

Business Continuity Professionals of the Carolinas (BCPC)

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ARTICLE I - Mission

Business Continuity Professionals of the Carolinas (BCPC) is a management group formed to share information about continuity of operations planning. These disciplines involve the planning, and preparation for resumption of business in the event of a disaster.

ARTICLE II - Guiding Principles

We believe that effective business contingency planning includes the development and implementation of recovery strategies and recovery plans for a company's core business units as well as the technology infrastructure and support organizations

ARTICLE III - Objectives

The purpose of this organization is to:

- Provide a forum for the interchange of ideas, topics, and information in the field of continuity of operations planning.
- Promote increased awareness of continuity of operations planning.
- Identify common problems and propose resolutions.
- Identify supplier requirements which could facilitate continuity of operations planning.
- Encourage public and private partnerships to ensure collaboration across the community.

ARTICLE IV - Disclaimer

The Business Continuity Professionals of the Carolinas (BCPC) disclaims liability for any personal injury, property or other damages of any nature whatsoever, whether special, indirect, consequential or compensatory, directly or indirectly resulting from the publication, use of, or reliance of materials presented and/or shared at BCPC Meetings. BCPC also makes no guaranty or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any information published or shared at BCPC Meetings.

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BCPC has no power, nor does it undertake, to police or enforce compliance with any regulations governing business continuity. Nor does BCPC list, certify, test, or inspect products, designs, or installations for compliance with regulations governing business continuity. Any certification or other statement of compliance with any requirements presented at meetings shall not be attributable to BCPC and is solely the responsibility of the certifier or maker of the statement.

ARTICLE V - Membership

1. Member

Members are individuals who are involved with business contingency planning. Each has voting rights and may serve on the Board. Each member is expected to provide a valid electronic mailing address which is used for all official correspondence between the BCPC Board and members.

2. How to Join

Individuals may join by providing an email address to the BCPC Secretary, or any BCPC Board Member. The right of membership in BCPC is based on expected participation in and contribution to BCPC.

ARTICLE VI - Dues

BCPC has no dues at this time. However, this may change upon approval of the membership.

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ARTICLE VII - Calendar Year

The fiscal year of BCPC shall be 01 January through 31 December.

ARTICLE VIII - Administration

1. Board

The Board of BCPC consists of seven members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Public Relations Director, Vendor Relations Director, Special Projects Director and Web Master. The Board is voluntary support of the membership of the association. Only one individual from an organization may serve on the Board at any given time. The quorum for Board Meetings shall be four (4) members.

2. Elections

Each Board position is for a term of two (2) years. There are no term limits. Four positions of the Board are elected annually, with the other three the following year. To provide continuity for the organization, nominations for the position of Chairperson will be limited to current and past members of the Board. All other Board members are elected from the membership at large with the exception of board member(s) appointed by the Chair for the purposes of completing board term vacancies.

In accordance to Section 3. Duties of the Board, any individual appointed by the Chair to fulfill a board term vacancy, may only serve until the completion of that term. If this individual desires to remain on the Board, their name must be submitted as a candidate to the Nominating Committee.

The membership will be notified about Board Member needs. New Board Member Nominations may be submitted to any member of the Board. Board members whose term has expired may also submit their names as candidates to the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be provided by the Nominating Committee, which will consist of the Board members not up for election. The Nominating Committee will evaluate candidates. This may include but is not limited to resumes, questionnaires, and interviews. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for selecting the best candidates and submitting their names to the membership.

A recommendation will be made by the committee to the membership and will be presented at the last meeting of the calendar year. A voice vote will be conducted to confirm or deny the recommendation. Each member present is entitled to one (1) vote. The term of new Board members begins after the meeting at which they are elected.

3. Provision for Loss of Board member

In the event a board member is unable to complete their term, the board will have an option to appoint a member to fill the position for the remainder of the term. Such appointment does not require action by the membership.

4. Duties of the Board

a. The Chair shall:

- Set the agenda and preside at all Board Meetings.
- Direct the administration of business for the organization.
- Ensure that respective board members are performing the duties for which they are responsible.
- Appoint individuals to serve in vacancies on the Board until the completion of the current term.

b. The Vice-Chair shall:

- Assume the duties of Chairperson in that person's absence.
- In the event of resignation, incapacity, or non performance of duties, shall become Board Chairperson for the remainder of the un-expired term. Coordinate the planning and arranging all BCPC Activities including quarterly meetings, seminars, and special projects/functions.
- Maintain a checklist of meeting activities and assignments.

c. The Secretary shall:

- Be responsible for ensuring that minutes of meetings are taken and distributed to all members.
- Be responsible for maintaining membership mailing lists.
- Report the status of the association at year end.
- Maintain copies of all records on all events sponsored by BCPC in conjunction with the chairperson.

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- d. The Public Relations Director shall:
 - Be responsible for media communications.
 - Maintain a calendar of events and announcements.
 - Provide a liaison between BCPC and other contingency planning groups.
- e. The Vendor Relations Director shall:
 - Establish and maintain interfaces within the BCP Supplier Community.
 - Identify opportunities for and manage vendor participation in BCPC Meetings and Seminars.
 - Facilitate communication with the vendors to further the purpose of BCPC.
- f. The Special Projects Director shall:
 - Maintain awareness of changes in the BCP disciplines and new industry trends.
 - Recommend special projects that may provide benefit to the BCPC membership or Board.
 - Implement and manage the special projects approved by the Board.
 - **New interfaces with the BCP vendor community.**
- g. The Web Master shall:
 - Keep website up to date
 - Coordinate updates with web host contact
 - Coordinate content with board members
 - Act on requested changes

5. Annual Report

An Annual Report is prepared for publication at the first meeting of the new organizational year. The report may include, but is not limited to: bylaws; and a copy of the previous year's calendar. The Chair may provide a cover letter with the report highlighting the past year's accomplishments. Preparation of the Annual Report is the responsibility of the outgoing Board.

ARTICLE IX - Meetings

Regular meetings will be held quarterly and will be hosted by any member or vendor organization called the "meeting host".

1. Meeting Host Responsibilities:

- Ensures that information about the upcoming meeting is sent to the Secretary for distribution: map, directions for parking, and any special instructions necessary for the effective conduct of the meeting.
- Provides an appropriate meeting room.
- Provides use of audio visual equipment (as necessary).
- Provides access to light refreshments, if possible. In the event the host can not facilitate this, then the Board to find a sponsor for the refreshments.

ARTICLE X - Changes to By-Laws

Change(s) recommended by any member shall be presented to the Board. If in agreement, then a presentation will be made to the membership at a regular meeting. The recommended change(s) shall be voted on at that meeting. A simple majority vote of the members present will be required to adopt the change(s). Votes by proxy are accepted.

Agreed Upon by the Membership: 15 February 2007

The Acting Board of the Business Continuity Professionals of the Carolinas:

Phyllis Bailey
Chair

Katina Blue
Vice-Chair

Joanna D'Aquanni
Secretary

Diane Lyles
Public Relations Director

Reinhard Koch
Vendor Relations Director

Rick Tanner
Special Projects Director

Cynthia Boyd
Web Master