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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, February 27, 2009

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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

### **RIMS Assists Unemployed Members**

On February 24, the RIMS Board of Directors decided to waive Society dues and the registration

fee for any current RIMS Affiliate who wishes to attend the RIMS 2009 Conference and Exhibition in Orlando next month.

Affiliate status is available to any Deputy member who has separated from their employer for any reason. The status can be effective for up to 24 months but is automatically cancelled when the member finds new employment. The free membership will include access to Risk Management magazine online at [www.rmmagazine.com](http://www.rmmagazine.com) but they will not receive a printed copy of the magazine.

RIMS realizes that the access to RIMS Career Center, networking on a chapter or national basis, access to e-groups and honing your skills through conference sessions or professional development workshops are all extra important while you are job hunting. That's why this member category was instituted and why the Board wants to facilitate access to all that RIMS membership, including our Annual Conference, has to offer to our members most impacted by the present economic downturn.

To register, go online to [www.RIMS.org/AnnualConference](http://www.RIMS.org/AnnualConference); to change your membership category, please contact [Membership@RIMS.org](mailto:Membership@RIMS.org).

And good luck with your search!

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### **Be on the Look-Out for the Annual RIMS Mailing to Chapters**

Again this year, RIMS is sending all Chapter Presidents a mailing full of information and resources to share with your fellow chapter officers and chapter members. In less than a week, you will receive your package, including a supply of 2009 RIMS membership applications and join brochures, Professional Development brochures, RIMS Annual Conference brochures, and the new 2009 RIMS Products & Services Catalog!

Chapters within the US will also receive a RIMS Government Affairs Legislative Handbook and information about this year's RIMS on the Hill.

RIMS encourages all Chapter Presidents to share the information received with all of its Chapter Officers.

Please don't hesitate to contact Chapter Services (212-655-6041 or [ChapterServices@RIMS.org](mailto:ChapterServices@RIMS.org)) if you'd like to replenish your supply of brochures.

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### **Who is your Chapter's 2009 RIMS Board Liaison?**

The RIMS Board of Directors Chapter Liaison Program is available to assist your chapter in its endeavors. The purpose of the program is to provide an open line of communication – volunteer to volunteer - between RIMS Society and Chapter volunteer leaders. Although RIMS staff is always available to assist you as needed, your Board Liaison serves as an additional resource for voicing concerns and suggestions.

Each Chapter is paired with a RIMS Board member. You will find your Chapter's 2009 Board Liaison at <http://tinyurl.com/RIMSBODLiaisonProgram>.

Please reach out to your liaison and send your chapter's calendar of events, newsletter and other related information. If geographically feasible, you'll want to invite your liaison to attend

a chapter meeting or event during the year.

For more information regarding RIMS Board of Directors, including their contact information please visit [www.RIMS.org/BOD](http://www.RIMS.org/BOD).

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**Is your chapter interested in launching a Membership campaign?**

RIMS Membership and Chapter Services Department will work with you to offer a \$100 discount on RIMS dues for NEW Corporate or Associate members. Just tell us the timeframe for your campaign and how you plan to structure it. We'll generate a discount code and provide customized corporate and associate membership applications.

Please contact Jill Levy, RIMS Director of Membership & Chapter Services (212-655-6031 or [jlevy@rims.org](mailto:jlevy@rims.org)) for complete details.

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**Share your Chapter pictures with RIMS:**

RIMS is seeking Chapter photos to use on our website, in newsletters and reports, and at the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition.

If you have snap shots of members at events, regional conferences or other chapter events, please upload them onto the Chapter Officer Resources Library by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/ChapterPictures> and clicking on "Add Document."

Photos can also be sent to [fmessimer@RIMS.org](mailto:fmessimer@RIMS.org) with the subject line: RIMS Chapter Photos.

**Member Information Update**

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

**RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition**

As the current economic situation affects companies, learning how to predict situations and overcome challenges is vital to survival. RIMS 2009 HOT TOPIC sessions address today's global financial crisis and offer moves you can make to minimize the impact on your organization and help prepare you for the recovery. Hot Topic sessions are as follows:

- Insurance Coverage for Subprime Mortgage Lawsuits
- Five Questions to Ask Before Switching Insurance Companies
- D&O Insurance During the Economic Crisis
- Navigating the Financial Tsunami

For more information on these Hot Topic sessions and information on RIMS 2009 visit [www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009)

Time is running out! Online registration closes on March 20, so encourage your membership to register today at [www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009)

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**RIMS Introduces New Membership Applications & New Member Discount!**

RIMS new membership application makes joining RIMS a simple 2-step process. New members

only need to enter their contact and company information and leave the rest up to RIMS. RIMS staff will follow up with all applications for additional information and payment. Yes, it's that simple!

In addition, make sure to let your prospective members know that RIMS is offering individuals who join RIMS at the Annual Conference a \$100 discount on annual membership plus a \$315 rebate – the differential between a member and non-member registration fee to be delivered after the Conference -- on a full-week non-member RIMS 2009 Annual Conference registration.

So make sure your prospective members stop by the RIMS booth # 921 while in Orlando to take advantage of this huge savings.

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### **RIMS Professional Development Workshops:**

Do your chapter members need tools and knowledge to align their risk management policy with their organization's goals?

Risk management is under more scrutiny than ever before. Risk, finance, compliance, technology and operations executives are eager to find solutions to their risk-related challenges. Help your chapter members find the tools and solutions their organizations are looking for—encourage them to attend RIMS Professional Development workshops.

Here are a few upcoming RIMS workshops. Register today at [www.RIMS.org/Education](http://www.RIMS.org/Education)

#### **Directors and Officers Liability and Insurance**

March 12 - 13, Cincinnati, OH

#### **Move Your Program to the Next Level: RIMS Risk Maturity Model for ERM**

March 23 - 24, New York, NY

#### **Entrepreneurial Risk Management (ERMe): Risk Management as a Profit Center**

April 6 - 7, Edmonton, AB

### **Society News**

#### **From RIMS Newsroom: RIMS Attends N.Y. Insurance Department Roundtable Discussion**

*The following is from a recent RIMS press release. For additional information on this story or other RIMS press releases visit [www.RIMS.org/Newroom](http://www.RIMS.org/Newroom).*

On February 20, the New York State Insurance Department hosted a roundtable discussion between insurance carriers, brokers and commercial insurance buyers on the issue of contract certainty. During the discussion, the Society advocated that a strict policy on contract certainty is necessary to ensure that the insurance consumer knows exactly what is in the policy they are purchasing. The Society looks forward to working further with the New York Insurance Department as well as other industry groups on this issue.

### **Features**

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

Hal Larson, RIMS Delegate for the Greater Quad Cities Chapter asked:

Is anyone extending their student outreach or mentoring programs to the High School level students?

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 from Members of the Member and Chapter Services Committee:**

*"Consider applying for CEU credits for your chapter meetings. Chapter members may see this as a great opportunity to participate in a chapter meeting and stay on top of their professional development credentials."*

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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:

The 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition's opening reception will be held at which majestic location in Orlando, FL?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 2/20/09:

Who will be this year's keynote speaker at the RIMS on the Hill event, June 7-9 in Washington, DC?

**Donna Brazile**, a nationally syndicated columnist and regular contributor to CNN, ABC News' "The Week with George Stephanopoulos" and NPR's "Political Corner," will be the featured luncheon speaker at RIMS on the Hill June 7-9, in Washigton, D.C.

To register for RIMS on the Hill visit [www.RIMS.org/Hil](http://www.RIMS.org/Hil).

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