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### Greetings from ISES Greater Chicago!

#### ISES Greater Chicago Changing of the Guards

On Tuesday, July 15th, the ISES Greater Chicago Chapter gathered in the Skyline Suites of Soldier Field for the annual ISES Greater Chicago Silent Auction and Board Induction. There were several auction items to bid on and those who went home a winner really got a great deal on some fun items. This meeting was also a time to thank the outgoing 2007-2008 Board of Directors and welcome the incoming 2008-2009 Board of Directors (listed below).

Our chapter owes a huge THANK YOU to our outgoing ISES Greater Chicago Chapter President, Gwendolyn Y. McNutt, CSEP, from Comcast Cable. Gwendolyn has led our board and our chapter for the past year and has helped our organization continue to grow. Gwendolyn has dedicated many, many hours to this organization and its success and for that we all thank her.

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### PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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Mary Kay Weber 1995-1997  
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### ISES News

#### **ISES Esprit Award Nominees Announced**

The 2008 ISES Esprit Award Nominees were recently announced. ISES honors industry



excellence through its prestigious awards program, the ISES Esprit Awards. They recognize the best and most creative talent and efforts in the special events industry. The Esprit Awards help ISES members who exhibit a spirit of excellence in their work develop global visibility and recognition for their creative work.

The ISES Esprit Awards Celebration will take place during Eventworld on Saturday, August 23. This unforgettable evening brings fine dining and dancing together with industry accolades, offering attendees a final chance to celebrate the special events industry.

Congratulations and good luck to the following ISES Greater Chicago Members who are nominated -

Fergus Rooney, Event Architects  
*2008 ISES Most Creative Solution*

Kathy Miller and Sarah Schnell, Total Event Resources with Kathleen Esterquest, Kehoe Designs  
*2008 ISES Best Event for a Non-Profit Organization Budget Over \$200,000 USD*

Fergus Rooney, Event Architects  
*2008 ISES Best Event for a Non-Profit Organization Budget Over \$200,000 USD*

Kathy Miller and Sarah Schnell, Total Event Resources  
*2008 ISES Best Meeting/Conference Program Budget Over \$200,000 USD*

### **2008-2009 Membership Dues Renewal**

On May 1st, June 1st, and July 1st ISES Headquarters billed all ISES USA members for the 2008-2009 membership year. All ISES memberships expired on June 30, 2008. Please watch for your invoice. You can renew on line with a credit card at [www.ises.com](http://www.ises.com). Your membership payment must be received at ISES Headquarters by July 31, 2008. Please contact Jamie Devins ([jdevins@smithbucklin.com](mailto:jdevins@smithbucklin.com)) with any questions.

### **ISES Greater Chicago Chapter August Meeting**

The ISES Greater Chicago Chapter August Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. This meeting will be a luncheon on Kanan Cruises with an educational topic on legal elements within the special events industry. Please keep an eye out for your invitation to the August meeting and we hope to see you there.

### ISES Greater Chicago is Growing!

The ISES Greater Chicago Chapter is proud to welcome the following new members who have joined our chapter in the last few months. As you can see, the ISES Greater Chicago Chapter is a rapidly growing organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of our membership and providing invaluable networking and educational opportunities for everyone.

- Dave A. Teichler, Sweet Baby Ray's Catering
- Evelyn A. Montoya-Campos, Student
- Jennie Wojda, CSEP, TBA Global Events
- JoAna Loya, Superior Studio Specialties
- Kimberly J. Knapp, Lake Ridge Pointe Venue & Conference Center
- Laura Jolcover, CORT Trade Show & Event Furnishings
- Laurelin J. Hefter, Western Illinois University
- Lindsey A. McQueary, Gourmet to Go
- Nikki Dennard, Student
- Robyn Kaplan, Carey Smolensky Productions / Mobile Music Interactive Entertainment
- Stacy Terpsma, Hyatt Rosemont
- Veronica Eklund
- Douglas Bean, Performance Lighting Inc
- Pamela Dorr, Hawthorne Race Course
- Christine Starks-Campos, Brazzaz
- Michelle Connor, Lake Street Elevated
- Kevin M. Abel, Student
- Rhonda G. Grizzard, Student
- Dorothy A. Paige, Student
- Steve Glass, Lucky Strike Lanes Lombard
- Chani Jones, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
- Jennifer M. Leone, Starwood Hotels
- Dorothy A. Paige, Student
- Janet M. Swenson, The Great Affair

Welcome to all of our new members. You will continue to hear that the best way to get the most out of this organization is to get involved. The ISES Greater Chicago Chapter is always looking for interested members to join the following committees: Communications, Programs / Education, and Membership. If you are interested in learning more about each committee please contact the following individuals:

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### Industry Education Opportunities

The ISES Greater Chicago Chapter is proud to support the following Industry Education Opportunities:



#### **Chicago's first-ever "one day only" BizBash Event Style Show**

BizBash's first Chicago Event Style Expo will take place at the Merchandise Mart on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. Featuring 100 of the area's best exhibitors, the expo is a meeting place for special event and meeting planners to connect, gain new ideas, and get inspired. See why planners in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto have come to depend on BizBash's Annual Shows for the ultimate day of resource shopping, networking, and idea gathering. For more information or to register visit [www.bizbash.com/chicago/tradeshows](http://www.bizbash.com/chicago/tradeshows).

#### **ISES Eventworld 2008 August 21-23, 2008 Renaissance Vindy Resort and Golf Club St. Petersburg, FL**

**ISES Eventworld® 2008 - An Institute for Professional Development** - is the industry standard event for improving your proficiency and knowledge, and inspiring innovation.

This premier international continuing education event for the special events industry is a must for all event professionals. ISES Eventworld 2008 will provide the tools to help attendees stay ahead!

Select from more than two dozen educational sessions offered in these cutting-edge tracks: Corporate/ Non-Profit, Issues for Business Owners/Executive track and, for the first time ever, an Interactive track. Follow one track all the way through the conference, or move around picking courses in several different tracks. Personalize your

itinerary to meet your needs; this is your conference. Electrifying speakers include distinguished practitioners, academics and thought leaders. This year's speakers come together to share best practices, strategies, techniques and tactics to grow your skills and your performance.

Networking opportunities and events throughout the conference allow you to mix and mingle with professionals from near and far. Kick off the conference at the ISES Eventworld Welcome Reception; catch a glimpse of ISES' future at the ISES Annual General Meeting and Luncheon and celebrate the special events industry at the 2008 ISES Esprit Award Celebration.

Check out [www.ises.com](http://www.ises.com) for more information on Eventworld 2008.

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The Greater Chicago Chapter of ISES is an organization of dedicated professionals who strive for elevating the special events industry through education and networking opportunities with an emphasis on ethics and professionalism. We hope you will join us at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

**Sincerely,**

Sarah Schnell, Total Event Resources, VP of Communications  
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