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Welcome

Jason Merante – Co-Editor

Welcome once again to another edition of BRPA – In the Loop. This edition is absolutely crammed with great new information. Here is a preview:

First, we have [Board Member Updates](#), containing loads of information on ways to contribute to BRPA, a final report on this summer's golf outing, our 2009 schedule of events, an update on upcoming industry events, and a word of thanks from our treasurer. We also have a [Summary of Last Meeting](#), which received some great reviews from those who attended. And, we have a [Preview of Next Meeting](#), featuring some exciting topics including: "Are you LinkedIn?" The [Guest Column](#) this month has been written by Andy DeNovo from Arias Information Solutions. Andy discusses the relationship between controls/compliance and Business Continuity. Thanks to a response by John Mantsch, we continue our [Q and A](#) section. This time John gives some sample disaster scenarios you might use during a test. We are still looking for contributions for the [Member Highlights](#) section – let us know if you have a career milestone, speaking engagement, or a personal life event. Then, Chris Sarcletti outlines BRPA membership options in great detail in the [Member Benefits](#) section. Maha Kashani has some information on the 2008 Holiday Luncheon (believe it or not, it is right around the corner) in the [Special Events](#) section. Finally, we have some [Disaster News](#) to keep you "In The Loop."

As usual, I cannot thank our newsletter contributors enough. Thanks again for your dedication to this newsletter.

And finally, we encourage any suggestions you have for improving the newsletter. Drop us a line sometime by emailing: newsletter@brpa-chicago.org. Enjoy this edition of In The Loop.

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Board Member Updates

Tom Dziurgot (Grainger) - President

As part of BRPA's commitment to providing educational and networking opportunities in the Chicagoland area, you can get involved with the special events and activities we have planned for 2009. Volunteering is a great way to expand your professional network and we promise you'll have fun doing it!

We are seeking volunteers for the following committees:

- Audit
- Golf Outing
- 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Annual Membership Training Event
- Newsletter Editorial Staff
- Website Development
- Program Development
- Holiday Luncheon

Other ways you can contribute:

- Be a presenter at a BRPA meeting
- Provide suggestions of high profile speakers you've heard or great programs you have attended
- Recommend venues for future meetings or offer your business location for a meeting (full or half day)
- Sponsor a BRPA breakfast or lunch
- Tell us what you think - fill out our surveys, including the electronic survey we'll be sending in November

Please contact any of BRPA's board members about how you can help BRPA and get more involved with the organization:

President, [Tom Dziurgot](#)

Vice President, [John Mantsch](#)

Treasurer, [Arnie Miller](#)

Secretary, [Don Moore](#)

Program Director, [Dan Johnson](#)

Communications Director, [Alane Watkins](#)

Membership Director, [Chris Sarcletti](#)

Special Events Director, [Maha Kashani](#)

Immediate Past President, [Maria Vergara](#)

BRPA celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2009, so let's start getting ready now. If you have any old BRPA documents or photos please forward them to [me](#) or [Maha Kashani](#).

Don't forget elections are coming in January if you have any interest or need any details of the different offices see our website under by-laws for detailed descriptions of the positions.

John Mantsch (R.J. O'Brien) – Vice President

I just wanted to wrap up the 2008 BRPA golf outing. This outing was considered by many to being the best golf outing that BRPA has ever put on. We had approximately 70 golfers, great weather, great raffles prizes, and a great time!

Due to a number of reasons, but not the least was our vendor support, the 2008 golf outing was a money maker for BRPA. The profit that was realized after this year's event will be used by the board to pay expenses, improve our meetings (possible improvements include: location, speakers, lunch, etc.), we'll also set aside some of this year's profit to prepare for next year's event. The board felt that this was the equitable way to handle any profit generated from the outing since the outing was to benefit the entire association and not just those who participated.

This year's golf committee took this event to the next level. My hat is off to the members of the golf committee who made this event such a resounding success. The golf committee had outstanding support from:

Maria Vergara. Maria ran the golf outing a few years ago and we were able to build on her experience, contacts and documentation on developing this year's event. Maria's documentation and experiences helped us smooth out a lot of rough spots that if we didn't have her input on, we'd have to develop on our own. Since Maria already had the experience, it was easy to learn from Maria as to what would work, what wouldn't and suggestions on how to make everything work better. It was great to have someone with her experience on board.

Maha Kashani. Maha was a great resource for new ideas and for getting the word out. Maha also worked on some other golf outings before volunteering to work on the BRPA golf outing and she was able to use her earlier experience to add some new twists to this year's outing. Maha was responsible for finding a vendor to sponsor the putting contest and she was also able to make the outing more enjoyable by allowing golfers to buy string and the mulligan book. Both of the string and mulligan book option increased revenue while at the same time they increased the enjoyment of our golfing members.

Chris Sarcletti. Chris was the statistician for the golf outing. Chris was responsible for setting up a number of lists which were used to track who was coming, contact information for each golfer, who paid and he also kept a running tally of our expenses as well as projected income. With Chris's support, we knew exactly how many people were coming, what vendors were being represented as well as our projected profit margin. This was a

very critical task since our goal was to have the golf outing to be a money maker for BRPA, so it was critical to always know what our expenses and profit margins were at any given time.

Dan Johnson. Dan was in charge of securing raffle prizes from non-BRPA vendors as well as members. After looking at what he secured for the golf outing, you'd have to say that he did an unbelievable job. Dan was able to secure for the golf outing gift cards and golf gear that had a combined value in excess of \$1000. Dan also had the nail biting job of ensuring that all of the plaques, signs, trophies as well as the new BRPA banner were delivered on time. Everything was delivered on time and all of the signs, plaques, trophies, etc. came out looking great.

Donald Moore. Don was in charge of putting the poster boards together and he worked tirelessly behind the scenes on setting up PayPal. This was a lot of work that Don put into the golf outing that no one outside the golf committee would know about but everyone who received emails, used PayPal or attended the event would see. Don did an excellent job on giving our outing a professional look.

Alane Watkins. Alane had the responsibility for sending out the numerous invites and reminders to everyone. As part of reaching out to our membership, Alane also assisted with cleaning up the contact information in the member database.

Leslie Borders. Leslie Borders was the official photographer for the outing. Leslie took a number of group and team pictures, capturing the highlights of the day. Using these images and sponsor logos, she created a montage which was shown during the lunch. This was a nice touch.

Bottom line, we had a bigger turnout of golfers than recent years, more sponsor participation, great weather, a good lunch, and well-received raffle prizes and giveaways. Also, BRPA realized a profit from this outing which will be used to enhance our programs, member education, and strengthen our professional community.

All in all, we had a very successful golf outing. Hat's off to everyone who worked on making the 2008 golf outing such a raring success and I hope that we can build upon the 2008 outing to make the 2009 outing an even bigger event.

Dan Johnson (Bank of America) – Program Director

Our BRPA meeting dates are all set for 2009. There will be 3 all day sessions, 3 half day sessions and three special event days. The locations are subject to change.

Here are the dates and locations for the BRPA 2009 Program:

Jan. 13 – Chicago Mercantile Exchange (1/2 day session)
Mar 17 – GramTel, Lombard
April 21 – Special Event – Training Session (Grainger, Niles, II.)
May 19 – Site TBD
July 21 – (1/2 day session)
August 18 – Special Event – BRPA Golf Outing
Sept 22 – Site TBD
Nov 17 – (1/2 day session)
Dec 8 – Special Event – Holiday Luncheon

2009 – Host Sites and Speakers

As I stated in the last newsletter, I am in the process of setting up the programs for our 2009 meetings. If you are interested in hosting one of our bi-monthly meetings, please let me know. Right now we need hosts for our May and Sept meetings (all day sessions) and our July and Nov meetings (1/2 day sessions). If you are unable to host a meeting, but are still interested in supporting the BRPA organization, you may sponsor a breakfast or lunch. Lastly, if you would like to present at one of our bi-monthly meetings or know someone who would be interested in presenting, please contact me at dan.johnson@brpa-chicago.org.

Alane Watkins (Kraft Foods) – Communications Director

Feel free to pass along BRPA invitations to other companies or DR/BCP professionals. BRPA sessions cover a broad range of topics that are of interest to those who work in related fields such as audit, compliance, security, and risk management. We always welcome new guests!

Here are some upcoming conferences that may be of interest to BRPA members:

1. Lake-Cook Regional Critical Incident Partnership:

December 1, 2008 Tabletop Exercise

This group is a public private partnership working together to let private businesses understand what is required by public agencies during an event and to let public agencies understand how events affect private businesses. For more information, contact Roxann Message at 847-482-7245.

2. CAMP IT Conferences will host Disaster Recovery & Data Protection on Nov. 20th in Chicago.

<http://www.targetedconferences.com>

3. ICOR University is offering courses throughout the fall.

www.theICOR.org

4. CPM East November 12-14th in Orlando.
<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/>

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact BRPA's Communications Director, Alane Watkins, at awatkins@kraft.com or 847-646-2766.

Arnold Miller (Sentry Telecom) – Treasurer

On behalf of the entire 2008 Board I would like to thank all the member companies, vendors, and individuals who have responded to our annual membership dues invoices with their prompt payments. A quick note for those who choose to use PayPal. When a payment is made via PayPal online, notification of the payment made is received within 24 hours. Unfortunately, the acknowledgment received only transmits the individual making the payments' name and the amount paid. With many current members and new members using PayPal, it is sometimes difficult to place a name with a company or an organization. Please take an additional moment to send an e-mail to amiller@brpa-chicago.org with your name, company, and date and amount of payment, so that your payment gets posted to the proper account. At the same time if you require a receipt, please indicate that and an Official BRPA paid receipt will be e-mailed back to you along with our corporate federal ID number for those companies who require it for tax purposes.

Thank you for your help.

Summary of Last Meeting

Dan Johnson (Bank of America) – Program Director

There was an excellent turnout for the September meeting, which was held at Blue Cross Blue Shield in downtown Chicago. There were about 50 members in attendance and this session was the annual BRPA Appreciation Luncheon. The room, facility and all of the amenities were wonderful and our BCBS-BRPA members Dawn Angel and Angel Stubbs deserve a special thank-you for ensuring that all of the program's logistics were in place. Also, a big thank you also to GramTel for sponsoring an awesome breakfast!

There were four presentations that were given, they were:

John Stagl, Belfor, presented **Key Myths That Impact Your Business Recovery Plan**. John's presentation covered the key things to consider when developing your Business Continuity Program. Identifying opportunities and being aware of Senior Management's role in your program will enable you to develop a successful Business Continuity Program.

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Geary Sikich, Logical Management Systems Corp., presented **Pandemic: The Second Wave, How Unprepared Are We?** Geary stressed the importance of considering all of the implications a pandemic could have, in every facet of our lives. Having sound plans in place will keep you prepared for any pandemic scenario and Geary's presentation served as a wonderful educational opportunity to learn more about preparing for this occurrence.

Kerry Noble, Senior Manager, Facilities Management BCBS and John Williams, Director of Contingency Planning BCBS, presented **Disaster in the Making**. This presentation covered the status of the Vertical Completion Project currently underway at BCBS. Kerry laid out the progress and showed slides of the projects as well as the lessons learned to date. John discussed the BC planning aspect of the project and how he prepared the organization in case of an event during the construction.

Paul Neklen, Amcom Software presented **Emergency Notification: What You Need To Know**. Paul discussed the importance of having a notification tool for your organization and the things you should consider when choosing which tool best suits your company.

All of the session surveys indicated that our members really enjoyed this session and they thought that the speakers/presentations were top-notch. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest rating) the average response to the statement "The program was an enjoyable learning experience" was a 4.7! No response was rated lower than 4 (Very Good) and most of them were rated as 5 (Excellent).

Here were some of the survey responses:

"All presentations were very interesting"

"Excellent meeting, great speakers, great lunch!"

"Excellent presentations and convenient location"

"All speakers were very knowledgeable on their topics"

"Great DR/BC perspective....I learned a lot of new information"

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Preview of Next Meeting

Dan Johnson (Bank of America) - Program Director

This meeting will be a half day session at GramTel, Inc. in Lombard.

The theme for this meeting is "Preparing, Planning and

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Communicating". The first presentation will feature Lewis Cox from Forsythe who will present "BIA: The Next Generation". The next presentation is "Are You LinkedIn?" and it will cover how DR/BCP professionals are using LinkedIn to network, prospect, find employment, and build professional communities. Lastly, all members will be given a brief presentation and site tour of the GramTel facility.

Meeting Agenda

- BIA: The Next Generation – Lewis Cox (Forsythe)
- Are You LinkedIn? – Maha Kashani, Alane Watkins, Donald Moore (BRPA Board Members)
- GramTel Overview and Site Tour

Guest Column

Compliant Doesn't Mean Secure


– Andy DeNovo, Arias Information Solutions

A good Business Continuity Plan must be built upon a solid foundation of security controls. Without a solid platform of security controls in place, an organization may be invoking their BCP more often than needed due to security breaches. Not having a good security program in place expands the possibility of a physical or logical data disaster.

In this age of government regulations almost all companies are required to comply with a set of rules that assesses, among other things, the strength of their IT security. Compliance regulations normally are built upon a single set of security standards such as ISO, NIST, or COBIT. A problem with compliance regulations is that they are often narrowly focused on specific security aspects not on a total security program. HIPAA and GLBA focus on privacy, while Sarbanes-Oxley regulations are only concerned with anything related to financial reporting. A good compliance auditor concentrates on just controls specifically related to the regulations.

However, security frameworks, such as NIST, ISO, COBIT, can be combined to create a tighter woven fabric of security controls. Studies show that industry leaders are relying on at least three standards frameworks for their compliance efforts. A combined set of controls reduces the number of gaps for data to slip out of your files or for hackers to slip into your systems.

Implementing a single security standard would be like installing the very best locks on your front and back doors, but leaving the patio door open every night to get fresh air. Combining standards and inter-mingling the controls provides an organization with the best chance of protecting its valued information.



Most companies need to comply with several different regulations and are scrutinized by a variety of auditors. Many companies are also subject to additional audits by their clients that often utilize another set of controls. Not to be ignored in this mix of audits are the friendly reminders that the company's internal audit group would be visiting the IT department to insure it was properly protecting important information.

Some companies complained that they were audited several times per month using variations of security controls. The Director of a large State of Illinois agency stated that there was not enough time between audits and it just was not possible to correct audit findings prior to the next annual audit. Instead the agency staff was always busy preparing and assisting in a variety of other audits. That means that identified control gaps might not be fixed for 1 – 2 more years. That might sound like a government problem, but many large companies find themselves in the identical situation of not being able to resolve issues before other audits identify the same or similar weaknesses.

Having worked with NIST, ISO, and COBIT we noticed that there were some obvious differences between the standards. Over the past six years we have refined a set of controls into the CLAD Security and Compliance™ tool and methodology. We thought that there would be a great deal of overlap between the leading security framework standards controls and that there would just be some wording differences used to convey the same general control concepts.

The recognized leader of security practices, International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISC2) has security broken into ten major domains. Some of these tend to be quite large and complex. We further refined this approach and identified twenty-nine different security sections. The more detailed segregation allows for security reviews to be conducted at a more finite level once a potential problem is identified.

We then took the individual security controls that were used to develop NIST, ISO, COBIT, and ITIL and sorted them into the twenty-nine categories. Only security related controls were included and all others eliminated. Some of the controls were compound controls that could fall into several of the twenty-nine CLAD sections.

This combined group of controls totaled more than 1100 controls. We thought that this should boil down to around three hundred unique controls because of all of the overlap. After all, security is security no matter which standard is involved.

We were surprised that the overlap was not as great as originally thought and the refined CLAD control set contains more than 600 controls. Those controls that were the most clearly worded and

the strongest were kept. Many of the controls that had some overlap between the standards were reworded not just to make them more understandable, but to combine the protection concepts and make a much stronger statement.

Most of the original security frameworks had been written more than ten years ago and the CLAD controls were updated to more modern IT concepts as needed. Many of the controls were reworded from European English to American English. CLAD also allows for custom controls to be added that are unique to certain organizations.

Companies that perform proactive security assessments using a comprehensive set of security controls are more likely to identify vulnerabilities and fix them prior to any security incidents. Not only does a comprehensive security program make an organization safer, it also should save time and money by fixing problems prior to them being identified as issues due to audit discovery. The result is that because of fewer findings, audits should be conducted in less time and maybe less frequently.

The bottom line is that regulations dictate that a company must be compliant but that does not mean secure. Are all of your doors locked?

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Member Highlights

Congratulations to Leslie Borders, Kraft Foods, Inc., who recently received her CBCP certification from DRII!

This section highlights the accomplishment of our members. If you have any recently published articles, speaking engagements or significant life events and would like to share them with the group, please send us an email at newsletter@brpa-chicago.org.

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Question and Answer

Question: (submitted by **Anonymous BRPA member**)

Our BC team needs to put together a tabletop exercise for Senior Management. What types of scenarios are available that have been used for a diverse group including the Senior VPs of Communications, HR, Operations, Sales, Marketing, Legal, IT, and International?

Answer: (answered by **John Mantsch, R.J. O'Brien**)

Whenever I've been asked to develop a working scenario to be

used as the basis of a table top exercise, I've used one of the many scenarios that I have developed over the years. When picking a disruption, I work backwards, which will ensure that those participating in the exercise will have to respond to the issues at hand. For example, if you want to find out if management is prepared to fully address a data center disruption, you first determine to what level you want the disruption to occur (full or partial), how quickly will it occur (immediately or do you have time to prepare for the outage - rising water, storm, etc.), recovery time of the data center (hours, days, weeks, etc.), and then you can determine how smoothly the recovery process will be. The recovery process may be hampered by: lost tapes, bad data, limited hardware capacity (network or servers), limited staffing, network security issues, physical security issues, etc. All of these things may or may not be considered during your exercise but it's up to you to determine to what extent you want management engaged in the process.

Any scenario you use should be realistic, support what you want to test, and challenging enough that your management considers their actual response during that particular situation. The bottom line is that you want the exercise to be a learning experience, and if you can make it interesting, you have a better chance of keeping management engaged in the process.

I'm sure you can build upon this list of scenarios, but it should give you a good starting point when developing your own exercise scenario.

1. Car accident outside the data center that closes the data center down (small car slides under a tanker truck and a fire erupts). The fire closes the building to all staff for 2-3 days while the firemen ensure the safety of the building and Facilities ensures that the smoke damage done by the fire isn't hazardous and is cleaned up.
2. Car hits an icy patch and strikes the backup generator. The accident puts the generator out of commission and it also damages the power feed to the data center. The data center has to be shut down for a couple of days while the electrical lines are being repaired.
3. Lightning strike hits a power line and shorts it out. Again, it will take a couple of days to repair the damage but in the meantime, the power feeds cannot be used since the power cannot be turned on until the lines have been fixed.
4. Roof collapses due to a heavy snow storm.
5. Hostage situation in the building. Hostage taker shoots a few rounds of ammunition into the main frame rendering it inoperable to show that he's serious. No access to the data center until the hostage situation has been resolved. You can have fun with this if you know the folks. The head of IT is usually an easy target for the role of hostage. You don't experience data loss, but you cannot resume processing until

the situation gets resolved.

6. Chemical spill. Tanker truck tips over and the entire area needs to be blocked off. No staff is allowed in until the situation is resolved but the data center can run.
7. Network virus shuts down the network.
8. Fire in the local vault (single point of failure). No power until the vault is repaired.
9. Flooding can be used to either:
 - a. Stop staff from accessing the building
 - b. Flood the building
 - c. Fill the underground cable runs with water which creates a power outage
10. Failure of the UPS environment. Batteries fail.
11. You can always combine some of these events together to make it more challenging. Data center is closed due to flooding but the access to backup site is blocked as well or the location of the backup tapes is now flooded.
12. The truck hauling the backup tapes is involved in a (car jacking, accident, accident involving a police investigation, etc.) pick your disaster. This delays restoration for all applications.
13. Tapes that are lost or destroyed.
14. Backup tapes that are not created.
15. Pandemic. 40% of staff are not available and it just so happens that the pandemic hit especially hard on Operations. Everyone thinks it's because they work in the same room with in close proximity of each other that got them sick at the same time.
16. Diesel fuel to run the generators can run out and deliveries might not happen due to weather, availability or contract issues.
17. Strike by a union.
18. Digging with a backhoe cuts power to the building.
19. During a power outage, the backup generator doesn't kick in and the backup batteries last 5 minutes on full load before they start to fail.
20. Cleaning crew/Electrician/new employee/etc., hits the power shut down button for the data center. Data center hardware crashes.
21. Fire in the data center (especially good if the data center is filled with boxes and paper/basically clutter).
22. Leaking roof in data center (water from above seeks out the holes in the ceiling, cutting power to the data center. Water can come from: cafeteria, bathroom, sprinkler system, water fountain, heavy rain, etc.
23. Sprinkler systems are good sources of failures. You can have a test of the sprinkler system go bad. Instead of a dry air system, they find out that it's a wet system and they sprinkle the data center.
24. Network carrier has a disaster which doesn't let them support your network feeds any longer. They had a single point of failure somewhere and that's where they experienced the

outage.

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Disaster News

Ike's Economic Impact Could Total \$16 Billion

[Click here](#) to read this article from Fox News

Nearly 50 gas platforms not working after Ike

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Ike windstorm costs insurers \$550M in Ohio damages

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Thousands flee wind-whipped Calif. wildfires

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Atlanta gas crunch: 'We've got no gas here'

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Member Benefits

Chris Sarcletti (CME Group) - Membership Director

Joining BRPA

Anyone interested in learning more about Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery or the BRPA organization itself is invited to attend a BRPA meeting. Membership is not required to attend a meeting. However, after attending a meeting, the BRPA membership director will contact any guest attendees to explain to them more about the organization and see if they are interested in becoming a member. Joining BRPA requires the new member to select the membership level that they want to join under and paying the appropriate dues.

After becoming a BRPA member, you are encouraged to bring or invite other non-members to our meetings. Guests will not be charged for attending any meeting. However, guests will be charged when attending any event that BRPA charges for such as the holiday luncheon or golf outing.

- Corporate Membership (\$100 yearly dues)

Corporate membership entitles members to send one or more employees to any BRPA functions. This includes

meetings and training sessions. Corporate membership does not entitle members to free entry to events that require additional payment (e.g. Golf Outing or Holiday Luncheon) and does not allow the member to utilize the vendor table. Each member also gets one vote related to all major organization decisions (e.g. Officers, Changes in bylaws, etc.).

Corporate memberships are geared towards organizations that have many employees who are interested in attending BRPA meetings and functions. BRPA is mostly composed of members who are Business Continuity Professionals but the association is open to anyone who has an interest in learning more about business continuity and how it can impact their work site, community or personal lives. The people that attend BRPA events do not need to be the same at each event.

The cost of a Corporate membership is \$100 (due in January). Yearly membership runs from January 1 to December 31st. If a new member joins after July 1st, the pro-rated membership cost is \$50 **for the year that they joined the organization only**. This option is not applicable to recurring members. Corporate membership dues can be paid online through the website or by check.

- Vendor Membership (\$200 yearly dues)

Vendor membership entitles members to send any associates to any BRPA functions. This includes meetings and training sessions. Vendor membership does not entitle members to free entry to events that require additional payment (e.g. Golf Outing or Holiday Luncheon) but does allow members to utilize the vendor table to advertise their services. Each member also gets one vote related to all major organization decisions (e.g. Officers, Changes in bylaws, etc.). Special benefits associated with a vendor membership include publicity (company logo on the BRPA website) and the ability to offer discounts to BRPA members.

Vendor memberships are geared towards organizations that use BRPA primarily for networking, keeping abreast of technology and sharing best practices with the membership.

The cost of a Vendor membership is \$200 (due in January). Yearly membership runs from January 1 to December 31st. If a new member joins after July 1st, the pro-rated membership costs is \$100 **for the year that they joined the organization only**. This option is not applicable to recurring members. Vendor membership dues can be paid online through the website or by check.

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Please contact the BRPA membership director Christopher.Sarcletti@cmegroup.com to inquire about individual memberships.

Special Events

Maha Kashani (GramTel) – Special Events Director

Hello BRPA Chicago Members! Can you believe the holiday season is right around the corner? Mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Luncheon. We have a great event lined up this year!

We are privileged to have **Drew F. Orsinger**, Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for the Chicago, Great Lakes District, as our guest speaker. Mr. Orsinger supports homeland security efforts, serving in an advisory and reach-back capacity for State Homeland Security Advisors. He contributes to the development of the national risk picture by assisting with the identification, assessment, monitoring, and minimizing of risk to critical assets at the local level. Prior to becoming a PSA, Mr. Orsinger worked for Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as a watch commander for the National Targeting Center (NTC) in Reston, Virginia. Mr. Orsinger served on active duty for 9 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and had the distinction of being one of the first Coast Guard liaisons to DHS Headquarters. Mr. Orsinger also served in the White House as a Social Aide to President William Jefferson Clinton. Mr. Orsinger is also co-author of *The Firefighter's Best Friend – Lives and Legends of Chicago Firehouse Dogs*.

What: 2008 BRPA Holiday Luncheon
Where: Wildfire Restaurant - Glenview, IL
When: Tuesday, December 9th 11a-2:30p
Who: Guest Speaker - Drew Orsinger from Homeland Security
Why: Food, fun, networking, education and... DOOR PRIZES!!!

Please check our website for updates & additional details.
www.brpa-chicago.org/events.html

Final Thoughts...

If you have any comments on this newsletter, questions, or suggestions for the editors please send an email to newsletter@brpa-chicago.org.

Thanks for reading!

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