



# September 2009 E-Blast



Dear ISES Hampton Roads Members:

It is with great pleasure that I serve as the President of ISES Hampton Roads for a second term. It is my honor to welcome our members—new and returning, to our new year. I am very excited about the social, networking and educational oppor-

tunities, which will be offered, throughout the 2009-2010 year. Starting with the annual July Board retreat, your chapter leadership has set into motion an incredible year of programs, and we anticipate an extremely successful year. The Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 year are as follows: President, R. Allan Bull, CMP; President –elect, Patty Ritzi; VP of Communications, Debi Ernest; VP of Membership, Tom Johnson; VP of Education, Kelly Coronel; Director of Finance, Mitzie Wright; Director of Administration, Susan Burns; and Directors at Large, Kathy Ruley, Steve Rose, Jane White, Debbie Mergi, and Tracy Derring. All board members are committed to furthering the special events industry and make themselves available to you when called upon.

ISES membership presents numerous opportunities for individual professional development within the special events industry. Your involvement in ISES allows you to build relationships with other special event professionals not only in the Hampton Roads region, but nationally and beyond. I encourage you to get involved locally at the committee levels—Communications, Programming, Membership, and Fundraising. You will get the most from your membership by attending the monthly chapter meetings and volunteering your time and skills.

I encourage you to join me for a year of opportunity and begin by attending our first event of the season onboard the American Rover Tall Sail Ship at Waterside, Downtown Norfolk, on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:45pm.

*Don't be late as the ship will sail without you!*

Online resources and networking are so important in our profession. Here are just a few sites you may want to check out, if you have not already. Do you have some sites that you think are great – share them with us.

Email: Debi Ernest at [events@aviationmuseum.us](mailto:events@aviationmuseum.us)

Ises

[www.Ises.com](http://www.Ises.com)

About.com

<http://eventplanning.about.com/>

Event Peeps –networking site for event professionals

[www.Eventpeeps.com](http://www.Eventpeeps.com)

National Restaurant Association

[www.Restaurant.org](http://www.Restaurant.org)

Exhibit Magazine

<http://www.exhibitoronline.com/exhibitormagazine/>

Members, share your expertise with the chapter. Submit an article, no more than 250 words. For consideration submit to [events@aviationmuseum.us](mailto:events@aviationmuseum.us)

## 2009-2010 ISES Hampton Roads Board of Directors



Over the Summer, the ISES Hampton Roads Board of Directors held two meetings in addition to many of them attending Eventworld® in San Francisco, CA