

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.

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We want your thoughts!!

RIMS chapters are an integral part of the Risk and Insurance Management Society and while each chapter is separately incorporated and has its own set of Bylaws, we've always worked together to achieve our primary goal – serving our members! As you may be aware, the External Affairs Committee has been working on guidelines that will help our chapters and their officers understand the procedure for issuing policy statements on behalf of their chapters. Click below to read the proposed policy.

Chapter Policy:

www.rims.org/download/govtaffairs/ChapterGuidelinesandProcedures.doc

We encourage you to get input from your fellow officers and chapter members, and provide your thoughts to our Government Affairs staff. Use the link below to provide comments and

feedback regarding the chapter policy.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=KoiOt3fzDpgiz6ThIz1dNg_3d_3d

Does your chapter have a logo?

RIMS is seeking chapter logos to use on the chapter section of the RIMS website. If you have a chapter logo, please send it in .eps format to chapterservices@RIMS.org with the subject line: RIMS XXXXX Chapter Logo.

If your chapter does not have a logo, RIMS Creative Department is available to assist you in developing one. Please email your logo request to chapterservices@RIMS.org. In your request, please include image suggestions and color preference. Logos take 2-3 weeks to create so put your request in today!

Remember to Submit 2009 Chapter Dues:

Please submit your 2009 Chapter dues no later than **September 12, 2008**. If you do not register your 2009 dues online by that date, your chapter will be required to bill your local chapter dues directly. Your designated chapter officers will receive an email communication from RIMS Records Management Department early next week. For questions regarding your 2009 chapter dues, please contact chapterservices@RIMS.org.

Join us for the first-ever RIMS Virtual Conference & Expo—RiskLive!

Don't wait all year to learn about the latest trends and innovations in risk management—attend RiskLive! **RIMS Virtual Conference & Expo taking place on November 12-13.**

This interactive event has everything that you'll find at a traditional conference—educational sessions, an exhibit hall and networking events—all live on your desktop. You'll be able to attend virtual presentations (and ask questions!), view product demonstrations, chat with exhibitors and network with attendees. **Registration opens September 8, so mark your calendar for this cutting-edge event** where you will discover new techniques and solutions to energize your risk management strategy.

Help get the word out about this innovative event—print out the flyer and display at your next chapter

meeting!<http://www.rims.org/membership/chapterofficertools/AdministrativeTools/Documents/RIMsvirtualconfflyer.pdf>

For more information, visit www.RIMS.org/RiskLive.

Chapter Website Template:

Congratulations to the Santa Clara Valley Chapter for transferring over to the new chapter

website template. Visit the Santa Clara Valley Chapter website at santaclaravalley.RIMS.org.

We currently have 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)

This week's featured chapter websites are:

Detroit Chapter: detroit.RIMS.org

Their website announces and congratulates their 2008-2009 chapter board officers.

Greater Quad City Chapter: greaterquadcities.RIMS.org

The website home page includes logos from their corporate members and a Corporate Member Spotlight page.

Central Florida Chapter: centralflorida.RIMS.org

Their home page includes their chapter logo, mission statement and chapter goals.

For one-on-one technical assistance contact Darlene Lebron at dlebron@RIMS.org.

Workers Compensation Management

A RIMS Fellow® Workshop

**September 22-23
Dallas, TX**

Even with the best loss control programs, claims are inevitable. In this workshop, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of Workers Compensation Laws and coverage. The workshop will help you learn how to manage your workers compensation exposure and reduce your organization's loss costs. You will also learn how adjusters, case managers, private investigators, attorneys and other professionals can work with you to reduce costs and facilitate early return to work.

Reduce your cost of risk by learning how to:

- implement the latest cost containment techniques
- manage outsourced services
- develop a Return To Work program that works for you to return employees to work quickly and appropriately

www.RIMS.org/Education

P.S. The next workshop might be coming to your city! Help your chapter members enhance their knowledge and further their careers by helping us promote the workshop and encouraging your chapter members to attend! Visit www.RIMS.org/Education for a complete schedule of upcoming workshops or email us at PD@RIMS.org.

An Open Letter to the Spencer Educational Foundation, RIMS, & DFW Chapter

I would like to thank the Spencer Educational Foundation and Dallas Fort Worth Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Managers Society for my internship experience at the City of Mesquite. As a student at Baylor University double majoring in Risk Management & Insurance and Financial Services & Planning, this summer has been a great opportunity and learning experience. Not only have I been able to experience living in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, I have also affirmed my career choice in the field of Risk Management. During these past few weeks I have enjoyed working with professional Risk Managers; attended the DFW RIMS Fall Conference planning meetings, Board meeting, and Luncheon; visited with global brokers, global carriers, third party administrators, and other risk services providers. After graduation in May of 2009 I plan on becoming a member of a local RIMS chapter due to this great experience. Because of your support I look forward to becoming a risk management professional in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Katie Geyer
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Financial Services & Planning*

Chapter Best Practices:

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

"Any events that your organization participates in can be documented by camera or video to heighten the excitement of the event. It can be replayed at the Chapter meetings to create interest about special programs. You will be able to document member participation, its benefits, the speakers utilized, why non-members should become a part of RIMS and why members should attend these special events. (One picture is worth a thousand words.)"

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:

Which Featured Publication of the Month explains insurance, risk management and cost-saving strategies in an easy-to-read style that actually entertains as it educates?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 8/1/08:

The next Building a Stronger Chapter (BSC) Workshop is being held in which city and on which dates?

*The BSC Workshop will be held on **October 17-18, 2008** in **Philadelphia, PA**. To register or learn more about the BSC please visit www.RIMS.org/BSC.*

*Remember, for your convenience, RIMS will provide you with a complimentary sleeping room at Loews Philadelphia on the evening of October 17th and the workshop is free to all current chapter officers.**

** 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.*
