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**Professional Development Panel Discussion Addresses
Paperless Office, Disaster Recovery**

(*New Paltz, NY*) The Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz held the panel discussion "**The Efficient, Disaster-Proof Business**" on Friday, November 20 at the **SUNY New Paltz School of Business**. The fifth and final panel discussion in the Foundation's 2009 Professional Development series was moderated by Chris Drouin of **Beyond Wealth Management** and featured panelists Randy Gibbs of **Professional Computer Associates** and Marc Schain of **Schain and Company, CPAs**.

Schain's presentation focused upon the transition to a paperless office environment, stressing the benefits to businesses and clients, important software decisions and the challenges faced during implementation. Digital record-keeping, of course, makes the establishment of secure data storage protocols and a disaster recovery plan essential. Gibbs's presentation addressed these issues, laying out a variety of options for small- to medium-sized businesses.

The Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz aids and augments the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce's current slate of successful educational programs. The Foundation also envisions a comprehensive program of educational activities and scholarships, all geared toward educating and supporting the community.

The New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce, with more than 700 members, is an active and trusted voice in the regional business and residential community, advancing the business, industrial, agricultural and civic interests of the Hudson Valley. It responds to an estimated 22,000 requests and visits from tourists each year from its current rented offices at 257 Main St. in New Paltz. For more information about Foundation and Chamber programs and Visitor's Center hours of operation, visit www.newpaltzchamber.org, or call the Chamber at (845) 255-0243.

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