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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. 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.

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Chapter Officer News

RIMS 2009 Online registration closes on March 20!

Encourage your members to register today and discover the secrets to risk management

success. As the current economic climate affects companies, some critical training and education budgets have been slashed or put on hold. Yet, the need for proper training, innovative tools and resources is greater now than ever before. At RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition, attendees will participate in the single most educational, informative conference for risk professionals, refresh their skill set, pick up new tips and techniques, and network with nearly 10,000 risk professionals.

Top 10 Reasons to Attend RIMS 2009!

If you need help justifying the value of attending RIMS to your management, click on the link below to download the top reasons why you should register today!

<http://tinyurl.com/RIMS2009TopTen>

RIMS 2009 Community Service Day

Remember to sign up for RIMS 2009 Community Service Day, proudly supported by Aon.

Community Service Day will take place on Sunday, April 19th from 8:30am – 3:00pm at the Give Kids The World Village (GKTW). GKTW is a non-profit 70-acre resort for children with life-threatening illnesses whose one wish is to visit Central Florida's best-loved attractions. RIMS attendees will help with maintenance projects that allow the Village to function.

To register for Community Service Day and for more information visit:

www.RIMS.org/communityservice. *Because of the RIMS House of Delegates Meeting being held from 8 -11 am on that Sunday, RIMS Delegates will not be able to participate in Community Service Day.*

Deadline set for Chapter website transition - June 30:

Chapters on the legacy template of the Chapter websites will have until **June 30, 2009** to transfer over to the new website template. After June 30, all legacy websites will be discontinued.

In an effort to assist all Chapters in this transition, RIMS staff will be contacting all Chapters still using the legacy template to set up a transition date **before June 30**.

Chapters who do not wish to transition to the new template will no longer have access to the legacy system after June 30.

Does your Chapter still need to transition over to the new website template?

- **Download New Chapter Website Template Tip Sheet Parts One, Two and Three at: <http://tinyurl.com/Tipsheets>**
- Schedule a one-on-one training with Darlene Lebron at dlebron@rims.org.

Do not run the risk of having your website discontinued - transfer over to the new website templates today!

Chapter Table Assignments at RIMS 2009!

The following Chapters have reserved tables at the General Session and Awards Luncheon on Monday, April 20 at RIMS 2009. RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition is a great way to interact and network with other Chapter members and Officers. Make sure to share your table number(s) with your Chapter members attending the conference. And remember, there are no reserved tables at any of the remaining Conference events.

Monday, April 20, 2009

Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) - Valencia Ballroom, 4th Floor

8:00 - 10:00am (Doors open at 7:30am) - General Session

12:15 - 1:30pm (Doors open at 12:00pm) - RIMS Awards Luncheon

<u>Table #/s</u>	<u>CHAPTERS</u>
73	Broward County Chapter
59 & 60	Canadian Chapters
81	Carolinas Chapter
56, 74 & 75	Central Florida Chapter - RIMS 2009 Host
95	Central Texas Chapter
62	Chesapeake Chapter
43, 44 & 45	Chicago Chapter
79	Dallas Fort Worth Chapter
80	Delaware Valley Chapter
71 & 72	Houston Chapter
53	Indiana Chapter (1/2 tables shared with Nevada Chapter)
76 & 77	Japan Chapter
63	Los Angeles Chapter
58	Massachusetts Chapter - RIMS 2010 Host
78	Mexico Chapter
94	Minnesota Chapter
53	Nevada Chapter (1/2 tables shared with Indiana Chapter)
91	New Jersey Chapter
90	New York Chapter
96	Northeast Ohio Chapter
61	Ontario Chapter
54	Orange County Chapter
97	Oregon Chapter
55	Palm Beach Chapter
98	Piedmont Chapter (1/2 table) & QAC
25	Potomac Chapter
52 & 70	Rocky Mountain Chapter
37	San Diego Chapter
88	South Texas Chapter
89	Upstate New York

RIMS is pleased to announce that the Legislative Handbook is complete and available for download.

The Handbook will serve as a resource for chapters in developing their government affairs program. We hope that all Chapter Officers will take the chance to read through the Handbook and consider ways to strengthen their current government affairs activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Bacchus at nbacchus@RIMS.org.

The handbook is available for download from the RIMS website here:

http://www.rims.org/governmentaffairs/Documents/Legis_Handbook_US_2008.pdf

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 [and clicking on "Add Document."](#)

Photos can also be sent to fmessimer@RIMS.org with the subject line: RIMS Chapter Photos.

RPost Session a Huge Success!

RPost recently conducted a presentation on email security to the Potomac Chapter. Here is what Clare Murphy, Treasurer for the Potomac Chapter had to say regarding the session:

*The RPost speaker, Frank Maguire, was very impressive, as was his presentation. We posted the presentation on the Chapter's website after the meeting and have had several comments and inquiries. And, an attorney from my company came to the meeting with me and thought the material was very timely and thorough. I think our Board members who attended would definitely recommend the session; I certainly would. The topic, **registered email and proof of receipt of email**, is a very timely issue for risk managers, particularly legal matters related to claims, e.g. evidence in legal settlements. The RPost presenter is very knowledgeable of legal cases and issues about email documentation.*

RPost Registered E-mail services provide e-mail users with legally valid evidence of precisely what e-mail content and attachments were sent and received, by whom and when. You may already be familiar with this RIMS affinity program partner and the value their service offers RIMS members. Now, RPost offers RIMS Chapters the opportunity to take advantage of a programming session at no cost to your Chapter!

Chapter Meeting Webinars:

RPost will **sponsor a lunch for members**, with a designated presenter delivering a webinar over the phone. The budget for lunch is approximately \$12-\$15 per person. The presentation content is educational, not a sales pitch.

Chapter Meeting Presentations:

RPost will sponsor a lunch for members, and provide an RPost representative to deliver a

presentation in person at your Chapter meeting in any of these select locations:

- Boston Metro Area
- New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island
- New York Metro Area
- Philadelphia
- Washington, DC
- Atlanta
- San Francisco
- San Diego/Orange County
- Los Angeles
- Atlanta

The session provides an overview of the Best Practices for Clean and Compliant, Safe and Secure E-mail; E-Commerce Consideration & Efficiencies Permitted by Law; Practical Application; and Best practices for e-mail management.

Please contact Chapter Services (ChapterServices@RIMS.org) for more information or to coordinate a session.

Member Information Update

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

Have your Chapter Sponsor a RIMS Webinar Today!

RIMS would like to thank the **Chicago Chapter** for sponsoring the webinar "AIG: Latest Developments" held on Thursday, March 5 and the **San Diego Chapter** and **Rocky Mountain Chapter** for co-sponsored the RIMS webinar "Critical View on Today's Insurance Market" held on Friday, March 6.

RIMS webinars are a great way to provide added value to your members and also promote your Chapter's involvement in RIMS Professional Development.

Sponsoring or co-sponsoring a webinar also benefits Chapters applying for the Advancing the Risk Management section of the **Chapter Excellence Award** and the Education Achievement Award under the **Chapter Achievement Award**.

For more information on how to get involved in sponsoring a RIMS webinar contact Kate Powers at kpowers@RIMS.org.

Society News

1st Annual Texas Legislative Conference

The first annual RIMS Texas Legislative Conference was held March 2-3 in Austin, TX. Roughly 20 members representing all four of the Texas RIMS chapters came together to discuss the state policy issues affecting the risk management profession in the State of Texas.

RIMS members were able to interact face to face with members of their state legislature to introduce RIMS, provide education on the risk management profession, and to encourage support of the contract certainty issue.

The event was tremendously successful in increasing exposure for RIMS membership within the State of Texas and in spreading the Society's government affairs efforts beyond the national RIMS on the Hill effort. This event continued to build on the significant momentum started with the California RIMS on the Mall event which was held in January.

Membership efforts at the state and local level go hand in hand with RIMS efforts and the national level, and this was another significant step in toward success. If you are interested in a similar event in your state, please contact **Nathan Bacchus** at nbacchus@RIMS.org.

Features

Chapter eGroup Hot Topic:

Peter Caust, Treasurer for the New Jersey Chapter asked:

The New Jersey RIMS chapter is planning a one day "Mini-RIMS" conference this coming November. For those chapters who have already held a similar event, did you use contracts for exhibitors at the event?

To submit your response to this Chapter Officers eGroup Hot Topic please visit, www.RIMS.org/eGroups.

Chapter Best Practice from Members of the Member and Chapter Services Committee:

"When applying for the Chapter Recognition Program, using the PERK Program is considered a strength in your application."

To schedule a session with one of the many PERK partners such as Ernst & Young, Rosenberg and Parker or Aon visit www.RIMS.org/PERK.

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 RIMS Board of Directors Chapter Liaison Program pairs each Chapter with a RIMS Board member to assist the chapter in its endeavors. Who is your Chapter's RIMS Board Liaison?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 3/6/09:

Soon RIMS will be celebrating a big anniversary! In which year was RIMS founded?

*On **November 21, 1950**, the National Insurance Buyers Association (NIBA) was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. Harry Goodell was elected as the first President, a position he held until 1953.*

The first Chapters were Southern California, Northern California, New York, Cincinnati, Delaware Valley, Midwest (Chicago), Central Illinois (Decatur), Minnesota, and Oregon. In 1955 NIBA changed its name to the America Society of Insurance Managers (ASIM). In 1963, the first national conference was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

In 1969, National Insurance Buyer became Risk Management Magazine and in 1975, ASIM became the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS).

In 2010 RIMS will celebrate its 60th anniversary!

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