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# Chairperson's Corner

by Marc Slutzky

I believe that the International Section is about volunteerism. The Section Council is made up of volunteers who have an interest in managing the section and rely on many volunteers to get projects done. One of the best benefits of volunteering is getting acquainted with other members who have similar interests in building and managing projects and sharing ideas and experiences of an international nature. You may not be involved with international work and may only be curious about what those international folk are doing. We welcome you all.

The membership of the International Section is geographically dispersed around the world. Similarly, the Section Council faces the challenge of overcoming these vast distances between council members to operate the section effectively. We are able to have only one in-person meeting annually, at the SOA Annual Meeting. It is particularly important for section council members to meet each other and develop a rapport that makes working together easier. Scheduling our seven conference calls during the year faces the problem of finding a convenient time for people in the several time zones in the United States, Hong Kong, Germany, United Kingdom, Brazil and the Caribbean; further complicated by the changing observances of daylight savings time throughout the year, and even more complicated by the fact that our members are often traveling on international assignments.

However, we are all keen to continue building the International Section and supporting the various initiatives of the SOA. We welcome your participation in and suggestions for activities, seminars, studies, webcasts and anything else that will serve the needs of the membership.

We are planning interesting sessions at the Annual Meeting in New York in November, and are running a webcast on M&A in Emerging Markets in October. Any other ideas that you have would be welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or hearing from you by e-mail. Let's discuss your ideas! □



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## Editorial Correction

*International News* apologizes to Frank Buck for the error printed in the July issue regarding his place of employment. We would like to notify all readers that Frank Buck is a principal at Deloitte Consulting and can be reached at [fbuck@deloitte.com](mailto:fbuck@deloitte.com)