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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, March 20, 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](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).*

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## **Upcoming RIMS Professional Development Workshops**

RIMS Professional Development workshops and courses ensure that you and your organization are ready to handle any planned—or unplanned—risk. The highly-interactive environment of the workshops allows you and your chapter members to network and discuss new strategies and solutions with your peers. Learn how to take advantage of the latest industry trends and developments to identify and manage key risk areas and strengthen your organization's risk management program. Support professional growth and continuing education among your chapter members—encourage attending the following workshop at your next chapter meeting.

Fundamentals of Managing Market Risk

March 27 - 28

New York, NY

Developing a Risk Management Program for Your Organization (CA)

April 26 - 27, 2008

San Diego, CA

Risk Analysis Tools for Effective Risk Management

April 26 - 27, 2008

San Diego, CA

Executive Risk: E & O and Professional Liability  
April 26 - 27, 2008  
San Diego, CA

For more details and to register for the workshops, visit [www.RIMS.org/education](http://www.RIMS.org/education) or email us at [PD@RIMS.org](mailto:PD@RIMS.org).

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## **Risk Wiki: The Definitive List of Terms and Phrases for the RM industry**

Wikipedia is a free, multilingual, open content encyclopedia project operated by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation. Its name is a blend of the words wiki (a technology for creating collaborative websites) and encyclopedia. And it's one of the most popular sites on the Internet.

Not to be outdone, RIMS' IT maven, Andy Steggles, has developed RiskWiki, a definitive guide to terms, phrases and acronyms from within the risk management community. The glossary is open to all RIMS members to update as they see fit. It's been nearly ten years since the RIMS research committee painstakingly put together the existing glossary. Now, using wiki technology, all 10,000 plus members can actively help update it. RiskWiki is the state-of-the-art single source for risk management definitions.

Some key features include:

1. The ability for any member to add/edit any definition/acronym or term.
2. Full version history so any update can be rolled back at any time.
3. Social media integration such as ratings, comments, related links and demographic statistics.
4. The ability to "request a definition".
5. Members providing definitions can indicate various statuses, such as "Needs a little help," "Someone please confirm this is accurate," "Ready," etc.
6. Tag Cloud – this is the big box of words at the top. A tag cloud allows you to see the most popular words in alphabetical order. The popularity is reflected by the size of the font.
7. Ability to sort in a variety of orders including alphabetical, most popular, top rated and most recent.
8. Comprehensive search capability.
9. Ability to add links and URLs to terms.
10. RSS Feeds.

Visit and help update the RiskWiki Glossary today: [www.rims.org/glossary](http://www.rims.org/glossary)

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## **RIMS needs your help in a virtual world!**

RIMS is entering an exciting new world - a virtual world. We are planning an exhibit hall, training, educational and social events, but before we can move ahead we need to do some testing. We need to find out how easy it is to install the software, to get into the world and to learn to navigate within it. In the hope that you can help us with this, we have planned our first event as a social event for chapter officers. Although it is aimed at officers, if you have someone

in your chapter who is knowledgeable or interested in virtual worlds, please bring them along. This first event will be very informal and is intended to allow us all to learn and to practice.

It will be held March 27th at 9:00 PM EDT. If you will be able to join us, please RSVP to Cindy Tiritilli at [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org) and we'll get the links and instructions out to you. If you are planning to bring guests, please mention that when you respond.

See you in-world!

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### **Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop - Limited Space Available:**

You've been reading about the upcoming "Building a Stronger Chapter" workshop in San Diego. But if that isn't convenient for you, consider attending (or having your new officers attend) one of the other two workshops scheduled for 2008. Registration is open already for the Dallas, TX BSC on June 20-21 and Philadelphia on October 17-18. Keep in mind that we can accommodate no more than 40 participants at each session so register early to ensure your place!

To register please email [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).

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### **While at the conference...**

Come take a look at the "The Risk Management Professional Growth Model" developed by the Quality Advisory Council at the RIMS booth (#1929) and also stop by the RMM Booth (#2447) and pick up a copy of the Executive Summary of the Risk Maturity Model.

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*For questions/comments regarding any of the information contained in this bulletin, please contact the Chapter Services Department at [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).*