



## The BRPW Officers 2018 – 2019

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### Update on Meetings:

**[BRPW meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every other month from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.](#)**

6 meetings are held per year.

In-Person Meeting held at various locations in

Wisconsin:

- September & January

Virtual Meetings:

- November, March, May

Resiliency Showcase:

- June 20, 2019

The meeting format usually includes a brief business meeting followed by an educational program.

## From the President's Desk

Greetings fellow BRPW members,

You may recall reading in last month's newsletter that we're cutting back – to 3 – the number of virtual meetings this year (the same as our regularly-scheduled number of in-person meetings). We know how busy you are, and how valuable your time is. So we're striving to make sure the topics and speakers we're bringing you at both the virtual and the in-person gatherings are timely, informative and, most importantly, of interest to you, our members. So what better way to figure out what you want to learn about at these meeting than to simply ask. That's why we've asked you in recent surveys what you'd like to see at our meetings. Here are examples of the feedback you gave us:

- Bridging BC and DR
- Vendor Contract Management and Vendor Inclusive testing
- Industry best practice in BCP Risk
- Adaptive BC concepts
- How cloud is changing the landscape, good and bad.
- Legalities to a business with employees working from home
- How members are conducting a BOA
- Presentation on a recent actual disaster with lessons learned

These are excellent ideas. I'll be passing these suggestions along to our Programming Committee. Do you have any other ideas? Please don't hesitate – at any time throughout the year – to send us your ideas for BRPW meeting content. You can send your suggestions to me at [psynnes@amfam.com](mailto:psynnes@amfam.com) or to the BRPW Board of Directors at [board@brpwi.org](mailto:board@brpwi.org)

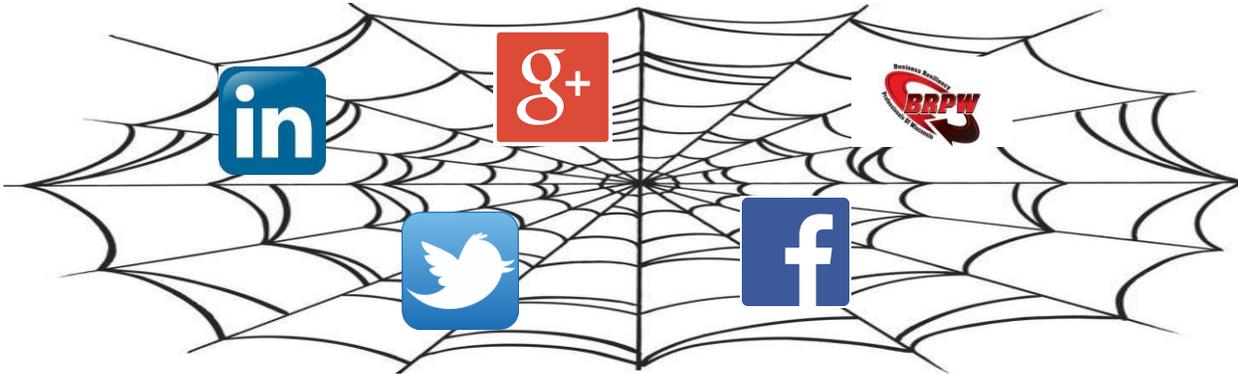
And finally...are there any budding wordsmiths out there? Would you like to contribute an article or column to an upcoming edition of the BRPW Monthly Newsletter? We welcome submissions! Feel free to get in touch with me or any one of us on the BRPW Board. Just use the email links above. Thanks!

Paul Synnes

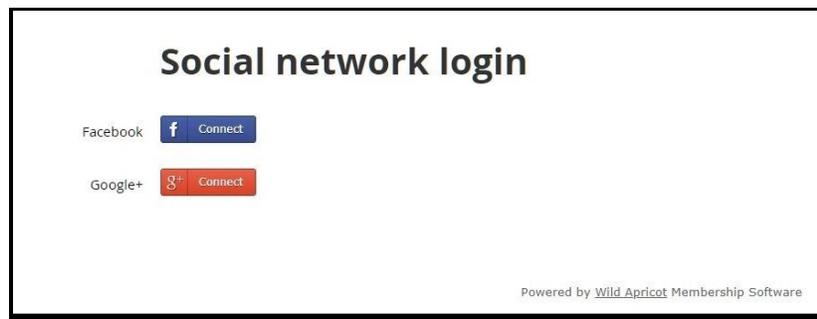
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## Webmasters Corner

<https://brpwi.org/>



Did you know you could link your BRPW account and use either Facebook or Google+ to log in? It makes logging in a lot easier especially on mobile devices. Log in to your BRPW account and proceed to manage your account settings <https://www.brpwi.org/Sys/Profile>. Scroll to the bottom of the page – you will see something like this:



Click on the account you want to continue connection with. For step-by-step instructions, please refer to this guide. Its [https://www.brpwi.org/resources/Documents/Did you know you could link your BRPW account and use either Facebook or Google.pdf](https://www.brpwi.org/resources/Documents/Did%20you%20know%20you%20could%20link%20your%20BRPW%20account%20and%20use%20either%20Facebook%20or%20Google.pdf). Please note you will need to be logged in to your account to perform this activity and read this document.

Did you know  BRPW maintains several social media accounts? If you are a user of  Facebook,  LinkedIn or  Twitter, please like/follow/join the group pages.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/business-resiliency-professionals-of-wisconsin/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BRPWI/>

[https://twitter.com/BRPWI\\_Official](https://twitter.com/BRPWI_Official)

<https://www.brpwi.org/>

## September BRPW Meeting

To kick-off the 2018 – 2019 Business Resiliency Professionals of WI, an in-person meeting was held at Highway Harry's in Johnson Creek. The meeting was attended by a smaller group than we have in the past but we had great feedback on the meeting. After a good time catching up with familiar faces and eating some good food, Paul Synnes, BRPW President, facilitated the BRPW Table Top Discussion. There were three groups of members working together discuss the scenarios and determine any best practices. The scenarios included:

### Scenario 1

- It is Wednesday, September 12 at 8 AM. A severe weather alert has been issued for most parts of the state.
- A line of severe thunderstorms is expected to make its way across the state beginning late morning. These storms are expected to cause large amounts of lightning, high winds and the development of multiple tornadoes.

### Scenario 2

- It is Wednesday, September 12 at Noon. Team members hear tornado sirens and are instructed to shelter in place immediately. What do you do?

### Scenario 3

- Wednesday September 12 at 1:30 PM Multiple F2 and F3 tornados touched down throughout the state impacting your company:
  - Due to flying debris multiple employees sustained minor to moderate injuries and have been taken or have gone to the hospital.
  - Thousands of homes and businesses in your area are without power.
  - There is a large amount of debris blocking roads from the tornado. The Governor has declared a state of emergency in your area and is asking citizens to stay off the roads. All public offices in the area are closed until further notice.
  - Some team members are unable to get home due to the road debris.
  - Bus lines are scattered and intermittent as debris is blocking main arteries. Wisconsin DOT is continually updating Twitter on open routes

### Scenario 4

- Thursday September 13, Noon
- Building assessment has been completed and your company's largest Wisconsin location has sustained significant damage and is closed until further notice, likely weeks.

After each scenario questions were asked of the groups to help with discussion. If you would like to see the complete presentation, please go to <https://www.brpwi.org/Members-only-content>. There was a lot of great discussion by all members.

Some feedback from participants included:

- Meeting provided opportunity for informative discussion among the attendees.
- The subject was good, although very emergency response based. The format of splitting into groups allowed us to extend the conversation beyond ER and into BCM and this proved to be very valuable.
- Paul, the moderator, was great, table discussions were excellent, and it was a good experience.

The next meeting is a virtual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 pm.

## 2018 - 2019 Conferences

Conference	Date	Website	Description
DRJ Fall World 2017 – Global Solutions for True Resiliency	September 23 - 26, 2018 Phoenix, Arizona	<a href="http://www.drj.com/">http://www.drj.com/</a>	Fall World 2018 is the premier business continuity conference in the world. DRJ brings together the best in business continuity education, technology, and research to give three packed days of learning and networking.
Disaster and Emergency Management Conference	October 3 – 4, 2018 Toronto, ON	<a href="http://www.wcdm.org/">http://www.wcdm.org/</a>	The Ontario Disaster & Emergency Management Conference is planned and developed by the Ontario Association of Emergency Managers in partnership with federal and provincial government agencies, non-governmental disaster relief organizations, and emergency management professional and student associations.
17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Continuity Insights New York Conference	October 22, 2018 Wyndham New Yorker Hotel, New York, New York	<a href="https://continuityinsights.com/events/7th-annual-continuity-insights-new-york-conference/">https://continuityinsights.com/events/7th-annual-continuity-insights-new-york-conference/</a>	<i>Continuity Insights</i> and the Contingency Planning Exchange (CPE) are pleased to announce that they will combine their respective Fall 2018 conferences into one comprehensive, single-day educational event, on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Wyndham New Yorker Hotel.
Continuity Insights 2019 Management Conference	April 15 – 17, 2019 New Orleans, Louisiana	<a href="http://www.cimanagementconference.com/">http://www.cimanagementconference.com/</a>	The Continuity Insights Management Conference is recognized as the industry's leading event for innovative and original content. Last year's event featured more than 70 breakout sessions... the most wide-ranging educational program of any other conference.
World Continuity Congress 2019	April 24, 2019 Sheraton Towers Singapore Hotel	<a href="http://www.worldcontinuitycongress.com/">www.worldcontinuitycongress.com/</a>	Building Organizational Resilience Against Multiple Disasters and Crises
DRI2018 The Professional's Conference	February 17 – 20, 2019 Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://driconference.org/">http://driconference.org/</a>	Each year DRI International, the leading industry non-profit, hosts an event designed for our community, by our community, addressing the topics certified professionals care about most and providing a first-rate educational experience that informs and inspires. This is a unique opportunity to hear and speak with the leading experts in our industry - real industry leaders from around the globe talking about their actual experiences.

## 2018 - 2019 Conferences - continued

Conference	Date	Website	Description
DRJ Spring World 2019 - Global Solutions for True Resiliency	March 24 - 27, 2019 Orlando, Florida	<a href="http://www.drj.com/">http://www.drj.com/</a>	Spring World 2019 is the premier business continuity conference in the world. DRJ brings together the best in business continuity education, technology, and research to give three packed days of learning and networking.
Continuity & Resilience Today, international Business Continuity Management Conference	May 29 - 30, 2019 Toronto, ON	<a href="http://www.wcdm.org/">http://www.wcdm.org/</a>	Continuing the tradition of the World Conference on Disaster Management, Continuity & Resilience Today in partnership with the Business Continuity Institute, the Disaster Recovery Institute Canada and the Disaster Recovery Information Exchange, is Canada's premier event addressing continuity management, providing a global perspective on current and emerging issues for continuity management practitioners.  Join over 300 senior BC practitioners and an outstanding roster of speakers for an excellent opportunity for training and networking. Presentations will cover practice, research, and innovation in business continuity, crisis communications and risk management.
Resiliency Showcase	June 20, 2019 Menomonee Falls, WI	<a href="https://www.brpwi.org">https://www.brpwi.org</a>	BRPW and SWHSP partner to put on a local conference.



From your editor -

Have you ever wanted to be published? Now is your chance, we need articles for the BRPW newsletter. Or, how about being interviewed for the 'Getting to know (your name)' article? Please consider contributing to our next issue.

Deadline - October 24, 2018

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