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Message from Your President

Thank you for selecting me as your president for the 2015/16 term. I am very honored to be in this position, and hope to live up to your trust in me.

I have been with Troutman Sanders – a 600+ attorney firm – since 2009. In my 6 years with the organization, I have learned a lot about law firm operations – much of it from other members of the Legal Industry Council. I feel I owe a lot of my success to IFMA – especially the networking and education that it provides. Because of this, I've jumped at the chance to serve at both a local and council level. I have previously served the Legal Industry Council (LIC) in the roles of Treasurer and Vice President. In the Atlanta chapter, I just finished my term as president for the 2014/15 year.

My main goal as President of your council is to enhance your experience as a member. In essence, I want to understand why you joined this group, and then focus on doing those things that you appreciate us for – and, if possible, on doing them better. I want to provide quantifiable value to you so that when your boss asks you why you are a member of the Legal Industry Council, you're able to quickly list off a long set of reasons. I'd like to point out the re-launch of the listserv as a Google Group, and the publication of our benchmarking survey from earlier this year as initial "wins." I hope to have many more as my term continues. If you have an idea that you would like to see us implement, or want to get involved somehow, please contact me! I can be reached at joseph.geierman@troutmansanders.com. I hope to hear from many of you this year.

Finally, I would like to encourage you – if possible – to join the council for our in-person breakfast meeting at World Workplace in Denver on October 7th at 8am. We will also be having a dinner provided by the council for attending members at a yet-to-be-determined restaurant on the following evening. By participating in previous World Workplace excursions, I have made many good friends who really understand what I do and the challenges I face in my job. It is a great experience, and I can't recommend it highly enough.

Thanks for being a member – I look forward to seeing you soon!

Joseph Geierman, MCR, CFM, FMP
President, IFMA Legal Industry Council

Professional Development Update

One of the great benefits of being a member of the Legal Industry Council is the opportunity to continue to learn and grow. We have received a good bit of feedback about what our members are interested in learning about. Based on this feedback we have put together the following lineup of programs for the coming months:

- 9/23/15 – 1:00 pm CDT **“Emergency Preparedness - It’s not just about life safety anymore…”** a webinar presented by Doug Langley of Prepara. Doug will be discussing command and control, clear lines of decision making, leadership engagement, crisis communications, readiness for current threats – active shooter, cyber security, etc..
- 10/7/15 – 8:00 – 10:00 am MDT **World Workplace Networking and Council Breakfast** in Denver Colorado (If you have not already done so, it’s not too late to sign up to attend!)
- 10/27/15 – 1:00 pm CDT **“Using Technology as an Enabler”** – a council roundtable to discuss how Technology is being used as an Enabler in our firms to improve real estate bottom line, improve service (conference room scheduling, CAFM/CMMS), improving inventory management, tracking productivity of your outsource providers, use of “Smart Building” technology for lighting HVAC, etc... This will be an open roundtable for us to share ideas and learn from each other’s successes!
- 11/10/15 – 1:00 pm CDT **Annual LIC Council Member Update Call**

We are starting an SFP study group program to facilitate helping some of our council members to obtain their SFP credential. This program will begin in October or early November. In our last 2 successful study groups (both CFM classes), we were able to facilitate 7 new CFM’s. We are looking forward to having similar success with our SFP group. If you are interested and have not contacted me, please do so as soon as possible to make sure we have your name included on the list of possible participants.

Live and learn,
Craig Oakman, CFM
Programs and Education Chair

Upcoming LIC Webinar on Emergency Preparedness **Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1PM – 2 PM CST**

Presentation Overview ***“It’s not just about life safety anymore”***

For decades the focus for facility managers was on ensuring the life safety of everyone at the firm during an incident and then restoring the building to working condition as quickly as possible after it was over. As time passed some added plans to ensure that business operations could continue while restoration was in progress, but many of those plans were focused on moving to an alternate site. In today’s world it’s vital that an organization have robust life safety plans, actionable continuity plans, and effective technology recovery plans that enable response and recovery whether the incident involves the physical facilities, supporting technology, reputation, vendor failures, and/or information security issues. The Prepara approach is to ensure you have all those plans in place along with an incident management framework to ensure efficient execution when something happens to disrupt your business regardless of the underlying cause. In the session on September 23rd, we’ll talk more about that approach and share ideas to help ensure you’re ready to respond quickly and respond effectively no matter what scenario happens. [Click here to register.](#)



Presenter

Doug Langley | Senior Vice President – Business Continuity Solutions | Prepara

Senior business continuity, information technology, and governance professional with more than 30 years of experience as both an industry executive and consulting professional that ranges across multiple industry sectors, including law firms, financial services, IT, telecom, and information security. As a Prepara consultant, Mr. Langley has worked with a number of firms to implement and test life safety, incident management, business and supplier continuity, and technology recovery plans. Prior to joining Prepara, Mr. Langley led business continuity and incident management projects at organizations such as SunTrust Bank and AT&T / BellSouth Corporation.

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