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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, June 27, 2008

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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Building a Stronger Chapter (BSC) Workshop-A huge success!

The Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop in Dallas, Texas last week was the second BSC event hosted by the RIMS Membership and Chapter Services Department for 2008. Sixteen participants representing eight chapters, including chapter officers from as far as San Diego and Iowa attended this two-day workshop geared towards the sharing of chapter best practice ideas.

The interactive discussion focused on the eight key areas that most affect chapters: leadership, RIMS resources, finances and reporting, planning, recognition, membership development, communicating your chapter's message, and programming. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to ask RIMS staff questions regarding membership, RIMS policies, the CRP program, and other RIMS resources offered to chapters.

Please remember that the BSC workshop is just one of the many resources that RIMS provides to chapters in order to assist them with volunteer tasks.

The next BSC workshop will be held **October 17-18 in Philadelphia, PA**. [Registration will open soon](#) and will be announced through the Chapter Officer Weekly Update. We hope to see you there!

Past attendees have said:

"Positive change to your chapter starts with the first step of attending the BSC."

-Mitch Robinson, Eastern Oklahoma Chapter

"The interaction between the members of different chapters as well as the knowledge and experience that was shared will prove invaluable when I return to my chapter."

-Cindi Vickers, Houston Chapter

2008 RIMS® Benchmark Survey™ Book is Now Available—Order Today!

Increase your market intelligence for risk management decisions by using 2008 RIMS® Benchmark Survey™—your dynamic, interactive cost-of-risk database. This survey monitors the risk management industry to keep you informed of what it takes to remain competitive, with data from more than 1,500 participants in over 70 industries.

The 2008 RIMS® Benchmark Survey™ book provides you with a wealth of information at your fingertips! Also available to members is our Online RIMS Benchmark Survey™, which is constantly updated and includes such features as the Automatic Policy Schedule, offering effective dates, expirations and more that are automatically created from your own data; Benchmark Graphs that let you see at-a-glance how your program compares against others in the industry; and graph representations and charts with program analysis and comparison. Finally, the Survey offers indispensable insight into the commercial insurance market, facilitating the risk management decision process and serving as a trusted guide in supporting risk management efforts. Order your copy now at: www.RIMS.org/Benchmark.

RIMS Webinar: Enterprise Risk Management

RIMS & Stanford University Webinar:

Enterprise Risk Management: What Top Management Wants from Its ERM Program

Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm EST

Register now!

Enterprise Risk Management -- or ERM in management parlance -- is on the mind among many CEOs and boards of directors. And not just in the financial industries, where the subprime mortgage crisis has triggered a broad malaise. **Now all corporate leaders are paying attention to their methods and processes for dealing with risk and uncertainty.**

In this webinar, two advisors to CEOs and boards will discuss what senior management really needs from its ERM program. We will feature a case study of one company that views risk, not as a threat to be neutralized, but as an opportunity and a competitive advantage, and the steps it took to successfully implement value-driven ERM.

Webinar presenters include Dr. Robert Mark, former Chief Risk Officer of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and author of *The Essentials of Risk Management*, and Dr. Carl Spetzler, CEO of Strategic Decisions Group and a leading architect of SDG's approach to ERM. This webinar is hosted by the Stanford Center for Professional Development in partnership with Strategic Decisions Group and the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS).

This webinar is FREE for all participants!

[Learn how ERM can benefit your organization - register now!](#)

Chapter E-Group Hot Topic:

The Chapter E-Group is a great place to post chapter related questions or concerns, or request suggestions and tips from other chapters and volunteers. Subscribe to the Chapter E-Group by visiting the Resources section of the RIMS website and clicking on E-Groups. Here you will be able to subscribe, view and reply to posts.

Check out this hot topic:

Does your chapter pay an individual to update and maintain your chapter website?

Chapter Best Practices:

Kyle Rogers, Dallas Fort Worth Chapter Historian offers, "At our monthly Chapter meetings, we have two \$25 drawings for deputy members, who must be present to win. This helps increase attendance and participation by deputy members at our meetings."

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:

What is the deadline for submitting to RIMS your 2009 chapter dues information?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 6/18/08:

What feature of the Risk Management magazine spotlights interesting RIMS-related news from your local or regional area, often submitted by Chapter Officers?

The RIMS Society News page features risk management issues closer to home. Share your Chapter's news, or send your story ideas to Bill Coffin, Publisher and Editorial Director, Risk Management magazine at bcoffin@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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