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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, August 28, 2008

# Chapter Officers' Weekly Update

*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](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).*

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## **Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop—Register Now**

The **Building a Stronger Chapter (BSC) Workshop** is an interactive workshop that gives chapter officers the opportunity to engage in discussions regarding the 8 key areas that affect chapters the most: leadership, RIMS resources, finances and reporting, planning, recognition, membership development, communicating your chapter's message and programming.

The next BSC Workshop is scheduled to be held in **Philadelphia, PA on October 17-18, 2008**. There is **no cost** to register and RIMS is pleased to provide all BSC attendees a complimentary sleeping room at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel on the evening of October 17. Incidentals and additional nights will be at your own expense. Ask your chapter to sponsor your transportation.

Registration is open to all current chapter officers but priority registration will be given to chapter officers who have not attended a BSC workshop in 2007 and/or 2008. Registration is limited to three officers from each chapter and is on a first come first serve basis.

To register or learn more about the BSC please visit [www.RIMS.org/BSC](http://www.RIMS.org/BSC).

## **2008 RIMS Florida Educational Conference - A Huge Success!**

The 2008 RIMS Florida Educational Conference was held July 29 through August 2 at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples Florida. The annual conference was jointly hosted by the seven RIMS Florida Chapters – the Broward County Chapter, Central Florida Chapter, Greater Miami Chapter, North, Florida Chapter, Palm Beach County Chapter, Southwest Florida Chapter, and Tampa Bay Chapter. A program including a balance of engaging educational sessions and fun networking opportunities drew 670 conference participants, accompanied by more than 200 family members and guests, making this the biggest and best ever event in the 33 year history of the conference.

The conference kicked-off with a golf tournament to raise funds donated to Florida colleges and universities to further promote risk management education. Kevin M. Quinley, Vice President of the Council on Litigation Management, delivered a keynote presentation that launched an affair boasting thirty-nine educational sessions, covering a variety of risk management related topics including litigation, safety, insurance, environmental and human resource issues. A variety of additional activities, including a Children's Program, vendor-sponsored breakfasts and receptions, and a Strategic Planning Workshop offered by RIMS Chapter Services to Florida Chapter volunteer leaders, rounded out the agenda.

One of the most popular and well attended sessions was the **4th Annual RIMS Florida Networking Raffle & Reception**. While meeting and greeting over refreshments, attendees had the opportunity to purchase tickets and take chances on more than 100 great prizes contributed by sponsoring companies. We are pleased to announce that **Robert A. Kirchmeier**, Managing Director – Business Development, Dempsey Partners won a complimentary registration for the April 19-23, 2009 RIMS Annual Conference in Orlando, FL donated by RIMS Society.

"The continuing success of the dynamic and innovative format of the Florida RIMS Educational Conference definitely raises the bar for all other regional conferences," said Mike Benishek of the RIMS Tampa Bay Chapter and the 2008 Florida RIMS Educational Conference Committee Chair. "The seven Florida RIMS Chapters look forward to assisting with, and participating in, the 2009 RIMS Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida." Please visit <http://florida.RIMS.org> for more information about the event.

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## **Don't Forget! RIMS Western Regional Conference is Next Week**

Join us for hands-on learning and networking at the **2008 RIMS Western Regional Conference!**

This conference, which takes place next week at the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, will explore the issues that affect risk managers today. Take home skills and knowledge you can start applying right away.

September 2-5, 2008  
Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf Hotel  
555 North Point Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133

Don't miss keynote presentations by these guest speakers:

- Evan Greenberg, Chairman and CEO, ACE
- Dan Glaser, Chairman and CEO, Marsh
- Brian Murray, Managing Director, AIG

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

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### **Featured Chapter Websites:**

Congratulations to the **Nevada Chapter** for transferring over to the new chapter website template. Visit the Nevada Chapter website at [nevada.RIMS.org](http://nevada.RIMS.org).

Check out these websites for ideas on how to set your chapter website apart from the rest!

#### **New Jersey Chapter:** [newjersey.RIMS.org](http://newjersey.RIMS.org)

Their website makes great use of RIMS online registration tool by linking their main home page to their chapter meeting on RIMS Calendar of Events registration page.

*Remember that RIMS calendar of events is a great way to keep your members and other potential members aware of your chapter events, I-Days and regional meetings.*

#### **Ontario Chapter:** [ontario.RIMS.org](http://ontario.RIMS.org)

The website's main page highlights three key topics: Chapter Events, Programs and News. This gives their members a quick snap shot of important information relevant to their chapter quickly and at-a-glance.

#### **South Texas Chapter:** [southtexas.RIMS.org](http://southtexas.RIMS.org)

The home page features their upcoming Seminar, Golf & Spa Day event and also proudly displays their chapter logo.

RIMS has developed three tip sheets available to assist you with your website transition. The tip sheets can be found at Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Resources->Tip Sheets.

([www.RIMS.org/membership/chapterofficertools/Resources/Pages/TipSheets.aspx](http://www.RIMS.org/membership/chapterofficertools/Resources/Pages/TipSheets.aspx))

For one-on-one technical assistance contact Darlene Lebron at [dlebron@RIMS.org](mailto:dlebron@RIMS.org).

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### **Chapter Best Practices**

On behalf of RIMS **Arizona Central Chapter**, President Lamonte Jackson suggests,

*"Do a profile on the history of your organization and the past presidents. Call the local newspaper and let them know you have a human interest story. This should give your Chapter exposure and create discussion about future support of the organization."*

RIMS is always looking for best practice ideas from chapter leaders. If your chapter has a best practice they would like to share, please email [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).

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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.*

#### **Trivia Question:**

What customized risk management news service is an exclusive offering for RIMS members that

provides an executive summary of the most important risk management stories of the day?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 8/22/08:

What PERK session offered by which PERK partner was most recently added to the PERK Program?

*Total Cost of Risk: The Missing Link-Developed by Integro USA Inc*

*This session reviews how companies are using Total Cost of Risk (TCOR), what components are missing from the conventional calculation, where the potential implications exist, an outline of the tools that can be used, review of case studies and discussion of common mistakes.*

*Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the importance of TCOR evaluation as a key component to match their risk tolerance to program structure which correlates to an effective placement and meeting short and long term Risk Management goals.*

*Are you planning your programming for the fall/winter season? Need some help?? Well, don't forget the PERK (Professional Exchange of Risk Knowledge) program and its partners stand ready, willing and able to provide you with state-of-the-industry programming AT NO COST TO THE CHAPTER.*

*For more information, visit [www.RIMS.org/PERK](http://www.RIMS.org/PERK) and submit your request today.*

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