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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2008
To: Current and Former SRA officials
From: Jonathan B. Wiener
SRA President
Subject: Invitation to join SRA Speakers Bureau

Each year the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) makes available a modest fund to assist local SRA Chapters with the travel and lodging expenses of bringing a current or former SRA official to speak at a local Chapter meeting.

This travel funding provides an excellent opportunity for the Chapters to have nationally recognized risk experts participate in their local meetings. It also enables the international SRA to publicize its role to the Chapters, and to build enthusiasm for Chapter and SRA membership -- a goal of particular urgency as total SRA membership has declined for the last five years. The funded speaker is asked by SRA to spend a few minutes of his or her talk describing the SRA and its activities (for which the SRA supplies a few slides). The fund is administered by the SRA Secretariat in consultation with the SRA Chapters & Sections Committee Chair.

On behalf of the SRA Council, I am writing to ask you to join the Speakers Bureau, which will include current SRA Officers and Councilors, SRA Fellows (who include former Presidents), and other former SRA Officers. The Council will post a list on the SRA website of the above officials who are willing to give such talks, and the topics on which they could speak. A Chapter would then contact the individual official with an invitation to speak and to coordinate topics, dates, and travel plans; if the parties agree, the Chapter would then solicit funding support from the SRA. Funding will be available to Chapters on a first come-first served basis. (In past years the Speakers travel fund has not been exhausted.)

If you would be willing to serve on the SRA Speakers Bureau, please download the one-page "Speakers Bureau Information Form" at http://www.sra.org/speaker_info_form.doc 2 and return it by email to the SRA Secretariat at SRA@BurkInc.com and DDrupa@BurkInc.com.

Of course, whether you agree to speak at any particular Chapter event would be entirely up to you; all we are asking now is to list you as a potential speaker.

(The last page of this document shows the form that a Chapter would fill out to request travel funding from the Speakers Bureau. You need not fill this out.)

Please let me or Dick Burk know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for helping the SRA strengthen its Chapters and its membership appeal.

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