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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

Chapter Website Templates:

RIMS new Chapter website template provides chapters with an innovative tool that offers advertisement sponsorship capabilities, a website tracking system and a fresh new look with just a click of a button. Soon, Chapters using the new website template will be able to add additional sponsorship advertisements, photo slideshows, a social networking area specific to their Chapter, and much more.

Because of the introduction of the new Chapter websites, RIMS will no longer host the older legacy website template.

Chapters on the legacy template 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 will be contacting all Chapter Webmasters still using the legacy template to set up a transition date. All transfers will need to be completed by 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 Part 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!

Society Dues Waved for RIMS Affiliate Members

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.

Who can apply for an Affiliate membership?

Any Deputy member who has separated from their employer for any reason. The status can be effective for up to 24 months but is automatically cancelled when the member finds new employment.

What does the Affiliate membership include?

The free membership includes all member benefits currently offered to RIMS Deputy members with the exception of *RM Magazine* which Affiliate members will only have access to online by visiting www.rmmagazine.com. Affiliate members who opt to accept the dues waiver will not receive a printed copy of the magazine.

To register for RIMS 2009, go online to www.RIMS.org/AnnualConference.

To change your membership category, please contact Membership@RIMS.org.

Did you get your Chapter mailing?

Last week RIMS shipped Chapters Presidents a supply full of information and resources to share with your fellow Chapter officers and Chapter members.

The supply included 2009 RIMS membership applications and join brochures, Professional Development brochures, RIMS Annual Conference brochures, and the new 2009 RIMS Products & Services Catalogue!

In the weeks to come, RIMS will be contacting Chapter Presidents to touch base, say hello and answer any Membership, Chapter or other RIMS-related questions.

We look forward to speaking with you but if you miss our call, please don't hesitate to contact us at 212-655-6041 or ChapterServices@RIMS.org.

Launch a Membership campaign today and help prospective members save \$100!

RIMS Membership and Chapter Services Department would like to work with individual chapters to offer a \$100 discount on RIMS Society dues for NEW Corporate or Associate members. Just tell us the timeframe for your campaign and how you plan to structure it. We'll generate a discount code and provide customized corporate and associate membership applications.

Please contact Jill Levy, RIMS Director of Membership & Chapter Services (212-655-6030 or jlevy@rims.org) for complete details.

Member Information Update

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

Publication of the Month: Workers' Comp Kit-New to RIMStore!

Want to reduce your premiums and enhance your control of the factors that drive up your Workers' Compensation costs?

The Workers' Comp Kit will provide all of the tools you need to improve your immediate injury response, bring your employees back to work sooner, maximize the results from your insurance company, and eliminate workers' comp fraud. This product can help to reduce your WC costs by 20% or more in the first year.

To purchase the Workers' Comp Kit and start reducing your workers' comp costs now, please visit www.RIMS.org/RIMStore.

Society News

RIMS 2009 Community Service Day

RIMS 2009 Community Service Day, proudly supported by Aon, will take place on Sunday, April 19th from 8:30am – 3:00pm.

Give Kids The World Village (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.

RIMS Announces a New Online Professional Development Course:

Accounting in an Hour

Discover the Power of Financial Literacy in Just 60 Minutes!

Accounting In An Hour™ is the acclaimed 60-minute course for non-financial personnel that can help risk management professionals and their employees become more productive and valuable on the job. Delivered over the Internet, the course offers effective training for anyone at their convenience—anytime, anywhere.

Encourage your chapter members to enroll today at www.RIMS.org/onlinecourses.

Features

Chapter eGroup Hot Topic:

Bill Millen, RIMS Treasurer for the Upstate New York Chapter asked:

How does your chapter distribute duties and responsibilities through the officer ranks and to your committees? We've found our chapter to be highly dependent on the Treasurer and Secretary position, and with the newly created membership committee we are hoping to distribute chapter responsibilities more evenly.

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:

"It is important to have your entire board participate in the planning process. Consider having a separate 'planning meeting' with your full board so they may gather and work together to develop the plan for the year. This is also a great opportunity to review your Chapter's strategic plan in addition to its short and long term goals."

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.

February's RIMS Trivia Winner is...

Elizabeth Guimaraes from the Broward County Chapter!

The prize for the month of February is a RIMS Desk Clock. To order your RIMS Desk Clock or for additional information regarding RIMStore products, please visit www.RIMS.org/RIMStore.

Trivia Question:

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

RIMS Trivia Answer for 2/20/09:

The 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition's opening reception will be held at which majestic location in Orlando, FL?

*On Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, RIMS will be hosting its grand opening reception for the 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition at the World ShowPlace Pavilion in **Epcot Center**.*

Travel around the world in one night! Europe, Asia and America—this international party of epic proportions will transport you with a mosaic of architectural and cultural images from around the world. Savor international cuisine, dance to global rhythms, and be delighted by international performance artists while you mingle with colleagues and form new business relationships.

Please pick up your registration materials prior to the Opening Reception. Full Conference Pass and Monday Pass registrants will be admitted plus one guest aged 21+. Exhibitor booth personnel will be admitted without a guest.

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