

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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RIMS Chapter Insurance Information for 2008-2009

Please visit the RIMS website for an update of RIMS chapter insurance coverage information. This service is a RIMS benefit offered only to chapter officers listed on the RIMS website.

The new information can be found at:

Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Administrative Tools-> RIMS Insurance Summaries

(<http://www.rims.org/membership/chapterofficertools/AdministrativeTools/Documents/Chapter%20Insurance%20Summary.pdf>)

In order to make sure your chapter officer roster is up to date, visit:

Membership & Chapters->Chapters

(<http://www.rims.org/ChapterDirectory/>)

To update your chapter roster visit:

Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Administrative Tools->Update Chapter Officers->Manage Officers.

For more information regarding RIMS insurance and/ or updating your roster please contact Chapter Services at 212-655-6034.

New Chapter Website Template:

Over the past year, RIMS has introduced a new chapter website template in an effort to provide chapters with an innovative web tool.

Currently, there are **33 chapters** using the new website template. Every week the Chapter Officers' Update will highlight a few chapters and show you some of the cool things they are doing with their websites.

Alabama Chapter: alabama.rims.org
Posted their chapter newsletter on their website.

British Columbia Chapter: britishcolumbia.rims.org
Chapter mission statement posted on home page.

Delaware Valley Chapter: delawarevalley.rims.org
Home page includes a link with a message from the Chapter President.

To transfer over to the new site, please download the New Chapter Website Template Tip Sheet Part One & Two at:

Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Resources->Tip Sheets.

You can schedule one-on-one technical assistance by contacting Darlene Lebron at dlebron@rims.org.

RIMS Introduces a Quarterly New Member Newsletter:

RIMS is pleased to introduce a new member service. This week, RIMS sent out the first-ever **New Member Newsletter**, which each new member will receive quarterly for the first year of their membership—one issue per season. In this inaugural issue, highlights include: upcoming events and regional conferences, an interview with CIO Andy Steggles, a personal look into RIMS membership department, photos from RIMS 2008 Conference & Exhibition in San Diego and much more!

Check out the first newsletter first-hand at:
www.RIMS.org/membership/MemberNewsletters.

Feel free to discuss this new service in your next chapter meeting and post the link on your individual chapter websites.

PD: Be prepared for everything that your day may bring

RIMS Professional Development workshops and courses ensure that you and your organization are ready to handle any planned—and unplanned—risks. At RIMS Fall 2008 workshops, you will learn the latest industry tactics from experienced instructors and practice newly acquired techniques through hands-on group exercises. Utilize the highly-interactive workshop environment to network and discuss new strategies and solutions with your peers. RIMS workshops will teach you and your Chapter members to identify and manage key risk areas and strengthen your organization's risk management program. Also, RIMS has four new courses to help you stay on top of business innovations and what they could mean to your organization.

Get a head start on enrolling in the new RIMS workshops:

Contractual Risk Transfer
October 20-21, New York

Developing a Safety System for Your Organization
October 27-28, New York

Global Risk Management Fundamentals
November 13-14, New York

Entrepreneurial Risk Management: Risk Management as a Profit Center
December 4-5, New York

To view a full listing of upcoming RIMS workshops and to enroll, visit www.RIMS.org/Education.

Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop-Register Today!

Benefits of attending the BSC:

- Network with fellow chapter leaders
- Learn about available chapter management resources offered through RIMS
- Engage in discussions regarding common issues that affect chapters
- Interact with RIMS staff members that provide additional support to chapter volunteers
- Listen to best practice ideas from other chapter leaders

Discussions include key issues such as:

- Membership recruitment and retention
- Communications with members and your community
- Succession planning
- Finding and motivating volunteers for chapter leadership positions
- Managing and motivating your chapter's board

Register Today!

- The BSC workshop is free to current chapter officers*
- All meals are included with registration
- For your convenience, RIMS will provide you with a complimentary room at Loews Philadelphia on the evening of October 17th**

To register or learn more about the BSC please visit www.RIMS.org/BSC.

** 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.*

***Incidentals and additional nights will be at your own expense.*

Chapter Best Practices:

On behalf of the RIMS Golden Gate Chapter, Karen Beier, Board Member and Chair of the 2008 Western Regional Conference, suggests:

"Invite first time attendees at Chapter luncheons to stand up and introduce themselves. They feel welcomed by the group's applause and it encourages networking and increases the likelihood that they will become regular attendees."

Hot Topics from RIMS Officer's e-Group:

How do you communicate with new members?

Keith Conerly, Vice President of Membership of the Potomac Chapter writes:

"We email a new member letter to each new member. We typically will place a call to all new members to welcome them, also. We believe this has contributed to our membership growth (15-20%) over the last 2 years."

Post your comments on the RIMS Officer's e-group:

Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Resources-> Officer's e-Group or email them to chapterservices@RIMS.org.

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 RIMS infinity program, offered only to members, provides a safeguard for electronic business communications by supplying e-mail users with legally valid evidence of precisely what e-mail content and attachments were sent and received, by whom and when?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 7/17/08:

How many chapter-hosted Regional Conferences are held each year? (Bonus: An additional bonus entry will be given for submissions that include the correct number and names for each regional event.)

Currently, there are five chapter-hosted Regional Conference held every year. Below is a list of all the Regional Conferences. Visit the links below for more information and to register.

Florida Regional Conference
July 28-Aug 3, 2008
Naples, Florida
www.florida.rims.org

Western Regional Conference
September 2-5, 2008
San Francisco, CA
www.rims.org/WRC

Southeast Regional Conference
September 9-12, 2008
Hilton Head, South Carolina
www.rimsconference2008.com

RIMS Canada Conference
September 21-24, 2008
Toronto, Ontario
www.rimscanada.ca

REBEX
Chicago, IL
October 23-24, 2008
dpederson@sherwood-group.com

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