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## President's Message

Spring is here and the Richmond Chapter is off to another exciting year. We have now had two successful educational sessions, the most recent being an update and overview of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Gretchen Williams of Mercer Human Resource Consulting provided an in-depth overview of the Financial and Design implications of the new Act. Gretchen's presentation looked at many aspects of the new Act including Funding targets as well as minimum Contribution requirements for Defined benefit programs.

Our next educational session will take place at the Westwood Club on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> and will feature our Half-Day Fundamentals program on Health & Welfare Issues in a rapidly changing marketplace. The program will run from 7:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and will feature three speakers covering a variety of Health & Welfare issues. This program will also include 3 continuing education credits, one of which will count towards the legal requirements for the State of Virginia.

Brydon DeWitt of Williams Mullen Law firm will begin the session with an update on legislative issues affecting employee benefit programs. Karen Cameron, the Executive Director of the Central Virginia Health Planning Agency, will provide an overview of Health Care Cost Management data from the Virginia Health Information database. The Session will wrap up with a presentation from Barbara Wallace, President and CEO of the Virginia Business Coalition on Health. Barbara will provide a discussion on health care analytical tools being used in the Health & Welfare marketplace.

I also wanted to pass along that Barbara's organization will be hosting a Business and Health Summit on Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Beach. More information regarding this meeting can be found at the organizations web sight, <http://www.myvbch.org/>.

As you know, our meetings are open to all interested benefit professionals. We encourage you to share the invitations for our events with your associates and friends to help spread the educational value of our chapter with others in our community.

I am pleased to report that, once again, our chapter has completed the necessary requirements to qualify for the National Society's Chapter Challenge Award. As you know, our chapter is constantly trying to recruit new member as well as retain those members that have supported us in the past. I would like to personally thank our membership chair, Cathy Kercheval, for her continuing efforts to strengthen and maintain our membership base.

Finally, I know we were all saddened and touched by the terrible events that occurred at Virginia Tech on April 16<sup>th</sup>. To honor the students and families affected by this tragedy, our board of trustees elected to make a monetary gift of \$500 on behalf of our local chapter to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund. For those of you who may wish to make a personal donation, please visit the memorial funds web sight at [http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial\\_fund](http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund).

Enjoy the rest of your Spring and I look forward to seeing you at our Half-Day session on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Educational Event

### Please Join Us for the June 21, 2007 Half-Day Educational Event

Presentation: Health and Welfare Legislative Update/ Utilizing the Latest Health Care Evaluation Tools to Help Employers Make Practical Health Care Decisions

Speakers:

- Brydon DeWitt, Partner, Williams Mullen
- Karen Cameron, Exec. Director & CEO, Central VA Health Planning Agency
- Barbara Wallace, Ed.D., President & CEO, VA Business Coalition on Health

Continuing Education Credits: You will receive 3 CE credits by attending this session (1 for law)

Date and Time: Thursday, June 21, 2007

7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m.: Full Breakfast  
8:15-9:15: Health and Welfare Legislative Update  
9:30-10:30: Utilizing the VHI Inpatient and Outpatient Databases to Assess Your Health Care Costs  
10:45-11:45: Evaluate8 RFI - A Tool to Help Employers Purchase Health Care Right!

Location: Westwood Racquet Club  
6200 West Club Lane  
(804) 288-6028

Cost: \$75 (\$60 for members of the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS)

Please RSVP: By June 19, 2007 to Susan Landsidle  
(smlandsi@sentara.com or 804-510-7442)

Questions: For questions concerning the program, contact Gary Powers, CEBS, at 804-320-8438, or e-mail Gary\_S\_Powers@aon.com.

Make checks payable and mail to:  
Richmond Chapter-ISCEBS  
P.O. Box 6513  
Richmond, VA 23230

*Note:* Meeting fees are non-refundable unless cancellation is received before April 24, 2007.  
**Unpaid no-shows will be billed.**

## Still Time to Join for 2007

We are coming to the end of our annual membership drive for the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS. There is still time to submit your renewal and dues to the national ISCEBS office. Our membership dues are the main source of income for the Richmond Chapter and are only \$40 a year! Come join us this year and learn the newest update and trends for benefits as well as meeting other local people in the benefit field.

Please remember that CEBS graduates must also join the national ISCEBS in addition to our local chapter. You can renew your membership online, by mailing your application directly to the ISCEBS office in Brookfield, Wisconsin, or by faxing it.

## Upcoming Events

[www.iscebs.org/forms](http://www.iscebs.org/forms)

Fax to: 262-786-8650

Or mail to:

ISCEBS  
P.O. Box 209  
Brookfield, WI 53008-0209

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining or learning more about the ISCEBS Program, please let me know and we will be more than happy to contact them.

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## Mark Your Calendar For The Following Upcoming Chapter Events in 2007

**September 6, 2007**  
**Annual Social (4:00-7:00 p.m.)**  
**Westwood Club**

**September 27, 2007**  
**Full-Day Session**  
**Westwood Club**

Fundamentals of Retirement Plans\*

**October 25, 2007**  
**Luncheon Meeting**  
**Westwood Club**

**November 15, 2007**  
**Breakfast Meeting**  
**Westwood Club**

Annual Meeting

\*CE credits