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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, April 3, 2009

# Chapter Officers' Weekly Update

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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. It 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. Visit the archived versions of the Chapter Officer Weekly Update archive at: [www.RIMS.org/ChapterOfficerWeeklyUpdate](http://www.RIMS.org/ChapterOfficerWeeklyUpdate). We would also be glad to include relevant information from your chapter (announcements, meetings, brief success stories). Please send your submissions to [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).*

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## Chapter Officer News

### Good News For Student Members of RIMS

Based on recommendations from the Student Outreach Task Force, the RIMS Board of Directors has approved two proposals:

1. RIMS will waive Society dues for students who meet the Student membership criteria\* and will eliminate the delivery of the hard copy of *Risk Management Magazine* to them.
2. RIMS will permit Student members to **continue their Student membership**, waiving society dues for a period of **up to one year** following their graduation. They will remain classified as "Student" members during this time extension and will have the privileges

and restrictions that apply to Student membership.

The Task Force understands that it cannot decide dues rates for Chapters but *encourages Chapters that charge dues for student members to consider waiving those dues* under the same criteria as RIMS does. Students may apply online at [www.RIMS.org/JoinToday](http://www.RIMS.org/JoinToday) (they must send RIMS a current transcript for the application to be processed) or may download a hard copy application at [http://cf.rims.org/download/memberapp/2009/2009Individual\\_member\\_app.pdf](http://cf.rims.org/download/memberapp/2009/2009Individual_member_app.pdf).

**\* Student Member**

*A Student Membership may be granted to a full-time student, as defined by that college or university. The student's major must be in risk management, insurance or business, finance or management with an emphasis in risk management and/or insurance provided such individual is not otherwise eligible for membership in another class. Student Members should be affiliated with a RIMS Chapter, to the extent possible given the student's location relative to the Chapter area.*

**Member Information Update**

*Please share the following information with your chapter members - at your next meeting, on your website and/or in your newsletter.*

**Take Advantage of RIMS Corporate Hotel Rates**

Visiting New York City for business or pleasure? RIMS members can now take advantage of the RIMS corporate rate at two major hotels in NYC: the Millennium Broadway Hotel and the Courtyard New York Manhattan/Fifth Avenue.

For more information, please visit [www.RIMS.org/CorporateRates](http://www.RIMS.org/CorporateRates).

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**Orlando Discounts at RIMS 2009**

Orlando Convention Aid is offering discounts and coupons to help our attendees and exhibitors enjoy Orlando.

You can purchase discounted attraction tickets, receive discounts to fantastic restaurants and make on-line dinner reservations, enjoy complimentary cocktails at some of Orlando's best nightlife and even shop at Orlando's most exclusive stores and outlets with discounts!

Go to [www.orlandocoupons.com](http://www.orlandocoupons.com) for more information.

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**Spring 2009 Brooks Brothers Corporate Shopping Event! Save 25%**

For 4 days only, April 17 – April 20, 2009, all enrolled Brooks Brother Corporate Members will **save 25%** on regular priced merchandise at Brooks Brothers U.S. branded stores nationwide, online at [Brooksbrothers.com](http://Brooksbrothers.com) or by phone at 800.274.1815.

**To take advantage of this Brooks Brothers Corporate Membership benefit visit:**

[www.RIMS.org/membership/Pages/DiscountPrograms.aspx](http://www.RIMS.org/membership/Pages/DiscountPrograms.aspx)

**Society News**

**RIMS 2009 Community Service Day**

Remember to sign up for RIMS 2009 Community Service Day, proudly supported by Aon.

Community Service Day will take place on Sunday, April 19th from 8:30am – 3:00pm at the Give Kids The World Village (GKTW). GKTW is a non-profit 70-acre resort for children with life-threatening illnesses whose one wish is to visit Central Florida's best-loved attractions. RIMS

attendees will help with maintenance projects that allow the Village to function.

To register for Community Service Day and for more information visit: [www.RIMS.org/CommunityService](http://www.RIMS.org/CommunityService).

*Because of the RIMS House of Delegates Meeting being held from 8 -11 am on that Sunday, RIMS Delegates will not be able to participate in Community Service Day.*

## Features

### **Chapter eGroup Hot Topic:**

Cindy Wilkerson, President, Sacramento Valley Chapter posted:

*"What do other chapters charge for monthly luncheons? Also, for which purpose(s) do you use the proceeds?"*

Oregon Chapter: Charges \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. The \$15 fee covers the lunch with just a dollar or so left over. Any funds over the cost go into our general account and are used towards our other events and expenses.

San Diego Chapter: Charges \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. The goal is to break even, since our monthly meetings are viewed as a key benefit to our members rather than a source of revenue.

St. Louis Chapter: We pretty much just break even on our lunches, so no real proceeds to do anything with.

Canadian Capital Chapter: Charge \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members for our breakfast meetings. This basically covers our expenses with any remaining off-setting discounted events (such as our AGM and Christmas luncheon).

Western Carolinas Chapter: Charges \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Speakers meals are furnished. Our charge for the meeting is meant to cover the cost of the meal. There are months when the meal cost is subsidized from chapter funds

Fairfield/Westchester: The amount that we charge attendees for the meeting covers the cost of the lunch. There is never any 'left over' money from meetings.

New Jersey Chapter: Holds monthly meetings in the morning and only provides a continental breakfast. NJ RIMS has a long standing tradition of not charging anything to anyone for these monthly meetings. We cover the entire cost mainly from Chapter dues and the remainder from an annual very successful golf outing.

Broward County Chapter: For regular luncheon meetings we charge \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. For evening meetings we charge \$35 for everyone. When you factor in the cost of A/V setups, etc., we usually end up breaking even or losing money.

Chicago Chapter: Only charges Non-Members to attend any breakfast, lunch, or other meeting. This applies to Deputy and Associate members. The cost is between \$20 and \$30, depending on event costs. With the size of our Chapter, we benefit from those members who pay their annual dues and only attend one meeting or none at all, thereby subsidizing the members who might attend every meeting. For our Chapter dues, the members attending several meetings and our holiday party receive more than their money's worth.

Upstate New York Chapter: This has been a topic in recent months for our chapter and we have recently decided to implement a \$30 fee for non-members and guest, which covers the cost of a meal. Any money left over goes to help cover the costs of room rental, A/V equipment, etc. Previously our chapter subsidized the costs for both members and non-members. For the remainder of 2009 the chapter will continue to subsidize the costs for our registered members.

New York Chapter: Charges \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members for our continental breakfast meetings. This includes the cost of renting the meeting room and any audio visual equipment we may need. There may or may not be much left over but whatever there is goes into the general fund. The rest of our income for expenses of the chapter comes from our golf outing, dues, and ARM classes. The general fund money is used for various charitable activities and to pay the costs of running the chapter.

Carolinas Chapter: Hosts monthly luncheon meetings at a cost of \$25 to members and \$30 to friends. First time guests are free as are speakers. Event cost exceeds proceeds and is subsidized by the Chapter.

**To submit your response to this Chapter Officers eGroup Hot Topic please visit, [www.RIMS.org/eGroups](http://www.RIMS.org/eGroups).**

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### **Chapter Best Practice:**

The following Chapters are hosting a session at the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition:

San Diego Chapter: Ultrafine Print—How to Read an Insurance Policy  
*Monday, 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm*

Ohio River Valley Chapter: Measuring Broker Performance from RFP to Stewardship  
*Monday, 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm*

Japan Chapter: The Driver for Risk Management in Japan: Corporate Social Responsibility  
*Monday, 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm*

Japan Chapter: Leverage ERM to Improve S&P Credit Rating  
*Monday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm*

Cumberland Chapter: The Nitty-Gritty Fleet Plan—Beyond the Basic Written Fleet Policy  
*Monday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm*

Santa Clara Valley Chapter: Spin a Winning Website—Put Risk Management at the Fingertips of Your Organization  
*Tuesday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am*

Houston Chapter: Energy Resources, Oil and Gas  
*Tuesday, 9:00 am - 11:30 am*

Oregon Chapter: You Say Goodbye, I Say Hello—Succession Planning with an Aging Workforce  
*Tuesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm*

San Diego Chapter: Medicare Reporting Requirements—Effective July 1, 2009—Are You Ready?  
*Wednesday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am*

San Diego Chapter: Who Owes Whom What? Indemnity and Additional Insured Issues  
*Wednesday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm*

**Greater Miami Chapter:** The Doctor Is In—How To Maximize Medical Outcomes for Injured Workers

Wednesday, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**Delaware Valley Chapter:** Digital Data + Employees = A Recipe for Disaster: Cooking up a Corporate Strategy to Mitigate Electronic Risk

Wednesday, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Get your session submission packet ready before the deadline **(July 10, 2009)** in order to make sure your Chapter is included in the RIMS 2010 agenda. For more information on submitting a session at RIMS 2010 visit:

[www.RIMS.org/annualconference/PSF/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.RIMS.org/annualconference/PSF/Pages/default.aspx).

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### **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.

**March's RIMS Trivia Winner is...**

**Roger Andrews from the Utah Chapter!**

The prize for the month of March is a RIMS Desk Clock. To order your RIMS Desk Clock or for additional information regarding RIMStore products, please visit [www.RIMS.org/RIMStore](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMStore).

### **Trivia Question:**

How many chapters are located in the state where the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition will take place next month?

### **RIMS Trivia Answer for 3/27/09:**

What is the at-a-glance guide for members to browse RIMS most popular products and services?

*The RIMS Products & Services Catalog is an at-a-glance guide for members to browse RIMS' most popular products and services. Finally! A central repository for the wide variety of offerings RIMS has to offer! To download your copy of the Products & Services Catalog visit [www.RIMS.org/Catalog](http://www.RIMS.org/Catalog) or pick one up at the **RIMS booth # 921** while at RIMS 2009.*

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