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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, January 30, 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. 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. Visit the archived versions of the Chapter Officer Weekly Update at: www.RIMS.org/ChapterOfficerWeeklyUpdate. 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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Chapter Officer News

NEW Chapter Recognition Program Awards Now Available!

In 2008, the Member and Chapter Services Committee agreed to change the Chapter Recognition Program in order to better highlight the accomplishments of RIMS Chapters and streamline the application process.

The new Chapter Recognition Program includes three individual award programs:

- **Chapter Achievement Award:**
Presented to chapters that exhibit excellence in specific and focused categories of Achievement including Education, Organization, Communication and Community Service.
- **Chapter Excellence Award:**
Presented to chapters that exhibit excellence in Advancing the Risk Management Profession, Outstanding Chapter Programming and Outstanding Member Services. Individual awards in these categories will no longer be given. Chapters have to apply in all three areas and submissions must receive a minimum cumulative score in **each** category to be considered for the Chapter Excellence Award.
- **Membership Growth Award:**
Presented to chapters that exhibit a growth in membership of at least 6% from January 1-December 31, 2009. The Membership Growth Award requires NO input or application from chapters. The award is calculated strictly by total individual member counts (deputies + associates + retired + student + affiliate + educational) by RIMS Membership & Chapter Services Department.

Concerned about how the changes to the Chapter Recognition Program will affect your chapter? Join us on **Thursday, February 19 at 2pm** for a webinar that will highlight the changes to the new program and tips on how to help your chapter organize their submissions.

To access the webinar visit: <http://connect.rims.org/darlene/>
Conference Number(s): 1-888-864-0816
Participant Code: 177974

For detailed information regarding the CRP awards visit www.RIMS.org/Awards.

PERK 2009 has 15 New Sessions!

RIMS is proud to announce its 2009 PERK Program with 26 total sessions, 15 new sessions and 4 new partners.

The PERK Program is a unique partnership between RIMS, RIMS chapters and industry experts. Through the PERK program, RIMS brings knowledge leaders to chapter meetings to deliver quality programming, facilitate membership development and enhance networking opportunities **at no cost to chapters**.

PERK sessions generally include a 60- to 90-minute presentation followed by opportunities for interaction. Sessions can be tailored to fit your upcoming Educational Day, Information day, Regional Conference or other chapter events. Multiple sessions can be held in one day, and there is no limit to the number of sessions that can be held per year.

On top of announcing the 2009 PERK Program, RIMS is also excited to announce the launch of the ***NEW*** PERK webpage. In addition to a listing of all the 2009 sessions, the site now includes individual pages for each PERK Partner, Chapter session evaluations, and testimonials from Chapters.

Visit the ***NEW*** PERK webpage at www.RIMS.org/PERK to learn more about the PERK Program or to schedule a session today.

NEW Chapter Leadership Training Workshop:

Registration is now open for the **RIMS Chapter Officers Forum** being held at the **2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition** in Orlando on April 18, 2009.

Saturday, April 18
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

This year, RIMS is introducing its first **Chapter Officers Forum** which is a full day workshop structured with a combination of “birds of a feather” (roundtables of Treasurers, Presidents, webmasters, etc) and full group discussions. RIMS Chapter officers with two or more years of leadership experience are encouraged to participate! This will be in lieu of a “Building a Stronger Chapter” workshop at the Conference but we will still be scheduling two BSCs during 2009.

Make sure you select this workshop when registering for the RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition. There is no cost to attend this session but it is open **ONLY** to current chapter officers. To register visit www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009.

Want to register for the Forum but you’re not attending the 2009 RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition? Register today by emailing ChapterServices@RIMS.org.

To learn more about all the exciting chapter leadership training opportunities RIMS has to offer visit the new Chapter Officer Training Webpage at www.RIMS.org/ChapterOfficerTraining.

Have you checked out RIMStore lately? NEW RIMStore Benefit to Chapters

RIMS is now offering custom imprinted products such as mugs, eco-friendly tote bags, polo shirts and much more!

RIMS is delighted to inform you that Selective Premiums will be our preferred vendor for these imprinted promotional products. RIMS encourages all Chapters to customize products with their Chapter’s logo for special events such as golf outings, Chapter meetings, and holiday events.

As a benefit to Chapters, RIMS is offering a 10% discount on all custom imprinted product orders placed on or before **February 15, 2009!**

In order to receive the discount, please mention the promotional code **CUSTOM** when placing your order.

So what are you waiting for?! Log on to www.RIMS.org/RIMStore to place your order today!

Did your chapter reserve a table at RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition?

Below is a listing of all the chapters that have requested chapter tables at the following key conference events.

Monday, April 20–at the Orange County Convention Center, Valencia Room, 4th fl
8:00 -10:00am **RIMS 2009 Opening Session and Keynote Address**
12:15 -1:30pm **RIMS Chapter Awards Presentation and Keynote Luncheon**

Broward County Chapter
Canadian Chapters-British Columbia Chapter, RIMS 2011 Host Chapter
Carolinas Chapter
Central Florida Chapter-RIMS 2009 Host Chapter
Chesapeake Chapter
Chicago Chapter
Dallas Fort Worth Chapter
Houston Chapter
Indiana Chapter
Los Angeles Chapter
Massachusetts Chapter-RIMS 2010 Host Chapter
Minnesota Chapter
Nevada Chapter
New Jersey Chapter
New York Chapter
Northeast Ohio Chapter
Palm Beach Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Potomac Chapter
Quality Advisory Council
Rocky Mountain Chapter
San Diego Chapter
South Texas Chapter

If you would like to still reserve a chapter table, please contact chapterservices@RIMS.org by **Monday, 12pm ET (noon), February 2**. Requests made after this deadline may not be accommodated.

Help us build a successful RIMS 2009!

Check your in-boxes, the RIMS 2009 E-Kit is now out! We've assembled all of the pieces—top-notch sessions, inspiring keynote presentations, a jam-packed Exhibit Hall, one-of-a-kind special events and networking opportunities at every turn—but we need YOUR help to put it all together. Hang up the flyers, post the banners and photos, and get your chapter members ready for top educational workshops, fresh industry resources, networking with some 10,000 risk professionals, innovative keynote presentations and timely hot topic sessions. Together we can help your members navigate the complexities of risk and assemble a successful risk program and rewarding RIMS 2009 experience.

Remember, the Early Bird registration deadline is February 20th. Register today!

Chapter Officer Weekly Update Now Archived!

Are you a new Chapter Officer trying to learn more about RIMS? Did you accidentally delete the Chapter Officer Weekly Update that contained information regarding filing your chapter's 990's? Or the one with information about the upcoming Chapter Training Workshops?

Now you will have access to all the Chapter Officer Weekly Updates right at your finger tips. To access the archived Chapter Officer Weekly Update visit:
www.RIMS.org/ChapterOfficerWeeklyUpdate.

Spencer Educational Foundation thanks Carolinas Chapter

The Spencer Educational Foundation would like to thank RIMS Carolinas Chapter for their recent contribution of \$15,000.

The Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. stimulates, promotes and encourages promising undergraduate and graduate students of risk management disciplines in fulfilling their educational goals by providing scholarship awards and educational grants.

If your chapter would like to learn more about the Spencer Educational Foundation or to make a contribution contact Angela Sabatino at asabatino@RIMS.org.

Member Information Update

2008 RIMS Member Needs Survey

As many of you will recall, RIMS worked with McKinley Marketing to conduct a Member Needs Survey back in October. The data has now been tabulated and analyzed - and the results are in. While the complete report is more than 35 pages long, we've created a summary that highlights key findings. If you visit www.RIMS.org/MemberSurvey, you can click on a link that will take you to the summary.

While we very much appreciate the time that more than 1,900 members took to respond to the survey, we also hope that you will not wait for a survey to share your ideas and opinions with RIMS - please email membership@RIMS.org at any time with your thoughts and opinions.

Society News

RIMS President featured in *National Underwriter P&C*

The January 19 issue of *National Underwriter P&C* features an in-depth article about RIMS President Joseph Restoule, CIP, CRM. The article, titled "'Joe the Risk Manager' Restoule Sees Opportunities Despite Economic Threats" by Caroline McDonald, touches on Restoule's vision for the Society in 2009 and how he hopes to inspire his risk management colleagues to take a proactive—and creative—approach to their organizations risk program.

To access the full article visit: www.RIMS.org/Newsroom.

RIMS Announces ERM Executive Report on the Financial Crisis

Did a risk management failure cause the financial crisis of 2008? If so, where were the risk managers?

RIMS addresses these questions in the newly-published Executive Report entitled "The 2008 Financial Crisis: A Wake-up Call for Enterprise Risk Management." This report from RIMS provides insight of how Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) can help prevent future financial catastrophes.

In the free report, RIMS contends that there were a number of behavioral breakdowns that contributed to the financial crisis. These failures include the over-use of financial models, the over-reliance on compliance and controls, the failure to understand risk tolerance and the failure to embed risk management within the organizations. Additionally, there was no governance failsafe built into risk management frameworks.

To read the full paper, log on to RIMS Resource Library and view here: www.RIMS.org/ERMWhitePaper

Professional Development:

In the current financial market, a solid education and access to the most up-to-date information will help you find and fix potential errors in your organization's risk policy. RIMS Professional Development workshops will help you obtain the skills and resources to maintain an effective risk program and successfully guide it through the challenges of today's economy.

Here are just a few of the upcoming workshops, register today, and encourage your chapter members to attend as well! www.RIMS.org/Education

Workers' Compensation Management

February 12 - 13, Nashville, TN

Errors and Omissions (E&O) and Professional Liability

February 19 - 20, Raleigh, NC

Minimizing Insurance and Claims Costs

February 23 - 24, San Jose, CA

Fundamentals of Managing Market Risk

February 24 - 25, Calgary, AB

New Team Discount! Save \$60 when 2 or more people from your organization register!

Promo code: **PDTEB**

Features

What are Chapters up to?

- The **Palm Beach Chapter** announces its 5th Annual I-Day on Monday, March 2nd, 2009 at the Ritz-Carlton Manalapan from 8 am - 3:30 pm. To learn more about the event visit PalmBeach.RIMS.org.
- The **Long Island Chapter** will host its 14th Annual Long Island Chapter of RIMS Golf Classic on June 22. Make sure you register by March 31 in order to receive the early bird discount. To learn more about the event visit LongIsland.RIMS.org.

Is your chapter hosting an important event? Email chapterservices@RIMS.org to have the event featured in the next Chapter Officer Weekly Update.

Chapter Best Practice regarding the CRP Awards:

On behalf of the South Texas Chapter, RIMS Delegate Debbie Real suggests, "In preparation for the CRP submissions chapters should create an electronic folder in their e-mail box titled 'CRP Awards'. Throughout the year, when an e-mail is received that provides some benefit to the award, place an electronic copy in that folder. Also, have a CRP folder on your desk at work or at home. Peruse risk related publications for articles submitted by members of your Chapter. Make a photo copy of the articles and place it in that folder. When it came time to begin the submission, you will have most of your supporting documents right at your finger tips."

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:

Name one of the four new PERK Partners that joined RIMS PERK Program in 2009.

RIMS Trivia Answer for 1/23/09:

Who is the RIMS 2009 Conference & Exhibition General Session Keynote speaker, known for his breakthrough leadership approach, based on effective leadership in demanding environments, especially those characterized by uncertainty, ambiguity and rapid change?

RIMS 2009 Conference & Exhibition General Session Keynote speaker is Dennis Perkins. Join Dennis Perkins, author and change consultant, share his innovative leadership development strategies with stories that occur "at the Edge" and take away valuable lessons that you can start applying today. Using stories that occurred "at the Edge"—the outer limits of human endurance—Perkins illustrates his 10 strategies for success. Are you ready to be taken to the Edge?

Relive the 1914-1916 Trans-Antarctic Expedition led by Sir Ernest Shackleton, a compelling story of tremendous leadership and teamwork under extreme "life and death" circumstances. Using actual photographs, drawings and journal entries from the expedition, you will experience the story as if you were part of the crew. The gripping narrative becomes the departure point for an intense and unforgettable experience that will leave you with powerful strategies for leading through change, providing direction, building and leading high performance teams, and gauging appropriate risk-taking and tracking ongoing risk management.

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