President’s Message – January 2010

Dear SRA-NE Members:

Happy New Year!

SRA-NE will start 2010 by completing the transition to becoming an “official” chapter of the national SRA. As I may have previously mentioned, this affiliation will bring our regional group many benefits, such as improved membership tracking, finance tracking, and internet accessibility associated with the national SRA website.

I am working on a New Initiatives funding proposal for SRA-NE with Peg Coleman of the Upstate New York Chapter, as well as other chapters including: National Capital Area, North Carolina/RTP, and Rocky Mountain. The proposal is for funding to increase awareness of SRA on university campuses in seven regions and recruit new members to SRA national and regional organizations.

The SRA-NE Poster Session will be held Thursday, April 1, at CDM (50 Hampshire Street, Cambridge) to highlight current research or to report on projects completed (see attached announcement). SRA members and non-members from academia, government, or consulting are invited to submit abstracts (that means YOU). I strongly encourage you to submit an abstract and present a poster. This event provides an opportunity to learn about multiple topics and to introduce students and post-doctoral researchers to each other, to SRA-NE, and to prospective employers.

Please circulate the attached announcement within your departments and to junior staff in your organizations, and post hard copies. Also, please forward the announcement to any appropriate academic and/or professional contacts in the risk analysis field. Thanks in advance for your help in publicizing the April 1, 2010, SRA-NE Poster Session.

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