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RIMS: Chapter Officer's Weekly Update, February 7, 2008

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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.

NEW WEBINAR & NEW WEBSITE TIP SHEETS

February 14, 2008 3pm EST:

Migrating to the New Chapter Website

RIMS has developed new software that you can use to create and maintain your chapter's Website. All chapters using the RIMS server to house their Website and those who would like to develop a Website are invited to attend this Webinar to learn how to use the new software. This Webinar is ideal for chapter Webmasters, Presidents, and anyone else who will be making updates to your chapter's Website.

Before the webinar please download the new web tutorials below:

[Step One](#)

[Step Two](#)

Dial-In: 1-888-864-0816

Pass-Code: 177974

To join the meeting: <http://connect.rims.org:8080/darlene/>

Building a Stronger Chapter!

Saturday, April 26, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, Room TBD

The Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop (BSC) gives chapter officers the opportunity to come

together with RIMS professional staff to discuss the essentials of effective chapter management: recruiting volunteers, organizing productive meetings, communicating effectively with members, managing finances and more. All RIMS chapter officers are encouraged to participate! Registration is limited and special gifts will be presented at the workshop to those who register before February 15, 2008. This workshop is open to current chapter officers.

[Click here to register today!](#)

Let's meet in a Virtual RIMS!

We are embarking on a very exciting project, creating a virtual presence for RIMS on the Internet. Our intent is to allow our members to collaborate in an immersive environment using voice as well as text. We are hoping to use this virtual world for social events, education, training and a virtual exhibit hall to begin with but expect to see the uses growing quickly as people get used to it.

We see this as a way for RIMS members to interact worldwide, and as an innovative way to collaborate as well as teach and learn. Instead of disconnected people passively viewing slides and videos as in a webinar, we envision an interconnected experience that simulates the feel of a classroom if desired - or maybe learning or meeting sitting on the beach or around a campfire or on a mountain top.

We are still in the testing phase, but would like you involved in the early stages. Our first social event in this proposed virtual world is for chapter officers and we hope you can join us. We expect to learn something about what works and what doesn't. You'll have a fun, rewarding time and learn a bit about this new technology.

Since this event is of a social nature we are planning to have it in the evening. More details and proposed dates to follow!

New Member Services Staff Member:

RIMS would like to welcome **Shavonne Howlett** as the new Member Services Associate. Shavonne comes to us from The Learning Annex where she worked for four years in the Customer Service Department and the Account Management Department. Shavonne may be reached at memberservices@RIMS.org.

For questions/comments regarding any of the information contained in this bulletin, please contact the Chapter Services Department at chapterservices@RIMS.org.

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