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A Message from the Director

Your Board of Directors held the 2017 3rd Quarter Board Meeting on Thursday, September 21st. The focus of the Q3 Board Meeting was to review and update key initiatives underway. The Board received a financial update including the cash status of the Society. Cash flow estimates for the balance of the year were provided. The Society remains in a self-funding situation as a result of portfolio performance.

Work has been underway to improve the Chapter documentation process for financial grants of \$2,500 or more. The Board has finalized the recommended process and has approved distribution to all Chapters. This will be completed in the next 30 days and include an overview on the background and business case for the documentation requirement.

The Board's efforts to increase the number of Chapters in the Society's network continues to move forward. This effort is driven by the fact only 14,317 or 31% of our members are aligned with the current Chapter network. Local Chapter activity drives the Society's ability to identify and reach QCS members in financial need. Specific Chapter targets include Erie, Wisconsin, Shelbyville, Pine Hill, Eastover, the West Coast and the converting network of facilities. The Erie, Wisconsin and Shelbyville Chapter process is now moving forward based on positive feedback and a commitment from QCS members in each location to begin the organization development process.

Greg Mitchell, Assistant Treasurer, provided the Board with an update on the status of the Chapter Directory initiative. All existing Chapters were provided a complete directory of local Chapter membership in 2016. The Chapter specific directories are now provided on request.

A key performance metric for the Board is Chapter grant activity. This information is derived from the 6 Month Activity Report. Requests for January - June Chapter reports are sent in early July. Chapter reporting for the period reflects 30 grants made by eight Chapters totaling \$40,074. This is slightly behind the 2016 level of activity for the same 6 month reporting period.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent who is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

A Message from the Director (continued)

The Board's effort to review and identify requirements to update QCS Constitution language remains underway. Joyce Margulies is leading this effort.

The QCS Board of Director's priorities for 2017-2018 include the following:

- Develop Organization Model for a Regional Chapter
- Finalize a Converting Network Chapter Proposal
- Update the QCS Constitution As Needed
- Support Chapter Leadership Succession Planning
- Streamline Financial Reporting

The Board extends appreciation to all Chapter leadership teams for their continued commitment to the QCS Mission. Grant activity continues to increase as a direct result of Chapter efforts. Your hard work and dedication remain the key to realizing the QCS Mission: Identifying and confidentially supporting QCS members in dire financial need. Thank you!

William A. Nelson

4th Quarter 2017 Calendar

4 th Quarter Board Meeting	December 1 st
Chapter 1099 Form	January 15th
6 Month Chapter Activity Report	February 15th

International Paper Contributes \$1 Million to Assist Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

International Paper pledged \$1 million to support disaster relief efforts in the communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Harvey.

The International Paper Foundation contributed \$750,000 to the American Red Cross chapters in Texas and Louisiana, and \$250,000 to Feeding America. International Paper has established strategic partnerships with these organizations to provide disaster relief in communities where IP employees live and work.

The company produced 100,000 boxes which were donated to the American Red Cross and Feeding America for delivering food, water and other critical supplies to those in need. IP employs nearly 5,000 team members throughout the two states.

"Our hearts go out to the many families impacted by Hurricane Harvey," said Mark Sutton, Chairman and CEO, International Paper. "We know these communities are resilient and hope that our contributions help accelerate relief efforts and the distribution of essential goods."

International Paper mobilized its people, products and resources to address critical needs in the communities where employees live and work. The company's community engagement efforts include financial contributions, employee volunteering and product donations focused on addressing four Signature Causes: Hunger, Education, Health & Wellness and Disaster Relief.

IP Heroes of Harvey

In many cases, the rain was still falling but with the pull of a cord or turn of a key, the boats started humming. One after another, Industrial Packaging team members from the Orange Containerboard Mill began their search and rescue efforts. Many of these individuals sustained damage to their own homes, but for them, it was about those they could save. There's no way to tell how many, but it's safe to say that hundreds of people were rescued because of the heroic efforts of IP team members.

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Many active and retired employees have inquired about contributing to disaster relief efforts. Please consider helping your colleagues via [The Employee Relief Fund](#), which provides financial assistance to meet their immediate food, shelter and clothing needs. The ERF is available for one-time credit card or payroll deduction contributions. Donations are tax-deductible and the company will match all employee contributions.

Orange Chapter: QCS Mission Accomplished!

The Orange Mill established a QCS Chapter in late 2016. The Chapter leadership team led by Chairman Kenneth Kemp rose to the occasion in the days following Harvey. Kenneth worked closely with the Orange Mill in an effort to reach out to QCS members impacted by the storm. The immediate focus was retired members that suffered loss of home and possessions. 10 grants were made within 8 days of the storm and a total of 21 grants have been made to retired members over the last 5 weeks. Outstanding work by Kenneth and the Orange team! Special thanks to Ed Barr, mill manager and Janet Freeman, mill HR for their excellent leadership and support of the Society.

Hurricane Impact

Approximately 70 percent of IP's 500 Orange Texas Containerboard Mill colleagues and four team members at the Sealy Box Plant suffered personal property damage following Hurricane Harvey's landfall along the Texas coast in early September. In response, our generous employees have donated more than \$22,000 to the Employee Relief Fund.

Many team members from Memphis and facilities across the company have worked at the Orange mill to help in any way they can.

Chapter Reporting Requirements

The following represents the reporting required from each Chapter on an annual basis:

- 6 Month Chapter Activity Report
 - January – June July 31st
 - July – December February 15th
- 1099 Form (Grants over \$599) January 15th

- If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. — Booker T. Washington
- We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. — Ronald Reagan