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TO: IMSA Atlantic Membership

RE: Certification and Training Update

Good day all,

Approximately 8 months ago the IMSA International could not come to an agreement with the IMSA Foundation and have decided to separate. The Foundation was the educational part of the organization which provided all the training materials and examinations. With this separation, two things have transpired:

1. The International decided to go on its own and develop its own training exam
2. Access to all previous training materials from the Foundation ended on 31 October 23

Since the separation, the International has been working very hard to develop updated programs and course materials. Experts in each field have been used in the development of the new courses' syllabuses. The first 5 courses that will be released are Work Zone, Signals Level 1, Signals Level 2, Roadway Lighting Level 1 and Roadway Lighting Level 2. Work has already started on the second set of courses based on the needs of the sections and the history of most frequently requested courses.

While there has been much discussion on training materials and presentations, they may be available in the future. However, presently none are provided to our section. The Examinations are ready for the first 5 courses as is the documentation that will be provided to moderators. In conjunction with the examinations, the International have asked the section's moderators to create a Power Point presentation outlining discussion points that have been highlighted by the International. For a small section such as ours, this task will be daunting for certain.

In the meantime, all previously earned certifications are valid and the renewal processes remains the same. Maintaining your membership and submitting your Continued Education Credits (CECs) should be a priority. Maintaining your CECs will eliminate the need to re-certify by retaking the newly developed courses. As a reminder your CECs are to be entered online under you profile.

There are a variety of methods of obtaining CECs. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Credits (up to 16) for safety training related to your certification safety which may include bucket truck safety and or evacuation, flagging and road signage set up, confined space entry, WHMIS or a safety talk related to equipment used to do your job.
2. Training, demonstrations, discussions by vendors of suppliers on their products.
3. In house training on procedures or equipment used for your jobs.
4. Online webinars or attending a trade show to mention a few.

Of note, some members, especially contractors, have difficulty getting credits. There are training sessions available (at a cost) on the International website. These sessions can be used to re-certify in the Traffic Signal Field. The number of training sessions needed will be depended on the number of credits you need. They can be taken at home on your own time and registration is fairly straight forward. As mentioned, there is a cost associated but considering your CECs already collected, it should be much less expensive than taking the full course again to simply re-certify.

It has been discussed on occasion of our section being able to provide some training to the members to help maintain certifications. This idea has been met with enthusiasm; our section will continue to seek presentation opportunities to offer our members. Perhaps in the future, if there is training planned by an organization, it can be posted on our web site or perhaps conducted by an online platform such as Zoom or Teams and made available to all the membership members. All ideas in relation to providing training to the membership are welcome as are volunteers to help. Anyone having an idea of a presentation in the related subject field, or are planning to put together a presentation, is encouraged to do so. This will certainly be a topic of discussion at our next Board of Directors meeting.

In the meantime, I am available to answer any question or provide guidance of an issue you might have.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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