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President's Message

Technical Advisory Committees meet in Olathe to update IMSA Courses

I sincerely hope all of you had a wonderful holiday! Although it was cold here in Kansas, we didn't have the "Holiday Emergency" with all the snow again this year. Last year most of us spent Christmas morning plowing roads! So for many here in Olathe, this was a major improvement from last year.

As some of you may be aware, there are also major improvements taking place within IMSA. One being the certification course updates. This process started last February in Newark, NY. Specialty committees met there to identify necessary changes to each course within IMSA due to the changes in the 2009 MUTCD. Some of the courses were so out of date that they will require total rewrites of the courses to bring them up to date, those courses are Signs and Markings (All levels), Roadway Lighting, and the Signal Inspector Course.

TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) chairmen were appointed at the 2010 International IMSA conference in Dallas, TX to oversee the development of those courses that require total rewrites. Since that time TAC committees have formed and started developing course outlines. The TAC committees met in Olathe, Ks. last month to finalize those outlines and develop presentations for the Board of Directors, the EAC (Educational Advisory Committee), and the IMSA Foundation. At the Mid-Winter IMSA International meeting in February, each of these entities will see the DCSR's (Detailed Course Service Requests) that outline the recommendations of the TAC.

If the DCSR's are approved by the Board of Directors, the EAC, and the IMSA Foundation, then these course will be sent out to developers for bid. With any luck, these new courses will be out for distribution with 2011. I am chairman of the Signs and Markings TAC, and I can tell you that these courses are going to be new, refreshing, up-to-date, and state of the art. Every year, you all renew your memberships with IMSA and help to support this organization, our goal is to provide the best training, networking, and certifications in the industry. This is merely another step in ensuring that our commitment to you, the members of IMSA, continues. I hope to see you all at the IMSA/KAUTC Annual Conference in March. Be careful this winter and once again, Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

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Central Section News

Its time again to plan for the Central Section IMSA annual conference. This year's conference will be held in Topeka Kansas at the **Holiday Inn Holidome** 605 SW Fairlawn Road, Topeka KS 66606 from March 7th -11th 2011.

Call 785-783-8705 for reservations

This year we are offering the new IMSA Traffic Signal II Construction class for the first time to be held March 7th and 8th 2011.



Certification: March 7th and 8th 2011	Price	Check if attending	Note: All classes are from 8:00am to 5:00pm
Traffic Signal Inspection	\$365.00		
Traffic Signal II Field	\$355.00		
Traffic Signal II Construction (New Class)	\$355.00		
Signs and Markings II	\$375.00		
Certification: March 10th and 11th 2011	Price	Check if attending	Note: All classes are from 8:00am to 5:00pm
Work Zone	\$425.00		
Traffic Signal I	\$355.00		
Signs and Markings I	\$365.00		
Recertification's: March 2011 (see pages 5 and 6 for the renewal process)	Price	Check if attending	** Notice of cancellation must be done 48 hrs prior to start of classes to receive refund ** A full refund will be issued if a cancellation notice is post-marked 14 calendar days prior to the class date. After this date, registration fees will be returned minus a 80% per person service charge. All cancellations must be received in writing. Refunds are only issued following the course given. Sorry, but “no shows” are non-refundable. All registrations must be received no later then “February 18th 2011” otherwise a \$50.00 late fee will be required. Registrations received after deadline will be accepted only if materials and class room space are available. Fees include manual, materials and exam. (does not include IMSA/ KAUTC March 9th meeting)
Traffic Signal I March 10th and 11th 2011	\$177.00		
Traffic Signal II March 7th and 8th 2011	\$177.00		
Traffic Signal Inspection March 7th and 8th 2011	\$182.00		
Work Zone March 10th and 11th 2011	\$212.00		
Signs and Markings I March 10th and 11th 2011	\$187.00		
Signs and Markings II March 7th and 8th 2011	\$182.00		
Challenge Exams (will be held Friday March 11th 2011)	\$125.00		
IMSA/KAUTC Conference: March 9th 2011	Price	Check if attending	
Joint One Day Registration Fee	\$35.00		
Vendor Registration (vendor table includes one lunch additional people are \$35.00 per person)	\$60.00		

Email or mail this form to:

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Name _____

Address _____

Company/Vendor _____

**Make all checks c/o Central Section IMSA
or to register Online click the following link
<http://www.central.imsasafety.org/>**



Central Section IMSA / KAUTC
March 9th 2011
Annual Conference Schedule of Events
Holiday Inn Holidome
605 SW Fairlawn Road
Topeka KS 66606
(785)-783-8705

**IMSA/KAUTC Annual Conference Speaker Schedule
Wednesday March 9th 2011 Holiday Inn Holidome / Topeka KS**

07:30am – 09:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast

08:00am – 09:00am KAUTC Board Meeting

09:00am – 09:15am Introductions FHWA Update and KDOT Update

9:15am – 9:45am TBA

9:45am – 10:15am TBA

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – 11:15am TBA

11:15am - 11:45am TBA

11:45am – 12:00am Vendor Time

12:00pm – 12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm – 1:30pm IMSA Business Meeting

1:30pm -2:15pm TBA

2:15 pm–2:30pm Break / Vendor Time

2:30pm - 3:15pm TBA

3:15pm - 3:45pm MUTCD Update (David Woosley)

3:45pm Closing Comments

Section 2.0 Renewal Process

2.1 All current certification certificates are valid for a three (3) year period from date of issue. The expiration date of all current certifications can be found on the certificate's) and certification card(s).

2.2 Options for Renewal. There are three options for renewal of IMSA certifications. Individuals may choose any one of the options. The renewal requirements must be completed prior to the expiration date of the individual's current certification's).

A. Educational Units

1. College/Technical/Vocational course work for minimum one (1) quarter or one (1) semester with a 'C' or higher passing grade. The course work must be directly related to the certification(s) being renewed.

2. Continuing Education Units (CEU). The training must be directly related to the certification(s) being renewed.

3. Technical Advancement Recognition Points (TARP). In order to use this option an individual must be a member in good standing of IMSA. Your Section Certification Chair or a TARP representative gathers and submits these earned points on your behalf, to the International Office for logging in a database. Individuals should also record these points on their personal logs.

4. Renewal Hours by Personal Log (Members and/or Non-Members). Individuals must complete a personal log or diary of their continuing education by documenting training and/or certification(s) received. The training must be directly related to the certification(s) being renewed. For the training to be valid it must be signed by one of the following: the speaker of a session, moderator of a class, supervisor or your IMSA Section Certification Chair. Personal logs may be downloaded from the IMSA Web.

5. Combination of 2, 3 & 4 above. For example: A combination of CEUs and TARP points may qualify an individual for certification renewal.

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Each IMSA certification has a defined number of required educational hours based on the level and type of certificate as follows:

Traffic Signals, Signs and Markings, Roadway Lighting, Fire Alarm, and Public Safety Telecommunicator require a total of sixteen (16) hours of education.

Work Zone Safety and Flagging require a total of four (4) hours of education.

- Sixteen hours is defined as 1.6 CEUs, or 64 TARP points or 16 renewal hours.
- Four hours is defined as .4 CEUs or 16 TARP points or 4 renewal hours

B. Attending the Current Certification Course.

This option requires the individual to attend the current 16-hour certification course without taking the exam. Individuals will be responsible for documenting their attendance in their Personal Log and shall have it signed by the moderator. BE SURE TO SIGN THE CLASS ROSTER AS IT WILL BE AUDITED.

You may

ONLY use this option within “one year” prior to the expiration date. Please note: Traffic Signal III and Signs & Marking III courses will only count as 8 hours of training (16-hours of training is needed to complete the renewal process for these Level III programs.)

C. Higher Certification Level.

Achieving the next higher certification level in each specialty, will result in a new three year certification; therefore, renewal of your existing certification will not be necessary. For example: An individual with a current Traffic Signal Level I certification who passes the Traffic Signal Level II certification course will receive a new certification level which will be due for renewal three years from the date printed on the new certification.

2.3 Documentation. It is the certificate holder’s responsibility to submit documentation to the IMSA International office for renewal utilizing “Educational Units” including TARP points and Personal Log/Diaries. All required documentation and the appropriate fees shall be sent in one mailing to IMSA prior to expiration date.

2.4 Renewal After Expiration.

For individuals with an expiration date on their certificate(s), if the certification is not renewed by the expiration date, the certification will lapse. The lapsed certificate holder will have one (1) year after the expiration date to reinstate their certification by documenting sixteen (16) hours of training through 2.2A or 2.2B. If the certification is not reinstated within one (1) year after the expiration date, the individual must renew through the normal certification process by taking the current certification exam at the highest level previously attained and paying the regular certification exam fee. The renewal fees do not apply to this method of certification; only the regular certification exam fees will be due. Retake of prerequisites will not be required. IMSA will not recognize any IMSA certificate(s) without an expiration date.

For those individuals without an expiration date on their certificate (s), they will need to follow the first renewal steps by submitting a

Letter of Confirmation and renewal fee to the International office as outlined in Section 1.0 in the policy.

Renewal Fee Schedule

<u># of Renewals</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
1	\$40.00	\$60.00
2	\$70.00	\$90.00
3	\$90.00	\$110.00
4 or more	\$100.00	\$120.00



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More Central Section News

We will be having Tech Sessions on March 10th and 11th 2011. If you have any ideas for a session that you would like to have. Feel free to contact one of our Executive Committee members and let them know what you would like to have as a Tech Session. More information to come later.