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Upcoming Programs for 2007 – CERT • NIMS Partnership • LAC

by Steve Goldfarb

The BICEPP Programs Committee is off to a busy start this year. Several great programs are currently being planned for our members and business community. In May, BICEPP will team up with California Citizen Corps, Emergency Network Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and the California Specialized Training Institute to host a special emergency preparedness and business continuity planning workshop for businesses and faith/community based organizations. The objective will be to train organizations on how to continuity plan through a structured process. Participants will

learn how to deal with consequences of the loss of critical facilities, resources, or functions in the event of intermittent outages or catastrophic disasters. It will address the question “If your organization’s time sensitive services and business processes were to be interrupted, how fast could they resume?”

Our Program Committee is also planning a NIMS (National Incident Management System) workshop, a CERT Train-The-Trainer for Business and Industry and a disaster exercise. The NIMS workshop will help businesses understand NIMS and how to incorporate it *Continued page 3*

BICEPP Annual Awards Event

by Margaret Vinci

On Saturday, December 9, 2006 BICEPP held its Annual Awards Recognition dinner at the Caltech Citrus Bistro. BICEPP members and friends gathered to share stories and catch up on news while enjoying good food. A DVD of the September 2006 ERT Challenge was shown throughout the cocktail hour and attendees were treated to a great raffle with prizes for everyone, thanks to the generosity of our membership. BICEPP President Roland DeRocili

served as the Master of Ceremony, giving special recognition to retiring board members Nina Johnson and Robert Lee, and announcing this year’s awards.

DeRocili presented the President’s Award to Robert Lee, Borden/Lee Consulting, for his many productive and inspiring years of service to BICEPP. Bob is one of the founding members of BICEPP and has served on the Board of Directors since 1984, including four terms as President and six terms as Membership Chair. Most recently he served as BICEPP’s Secretary and Business Manager.

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Roland De Rocili presents Bob Lee with BICEPP’s 2006 President’s Award

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President's Message

First, I would like to thank the BICEPP Board of Directors for re-electing me to serve as your association president for a second term. It is truly an honor to be selected for this role and I will again do my utmost in continuing to move BICEPP forward. 2007 will be a pivotal year for us as an organization.



At our first monthly board meeting for 2007, on January 5th, I was pleased to see that we had a combined 22 board members and guests in attendance. My hope is that number will grow at each monthly meeting.

Immediately following our meeting, the board of directors held a strategic planning meeting to determine what our focus and long term strategy should be for guiding BICEPP into the future. Through much dialogue, brainstorming and interaction, board members in attendance enthusiastically embraced the goals and direction we chose to take as an organization. We were able to accomplish and come to consensus on several areas we wanted to cover. First and foremost, we agreed upon a vision and mission statement.

Our vision for BICEPP is: To serve as the business and industry council for emergency planning and preparedness; recognized as the leader for private industry emergency management.

Our mission is to provide a forum for information exchange, building professional relationships with public and private partners, and strengthening knowledge in emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Three objectives were formed as a foundation to build our newly incorporated vision and mission statements. 1. Develop partnerships; 2. Be a conduit for information exchange throughout the industry and 3. Be a knowledge base through the development of education, products and program development.

In this issue of the BICEPP Bulletin, the chairperson for each BICEPP committee are listed. My challenge to each of you is to get involved. If you are already involved, great! We would like to thank you for doing so. But don't stop now, or even slow down. As we all are aware, we are extremely busy with our own personal and business lives. But there is far too much work to be done in keeping BICEPP moving forward in the future. We have excellent people working on a variety of committees and representing us in other positive ways. If you are not sure of where you can best serve, give me a call or send me an email. I assure you that we can find a place for you. **Roland De Rocili**

Congratulations

BICEPP recently conducted their annual elections for the association's Board of Directors, and the results of those elections were announced at the BICEPP Annual Awards event held at Caltech on December 9, 2006. We wish to congratulate the BICEPP members who were elected as members of the Board of Directors for 2007 – 2008.

Welcome New Members

BICEPP welcomes the following new members:

Ed Green

Manuel Navarro

Jeff Roback

Praxis Computing

Nancy Mathews

Mathews Consulting

Chris Petrakis

With Appreciation

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue:

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Upcoming Programs for 2007 *(continued from page 1)*

how to incorporate it into emergency response planning. Emergency Management professionals from organizations that have incorporated NIMS will be on hand to share their ideas and experience. CERT Train-The-Trainer is making its return this summer/fall. The popular course will train participants on how to organize and deliver CERT training for private industry. The curriculum will be the FEMA course with a private industry twist to meet the needs of the corporate

environment. Finally, we will end our year with an exercise for private industry in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Disaster Exercise in the fall.

There is a lot on the horizon so stay tuned for dates and registration information. The Programs committee is looking forward to your participation in these exciting programs in 2007.

BICEPP Annual Awards Event *(continued from page 1)*

BICEPP selected three recipients for the Award of Excellence: Jim Watters, President and General Manager, NBC Universal Studio Operations; City of Moorpark Emergency Evacuation Needs Registry; and Gary Stephens, Semptra Energy Emergency Services.

Awards of Merit were given to the City of Moorpark Police Services Center and the ERT Challenge Event Committee: Gary Furukawa, Nancy Mathews, Andy Bogus, Chris Barbour, Tracy Fessler, Maria Grycan, Kris Sefton, Bob Lee, LeVal Lund, Jon Fessler, Jeff Edelstein, Margaret Vinci, Tamiza A. Teja, Roland DeRocili, Lee Goldstein, Bob Beecher, Steve Goldfarb, Mike Kemp, Kelly Shivertaker, Marcia Cronk, Mario Guerra, Don Hubbard, Todd Kleopfer, Bill McCloud, Anna Burton, Ellis Stanley, Carol Parks, Stacy Gerlich, James Harkins, Mitch McKnight, Ramon Willis, Marc Shapiro, Aaron Walker, Kevin Mason, Ren Powers, William Lloyd and Randy Marsile.

The Cheryl McGeary Memorial CSTI Scholarship Award was won by new BICEPP member Manuel Navarro, Praxis Computing, Inc.

Many thanks to the following Annual Event and Awards Committee for making this evening a success: Margaret Vinci, Caltech; Steve Goldfarb, USC; Jon Fessler, NBC Universal; Kris Sefton, Edwards Medical Supply; Kelly Shivertaker, Southern California Edison and Teri Allegra, BICEPP.



Jon Fessler accepts the Award of Excellence on behalf of Jim Waters, President and General Manager of NBC Universal.



City of Moorpark Evacuation Needs Registry receives the Award of Excellence.

Federal Government Promotes the Implementation of the National Incident Management System by the Private Sector

by Krystin Goethals, Program Manager for Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management

Following the attacks on September 11, 2001 President Bush called for the development of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a comprehensive, national framework for incident management, applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across all functional disciplines, regardless of the cause, size, location, or complexity of the incident.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is encouraging the implementation of NIMS as a community-wide effort. Incident response organizations, including private sector businesses, are encouraged to work together to comply with NIMS components, policies, and procedures.

On November 30, 2006 Federal DHS released 12 recommended implementation activities for the private sector. Recommended activities include: Implementing appropriate preparedness and response programs; donating or otherwise providing goods and services through contractual arrangement or government purchases to assist in response to and recovery from an incident; and developing appropriate emergency response and business continuity plans that clearly map to regional, State, and local emergency response plans.

For more information on NIMS and how individual businesses can become NIMS compliant visit http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/ps_fs.pdf. ⚡

Details of the May NIMS class will be available on the BICEPP website at www.bicepp.org.

Upcoming Events

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BICEPP Board of Directors meeting
7:30 am • Southern California Edison
RSVP (213) 386-4524

May

National Incident Management
System (NIMS) class.
Check www.bicepp.org for details.

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Emergency preparedness workshop.
Location: Inglewood.
Check www.bicepp.org for details.

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7:30 am • Southern California Edison
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7:30 am • Sony Studios
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info@bicepp.org

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