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This information bulletin is distributed weekly in an effort to reduce the amount of separate emails our chapter officers receive from RIMS. The weekly email bulletin highlights chapter/member-related information including new benefits to chapters, changes at RIMS and upcoming events. Please review this email when you receive it to remain on the cutting-edge of what's relevant for chapters from RIMS. We would also be glad to include information from your chapter, relevant to your chapter colleagues (announcements, meetings, brief success stories); we do not intend to replace the chapter officer e-group but to supplement it. Please send your submissions to chapterservices@RIMS.org.

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Chapter Officer News

Deadline is here! Apply for a Chapter Recognition Award today!

As part of an ongoing effort to streamline the award process and "go green," RIMS will no longer accept paper documents for the Chapter Recognition Awards. But don't worry, RIMS staff is currently on hand all day today to help you with the new electronic submission process and to assist you with any additional questions you may have regarding the program.

All supporting materials for the CRP applications must be submitted in electronic format (CD or DVD) to RIMS or uploaded onto the RIMS FTP site by 5pm ET, TODAY,

January 9.

If you are using the FTP site to upload your supporting documents please click on the link below for the corresponding award to download and print instructions.

[Programming Award](#)

[Member Service Award](#)

[Advancing the Risk Management Profession](#)

To access the FTP site directly please click on the link below for the corresponding award and category. (Your chapter category will be listed on your actual printed application.)

Programming Award:

[Category 1 \(1-20 members\)](#)

[Category 2 \(21-33 members\)](#)

[Category 3 \(33-45 members\)](#)

[Category 4 \(45-89 members\)](#)

[Category 5 \(90+ members\)](#)

Member Service Award:

[Category 1 \(1-20 members\)](#)

[Category 2 \(21-33 members\)](#)

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Advancing the Risk Management Profession:

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[Category 2 \(21-33 members\)](#)

[Category 3 \(33-45 members\)](#)

[Category 4 \(45-89 members\)](#)

[Category 5 \(90+ members\)](#)

Additional tips on the CRP:

- You can continue to access your application up until the deadline cut off time of 5pm ET, January 9.
- Any supporting documentation received via email will not be accepted.
- Remember to proof read your submission for grammar and spelling.
- Test all the files being submitted. (For FTP, contact chapterservices@RIMS.org to confirm receipt.)
- Make sure your submission is complete and that each question has been answered.
- Remember, more isn't always better. Be concise with your response and with supporting documentation.
- Submit early in case you need to troubleshoot. (Contact Darlene Lebron at 212-655-6034 for assistance with FTP upload.)

Congratulations to Chapters Winning 2008 Membership Growth Awards

RIMS is pleased to introduce two new awards recognizing 2008 Chapter achievements. The **Membership Star** award is bestowed to Chapters whose membership increased between 6%

and 9%. Chapters whose membership grew more than 9% are honored with the **Membership Super Star** award. No application is needed from Chapters; qualification is determined simply by calculating membership growth based on statistics comparing year-end 2007 to year-end 2008.

Congratulations to the seventeen chapters who qualified this year! In these economic times, this is quite an accomplishment and deserves RIMS recognition and thanks. Winning Chapters will be acknowledged during the Awards Luncheon at the RIMS 2009 annual conference this April in Orlando. These Chapters will also receive an award patch for their banners and a matching award logo file for web pages and other promotional materials.

Membership Super Star Award Winners **% change year-end
2007-2008**

Sacramento Valley	20.2%
Saskatchewan	17.5%
Alaska	16.7%
Maritime	16.1%
Southwest Florida	13.8%
Central Oklahoma	13.3%
Utah	9.3%

Membership Star Award Winners **% change year-end
2007-2008**

San Diego	8.7%
Southern Alberta	8.4%
Upstate New York	7.8%
Broward County	7.1%
Newfoundland & Labrador	7.1%
Ontario	6.9%
Golden Gate	6.9%
Fairfield/Westchester	6.7%
Chesapeake	6.5%
British Columbia	6.0%

Society News

RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition

Amidst the recent turmoil in the financial markets, the risk management industry has been placed into the spotlight and risk practitioners are being asked to re-evaluate their risks and exposures. The Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition, taking place April 19-23 in Orlando, Florida will provide risk managers and other executives charged with risk management responsibilities with proven leadership strategies and techniques to successfully navigate this time of economic uncertainty, and the surfacing global threats. The conference will take place at the Orange County Convention Center.

“Risk professionals today face a very challenging economy with tough decisions to make for their organization. Now more than ever, it is vital that practitioners stay connected and informed,” says Mary Roth, ARM, RIMS executive director. “What practitioners will learn, see and hear at RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition should not be missed. This is the conference for risk professionals to question industry partners about business tactics, learn from experts about the latest leadership strategies and hear how peers are addressing challenges in their own

organization.”

Speakers:

The Keynote speaker at the conference General Session is Dr. Dennis N.T. Perkins, leadership consultant and author, who will present his 10 strategies for success based on effective leadership in demanding environments. Other speakers include Harvard Business School professor, change consultant and author John Kotter, who will share the secrets to aligning business goals and embracing effective change management; and *financial journalist and author Roger Lowenstein, who* will discuss the downfall of U.S. hedge fund company Long-Term Capital Management and the issues facing the current global credit crises.

Educational Lineup:

RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition boasts more than 400 speakers who will lead some 120 workshops in the 10 category areas of claims management, employment risks, ERM, finance, industry, insurance, international, legal legislation, loss control and risk management. Sessions cover current issues such as tactics that will help to improve an organization’s risk management approach, and how to address the risks involved in using products and materials from developing countries as well as traditional trading partners. “Hot Topic” sessions will be announced in January to offer attendees forward-looking content based on current events.

Networking Events:

RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition will offer several opportunities for risk practitioners to meet with peers in a relaxed atmosphere. RIMS will host its third Community Service Day, once again supported by Aon, at Give Kids the World—a 70-acre resort that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses and their families at central Florida’s attractions. Other networking events include the Spencer Educational Foundation’s annual golf and hockey tournament fundraisers, an internationally inspired Opening Reception held at Walt Disney World’s Epcot® Center, a special Wednesday evening entertainment—SeaWorld Spectacular, and an Exhibit Hall wine and cheese reception.

RIMS Goes Green:

RIMS will be working closely with the Orange County Convention Center to support and execute an environmentally-friendly event throughout the week. For example, to reduce energy consumption, the center’s lights, heat and air conditioning will be turned off in rooms not in use. Also, many conference materials such as banners, carpeting, signage, badge holders, among others will use recyclable materials and soy-based inks.

Conference Programs:

Conference Programs were mailed at the end of December and should be arriving in mailboxes this week. Also, you can view the full Program and Sessions Guide online at www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009. Start planning your educational lineup now!

[The deadline for the early bird discount is February 20.](#)

More information on RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition, travel arrangements and registration is available at www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009.

Manage your organization’s risk exposure with RIMS Professional Development

In the current economic situation, awareness and timely understanding of market developments are critical to maintaining stability. But even more important is correctly utilizing your resources and having the proper tools at your disposal to identify and correct areas of weakness and take advantage of strong points. At RIMS Professional Development workshops you will acquire the tools and solutions that your organization needs to strategically manage your exposures relative

to general liability, first party property loss, business income loss, D&O and E&O liability and its impact on your enterprise. You will learn how to control strategic risks while managing opportunities and threats, and to correctly understand—and explain to senior management—the cost and benefits of risk projects.

Get your Chapter Members, and yourself, started today at these upcoming workshops:

Strategic Risk Control

January 26 - 27, Houston, TX

Claims Management

January 29 - 30, Kansas City, MO

Fundamentals of Insurance

February 3 - 4, Scottsdale, AZ

Techniques of Risk Management

February 5 - 6, Scottsdale, AZ

Register today at www.RIMS.org/Education

Member Information Update

Yet Another Survey!

Next week, RIMS and Advisen will be sending out yet another survey to our Deputy members. As you may recall, last year's RIMS Benchmark Survey book contained a brand-new section on Broker Services, based on the results of a survey conducted in January 2008. That supplemental survey is being replicated this month, asking for risk professional's input on broker services, enterprise risk management and workers compensation – all designed to enhance the depth and breadth of the data provided in the 2009 Benchmark Survey.

All respondents will receive a free summary of the results and a more complete, detailed analysis will be incorporated into the 2009 Survey book which will be available in May.

The RIMS Benchmark Survey is one of our most valued products—at least that what those responded to our recent Member Satisfaction Survey have told us—so please take a few minutes to complete this online survey when you receive notification.

Features

A Chapter Best Practice from RIMS Staff:

Please remember to go online to update your listing of officers before your terms expires. Officers not listed on the RIMS website are NOT covered under RIMS D&O insurance and will not have access to those areas on the site that are restricted to chapter officers. If you are a Chapter President and can no longer access the roster listing please contact Chapter Services at 212-655-6041 to regain access.

To update your roster visit CHAPTER OFFICER TOOLS->ADMINISTRATIVE TOOLS->CHAPTER OFFICER UPDATE->MANAGE OFFICERS.

RIMS Trivia:

Everyone who responds correctly to the RIMS trivia question will be placed in a pool for a prize drawing once a month. The answer to the RIMS trivia question will be posted in next week's update. This month's winner will be announced in the first newsletter of next month.

December RIMS Trivia Winner is...

Danielle Roth from the New Jersey Chapter!

The prize for the month of December is a RIMS mock turtleneck and a RIMS umbrella.

For information on how to order RIMS supplies please visit the RIMStore at www.RIMS.org/RIMStore.

Trivia Question:

From which chapter is the 2009 RIMS President?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 12/19/08:

RIMS Staff is always available to assist chapter officers with any chapter or membership related questions. In which major US city is RIMS headquarters located?

RIMS headquarters is located in the "city that never sleeps," New York City, right across the street from the beautiful Bryant Park and only a few blocks from the world renowned Times Square area. At RIMS, we welcome guests with open arms so if you are ever in the area please stop by and say hello!

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