree I undertook a placement year and was involved in managing the response to the Buncefield Oil Depot explosion and fire. In 2007 I moved to New Zealand to pursue my Ph.D. studies. Now within the Civil & Natural Resources Engineering Department at the University of Canterbury, my current research focuses on measuring and benchmarking the resilience of organizations. This research is being done through the Resilient Organizations Research Program and focuses not on specific hazards and their affects, but on measuring organizations capacity for response innovation and creativity, and the adaptation of organizations before, during and after crises.

Outside of work, I live in Christchurch but I like to travel as much as I can and I'm hoping to have seen most of New Zealand by the time I complete my studies. I also like to read (as long as it's not more research papers!), generally I read books about people, the environment or history as opposed to novels. I like to go dancing with my friends whenever I can and I enjoy painting abstract and fantasy art.



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IAEM 56th Annual Conference & EMEX 2008

November 15-20, 2008

Kansas City (Overland Park), KS

Student Hotel

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A: 10750 Barkley Street
P: 913.341.4440



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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.

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCT. 15 @ 5PM EST.

IAEM-SC STUDENT ACADEMIC POSTER COMPETITION

11/17 – 11/19 @ Daily

Competition open to all IAEM-SC attendees

Poster viewing open to all conference attendees

EMEX Hall - Free

The IAEM Annual Conference provides an opportunity for IAEM Student Members to showcase their academic work by entering the IAEM Student Poster Competition. Any IAEM Student Member may submit a research poster for consideration. There are separate categories for undergraduate and graduate/postgraduate students with monetary prizes for the winners. The final poster is due at the IAEM Conference in Kansas City. **[For resources on creating an academic poster, click here](#)**

IAEM POSTER PRESENTATION RULES AND PREPARATION GUIDELINES

This poster competition is sponsored by the IAEM Student Council. Please e-mail abstracts to Melissa Trumbull, Program Manager for IAEM, at trumbull@iaem.com in Word or WordPerfect format. The subject line of your email must read "IAEM Poster Abstract."

A. Who may submit a poster abstract — Any Student Member of IAEM may enter. This year for the first time, entries will be divided into two separate competitions – one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students.

B. Deadline — Abstracts must arrive on or before October 1, 2008. Submissions will not be accepted after that date.

C. Multiple papers — You may present one poster at this meeting.

D. Format of Abstract Submission — Title, presenter(s), affiliation, address, phone & fax numbers, and e-mail address.

E. Abstract and Title Length — Abstracts must be less than 150 words. The program chair reserves the right to edit abstracts, if necessary, for clarity, grammar or good usage. Abstracts above the 150-word limit will not be accepted. Titles of abstracts are limited to 10 words.

F. Poster Format — Your poster must not exceed 4 feet in height or 4 feet in width.

G. Poster Presentation Theme — the poster theme must relate to an aspect of emergency management

The exhibit **must** include:

- Short title of the exhibit

- Identification of either a undergraduate or graduate level presentation
- Abstract
- Student's name, or names, and whether they are a graduate or undergraduate student (*There may be no more than 2 students per poster and both must be at the graduate or undergraduate level*)
- Collaborators, advisor(s), and department(s)
- Funding sources
- Internal Review Board Proof of regulatory committee approval if required
- Objectives of the research
- Significance to the field
- Significance to society in general
- Methods
- Results, interpretation of results and conclusions, and directions for future research if the project is completed

H. Additional Presentation Rules

You must be present to at the IAEM 2008 Annual Conference to participate.

- All posters must be set up in the time allotted, and presenters must be present during the entire judging period
- The media or design of the poster is at the creator's discretion
- You are responsible for all needed materials. (Audiovisual equipment and other materials to individual posters will not be provided.)
- If needed, you may have access to one standard electrical outlet should you need it. (When you register your poster, please be sure to note this need.)
- While the author may receive minor assistance (as determined by the judges), the poster must be the student(s) original work and not that of others including their professor(s)

I. Judging Guidelines for Poster Presentations

The purpose of a poster exhibit is to convey to a wide audience a research project's significance to scholars in the field and its potential significance to the general public. While all posters will be publicly displayed for the length of the Annual Conference, judging will take place in private. Exhibits will be judged on their quality in three areas:

- **Content** (*50% of total score*) — See Sections G and H for what the exhibit must include.
- **Display** (*30% of total score*) — The core of each exhibit is a poster with text and graphics intended for a general audience. The poster should attract attention and convey important information about the project. Language should be simple and descriptions brief. Jargon should be avoided, and necessary technical terms should be defined. Spelling and grammar must be correct. Photographs, drawings, graphs, charts, figures, etc., should be simple and well-organized. All text should be large enough to be readable from a distance of 4 to 6 feet.

• **Oral Description and Defense** (*20% of total score*) — During the poster session, each student should be positioned with their poster, prepared to answer questions and elaborate upon their research and presented materials. The quality and accuracy of this discussion will be evaluated by the judges.

J. Awards

The award structure is as follows:

Undergraduate Level Graduate Level

- 1st Place: \$225 - 1st Place: \$225

- 2nd Place: \$175 - 2nd Place: \$175

- 3rd Place: \$100 - 3rd Place: \$100

K. Questions

All questions should be directed to Dan Hahn, IAEM Student Council Vice President at danielh@santarosa.fl.gov.

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