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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

Time is Running Out - 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 thousands of risk professionals.

www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009

Early Bird Discount Extended to Chapters Sponsoring Members to Attend RIMS 2009:

This year's budget cuts have resulted in the inability of risk management professionals to attend the premier risk management educational and networking event of the year—RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition. Now more than ever risk managers need to come together and discuss the issues impacting them in these tumultuous times.

Do you have a member of your chapter that will not be able to attend RIMS this year?

Put your chapter dollars to good use and follow the lead of these Chapters sponsoring a member or two of your chapter to attend RIMS. **Those chapters who sponsor members will receive the early bird member discount rate of \$840.**

The **Chicago Chapter** has set up a program where they will sponsor the registration fee of selected chapter members whose company cuts have resulted in their inability to attend this year's conference.

In addition to the Chicago Chapter, several other Chapters have volunteered to sponsor members to attend RIMS 2009. Among those are:

Alaska Chapter	Long Island Chapter
Broward County	Oregon Chapter
Carolinas Chapter	Upstate New York
Central Florida	

Extend a hand to your members to ensure that they do not miss this premier educational event. To make arrangements and secure the early bird discount, please call Donna Pilato at 212-655-6035. Registration closes this Friday, March 20. **We know this level of support may require time to arrange, so let us know if you need more time.**

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>

Registration Fee Waived for Affiliate Members Attending RIMS 2009!

Recently, the RIMS Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Member and Chapter Services Committee to waive Society dues for up to 24 months. In addition, RIMS will waive the registration fee for any current RIMS Affiliate who wishes to attend the RIMS 2009 Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, FL.

"At least 60% - some report even higher statistics - of all jobs are found by networking." - Alison Doyle, *About.com Guide to Job Searching*

Remember, RIMS 2009 is a perfect place to network with other risk professionals so register today at www.RIMS.org/AnnualConference.

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.

Calling All Delegates:

This week, the House of Delegates Meeting Binder was shipped to all RIMS Delegates. Please review the enclosed material with your Chapter in preparation for the RIMS House of Delegates meeting on April 19 in Orlando, Florida. Prior to the meeting you should present the agenda items to your chapter, receive member and board input and act on their behalf at the House of Delegates Meeting.

Sunday, April 19

8:30am - 11:00am

Peabody Hotel

Orlando Ballroom-Section III

Each RIMS Chapter is required to send a Delegate or a Proxy to represent their Chapter at the RIMS House of Delegates Meeting. For more information on the role of the RIMS Delegate visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/RIMSDelegate>.

RIMS Booth #921:

During the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition, come and meet RIMS Membership and Chapter Services staff at RIMS booth #921.

You can also schedule a one on one meeting with one of our staff members while at the conference. To set up a meeting with someone in our department, please email chapterservices@RIMS.org.

RIMS Membership and Chapter Services Department will be available Monday - Wednesday during exhibit hall hours.

Member Information Update

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

Upcoming RIMS webinar!

Risk Management on Steroids: Crossing the Chasm with Bundled RMIS and ERM

Thursday, March 26, 2009 | 1:00pm-2:00pm EDT

Sponsored by Riskonnect

Join Derek Regier, Vice President of Riskonnect and Chris Duncan, Advisor at Riskonnect, as we explore utilizing new technology such as bundling Risk Management Information System (RMIS) and Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) to realize immediate value opportunities for your organization. This webinar will help risk professionals realize the value of utilizing a central risk repository to take control over risk, lower Total Costs of Risk (TCOR) and gain a more complete flow of information, rather than relying solely upon information fed to them by Third Party Administrators (TPAs) and carriers.

For more information go to www.RIMS.org/UpcomingWebinars.

Society News

RIMS 2009 is a Twitter!

Twitter is a micro-blogging service that provides users with constant, real-time access to communications from contributors within your selected social network. It enables its users to send and read other users' updates (known as **tweets**), which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length.

To check us out on Twitter visit www.Twitter.com to create an account prior to attending the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition. Then visit www.Twitter.com/RIMS2009 and become a follower of the feed.

Some of the benefits of Twitter are:

1. Online electronic notes – attendees can go back after the conference and review what each speaker said
2. Shared electronic notes – the conference will have a tag that allows others to access tweets, photos, video about the event
3. Outreach – for those who can't make it to the event, it shows them what they're missing but still allows them to feel like part of the community
4. Connect with other attendees – while some attendees may not connect in person, they can connect on Twitter
5. Engage the attendees – tweeting allows the attendee to be involved in a dynamic session environment that is typically static
6. Information Status Updates – room changes, urgent updates, etc.

So, create your own account at www.Twitter.com and follow us at www.Twitter.com/RIMS2009 as we embark on this new journey!!

Features

Chapter eGroup Hot Topic:

Cindy Tiritilli, RIMS Chapter Services Manager posted:

"Has your Chapter developed interesting questions or an innovative survey method that spark discussion or increases the quality and number of responses? Has your Chapter used feedback from a survey to implement a new idea that has improved your Chapter?"

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

Chapter Best Practice from Bill Millen of the Upstate New York Chapter:

"For the past few years the Upstate New York Chapter has sent a member to RIMS Annual Conference and Exhibition. We send out an application to the members who inquire and then a selection committee compiles the applications and selects the most qualified candidate. We cover the costs of air travel, hotel, and conference registration."

Chapters looking to sponsor a member to attend RIMS 2009 are eligible to do so at the early bird rate of \$840 for RIMS members.

To make arrangements, please call Donna Pilato at 212-655-6035. Registration closes this Friday, March 20. We know this level of support may require time to arrange, so let us know if you need more time.

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:

In which city will the 2010 RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition be held?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 3/13/09:

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?

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.

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