



## The BRPW Officers 2018 – 2019

President – Paul Synnes  
Vice President – TBD  
Secretary – Jeff Girard  
Treasurer – Linda Jacobi-Miller  
Past President – Colleen Huber

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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 & June

Virtual Meetings:

- October, March, May

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

## From the President's Desk

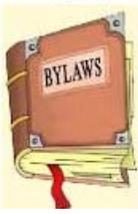
Happy September, everyone! (I can't believe I just wrote that sentence...didn't summer just start??!!) This is just a quick note to let you know how honored and thrilled I am to take over the leadership post of BRPW for the next two years (see elsewhere in the newsletter for more on the change we've made to the length of term for the leadership positions.) I hope you'll join me in thanking Colleen Huber for her leadership of BRPW over the past year. Thanks to her hard work, as well as that of the Board and Programming Committee, BRPW is in great shape and on solid financial ground. I hope to keep it that way and, with the help of the Board and the Committee, to continue to bring you timely and relevant learning and networking opportunities. Colleen will still be an active part of the organization as she assumes the role of "Past President."

Some background on me...I work in Madison for American Family Insurance. I've been in their Business Continuity department for 11 years. Like you, I'm passionate about the work I do. At American Family, we really try to put the customer first at all times. In fact, a big part of our mission statement is that we will "be there for our customers when they need us most." Well, to me, that's what business continuity, or business resilience, is all about. Making sure the company will be there for our customers, or at least there to fulfill its most important obligations. That's how we see the work we do contributing to American Family's "bottom line." I would think it's that way at your company too. That's makes the work we do in business resilience pretty important, don't you think?

Back in July the Board of Directors and the Programming Committee met to review and approve the Strategic Plan and also talk about the coming year. (If you'd like to read the Plan, I encourage you to go the [\[BRPW website\]](#) and take a look.) One of the key takeaways from that meeting is that we will be holding fewer of the virtual (WebEx) meetings this year. We've decided to hold three virtual meetings, and three in-person meetings. See the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. Planning efforts are underway for those meetings. If you have any topic ideas for any of these meetings, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I will put you in touch with the right people.

Thanks very much. I look forward to a great year, and I hope everyone enjoyed lunch, networking and an emergency response tabletop exercise at Hi-Way Harry's in Johnson Creek!

Paul Synnes  
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### **BYLAWS Update / BRPW Board and Other Non-Board Positions – Colleen Huber, Past President BRPW**

It was a pleasure serving BRPW as President from September 2017 through June 2018. We had an event schedule filled with exceptional presentations. My thanks to the membership for your attendance at monthly meetings and for completing the surveys to help us build out a successful event schedule. The June 2018 Resiliency Showcase was well attended and feedback on both Speakers and Exhibitors was exceptional and positive. The event was a huge success!

One of the final recommendations I made as President was to restructure the Board and to include the identification of non-Board positions filled by members who provide a specific function to assist the Board. In addition, the Past President position is eliminated after June 2019 as the President position is now 2 years.

#### **BRPW Board Members:**

- Colleen Huber (Past President)
  - Term is 1 year
  - Note: Position eliminated from Board after June 2019
- Paul Synnes (President)
  - Term is 2 years
- Vice President (Vacant)
  - Term is 1 year
  - Position is filled at start of President's 2<sup>nd</sup> term
  - Vice-President moves to President after 1<sup>st</sup> term is complete
- Linda Jacobi-Miller (Treasurer)
  - Term is 1 year
  - Can be reelected at June meeting
- Jeff Girard (Secretary)
  - Term is 1 year
  - Can be reelected at June meeting

#### **Special Events Coordinator**

- Lorie Alioto
  - Term is 1 year
  - Can be reelected at June meeting

#### **Public/Private Sector Liaison**

- Catherine Cooper
  - Term is 1 year
  - Can be reelected at June meeting



### **BRPW Board Member Openings - June 2019**

Are you interested in volunteering on the BRPW Board? We are looking for candidates interested in applying for the following Board positions to be effective after the June 2019 Resiliency Showcase. If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Paul Synnes, BRPW President Paul Synnes at [PSYNNES@amfam.com](mailto:PSYNNES@amfam.com).

#### **Vice-President**

In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's death, inability or refusal to act, or in the event for any reason it shall be impracticable for the President to act personally, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties and have such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors. The execution of any instrument of the corporation by the vice president shall be conclusive evidence, as to third parties, of his or her authority to act in the stead of the President.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall: (a) keep minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors (and of committees thereof) in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records; (d) maintain a record of the members of the corporation, in a form that permits preparation of a list of the names and addresses of all members; and (e) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; (b) maintain appropriate accounting records; (c) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions defined under Article VI: Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits of the Bylaws; and (d) in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**NOTE: Board cannot be comprised of individuals from the same organization.**

## Webmasters Corner

<https://brpwi.org/>



Did you know the BRPW website hosted [forum topics](#) including job postings and educational opportunities? You can subscribe to specific topics or entire forums so that you are notified of new educational opportunities, BCP positions and other items posted by BRPW members via Email as they are made available by members.

The document referenced [here](#) will help you subscribe and stay up to date on items in which you are interested. This document includes instructions on how to subscribe to forums and topics. You will need to be logged in to the BRPW site in order to access the document. Please take the time to try out this feature!

Please also remember to [update your profile](#) whenever you:

1. Change positions or employers
2. Obtain a new credential or certification
3. Have a new phone number or mailing address you wish to share
4. Want to adjust your privacy settings
5. Check your Email subscriptions on the site
6. Update your profile photo

Please note you can restrict who see what information that you have on your profile – restrict to yourself (BRPW info only), registered BRPW members, or publicly viewable.

### [Future Topics](#)

We will continue to highlight changes and additions to the website in future newsletters. Please feel free to let us know what topics or questions about the website you'd like us to address. If at any time, you have a question about the website, you can send us an email at [webmaster@brpwi.com](mailto:webmaster@brpwi.com).

## Resiliency Showcase 2018

Were you able to attend the 2018 Resiliency Showcase? If yes, we hope you enjoyed the event. If you were not able to attend, we hope you will be able to attend the 2019 Resiliency Showcase scheduled Thursday, June 20, 2019.



Site of the 2018 Resiliency Showcase  
Kohl's Innovation Center



More info on the 2018 Resiliency Showcase  
<https://www.brpwi.org/2018-Resiliency-Showcase>



Key Note Speaker-  
Brian Zawada

## 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.cimmanagementconference.com/">http://www.cimmanagementconference.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.
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

			<p>management, providing a global perspective on current and emerging issues for continuity management practitioners.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 – September 24, 2018

Please send your content to Linda Jacobi-Miller at [linda.jacobi-miller@wageworks.com](mailto:linda.jacobi-miller@wageworks.com)