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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, May 1, 2009

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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](http://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](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).*

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## Conference Recap

### **Risk managers challenged their risk I.Q. at RIMS 2009**

RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition in Orlando started with a networking event of global proportions and closed with an account of today's financial crisis. In between were change- and leadership-inspired keynote presentations, an industry awards presentation, 120+ timely sessions focused on how to survive in a challenging business environment, lessons on why

laughter really is the best medicine, and an Exhibit Hall with more than 400 vendors showcasing thousands of new resources and solutions.

If you weren't able to attend—or even if you were—read about the keynotes and events, download issues of the Show Daily, and check out the image gallery at [www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMS2009).

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for RIMS 2010 in Boston on April 25-29! You can even reserve your hotel rooms NOW by contacting Ambassadors Travel at (877) 517-3037 for US attendees or (404) 584-7458 for our Canadian and other international attendees.

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### **RIMS membership discount extended until May 15!**

At RIMS 2009, non-members signing up for RIMS membership received a discount of \$100 and a rebate on \$315 on a full week conference registration. Since the promotion was such a great success we have decided to extend the deal until May 15!

Hurry and spread the word to all prospective Corporate or Associate members that for a limited time RIMS is offering these new members a \$100 off of their RIMS Society dues. In addition, Corporate or Associate non-members who registered for a full week at RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition and sign up for RIMS membership using the ORL2009 discount code will receive a rebate of \$315 from that registration.

Yes, you've done the math correctly! That's a \$415 savings; keep in mind, Chapter dues are added on top of Society dues and must be paid at the time new members join if RIMS collects dues for their chosen chapter.

So encourage prospective members to visit [www.RIMS.org/JoinToday](http://www.RIMS.org/JoinToday) and complete the application form. They must enter the special code **ORL2009** in the payment section to qualify for this special offer.

Hurry! This offer is only valid through **May 15!**

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### **And the winners are...**

**Harry and Dorothy Goodell Award** - *Recognizing Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in the Field of Risk Management*

**Carol A. Fox, ARM, Convergys Corporation**

**Ron Judd "Heart of RIMS" Award** - *Presented to an individual nominated by his or her chapter for outstanding performance in furthering risk management at the chapter level.*

**Marley Drainville, RIMS Southern Alberta Chapter**  
**Al Gorski, RIMS Orange County Chapter**

**Richard W. Bland Memorial Award** - *Presented by the Greater Kansas City Chapter in recognition for outstanding performance by a deputy member of RIMS in the field of legislation or regulation.*

**Robert Cartwright, Jr., CRM, RIMS Delaware Valley Chapter**

**Cristy Award** - *Recognizing the individual who earned the highest marks on the three exams*

required for the Associate in Risk Management designation.

**Lori Kahwache, ARM, BlueLinx Corporation**

**Arthur Quern Quality Award** - Recognizing significant contributions within the field of risk management that raise the quality of products, services and enterprise risk management within an organization.

**Lawyers Insurance Fund, Law Society of British Columbia, Beat the Clock Publication**

**2009 Risk Manager of the Year® Award** – Present by RIMS and Business Insurance magazine.

**Fred O. Pachón, ARM, CPDM, WCCP, Select Staffing**

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**2008 RIMS Chapter Recognition Awards Recipients:**

The Chapter Recognition Program enables Chapters to self nominate for awards for Outstanding Chapter Programming, Advancing the Risk Management Profession and Outstanding Member Services. An Overall Chapter Excellence award is bestowed to chapters that perform the best in all three categories. Chapter of Distinction designations acknowledge the efforts of other Chapters who have demonstrated noteworthy achievements.

**Overall Chapter Excellence:**

San Diego

**Advancing the Risk Management Profession**

Orange County  
San Diego  
*Chapters of Distinction: Greater Quad Cities, Minnesota, Palm Beach, South Texas*

**Outstanding Chapter Programming**

Central Florida  
Chesapeake  
Chicago  
Golden Gate  
Houston  
Los Angeles  
Minnesota  
Nevada  
Rocky Mountain  
San Diego  
South Texas  
*Chapters of Distinction: Central Texas, Delaware Valley, Greater Quad Cities, Orange County, Oregon, Palm Beach*

**Outstanding Member Services**

Chesapeake  
Houston  
Minnesota  
Orange County  
Rocky Mountain  
San Diego  
*Chapters of Distinction: Greater Quad Cities, Palm Beach, South Texas*

**Membership Growth: Membership Star**

British Columbia  
Broward County  
Chesapeake  
Fairfield/Westchester  
Golden Gate  
Newfoundland & Labrador

**Membership Growth: Membership Super Star**

Alaska  
Central Oklahoma  
Maritime  
Sacramento Valley  
Saskatchewan  
Southwest Florida

Ontario  
San Diego  
Southern Alberta  
Upstate New York

Utah

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### **RIMS Community Service Day a Big Success**

Approximately 100 attendees and exhibitors at the RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition volunteered to build a sensory garden, gazebo and park benches for Give Kids the World Village during the third annual Aon-supported RIMS Community Service Day, on Sunday, April 19. Give Kids the World Village is a 70-acre resort that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses and their families at central Florida's attractions.

During the conference, RIMS also presented a donation to the Russell Home, a private, non-profit facility for severely handicapped children in central Florida, on behalf of the 350+ conference speakers.

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### **Congratulations to RIMS 2009 Giveaway Winners**

RIMS 2009 hosted several drawings for a slew of exciting prizes including two Nintendo Wii's, a complimentary week-long registration to RIMS 2010, a Bose Entertainment System, a fabulous Caribbean vacation and a two-year lease on a hybrid car. RIMS would like to thank all of the conference participants who visited the RIMS booth and congratulate all the prize winners.

Monday's Wii: Tracy Lenok  
Tuesday's Wii: Bryan G. Roylett  
Bose Entertainment System: Peter Pang  
Caribbean Vacation: Ken Cervenka  
**Hybrid Car: Shuenn Teng Ng**  
**Registration to RIMS 2010: Indra Widjaja**

### **Member Information Update**

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

### **Register now for RIMS on the Hill 2009**

Registration is now open for RIMS on the Hill - June 7-9, 2009 in Washington, DC. As a participant in RIMS on the Hill, you'll be an important part of this intensive two-day experience where you will learn the keys to effective lobbying, familiarize yourself with topics critical to the risk management community, share insights with fellow risk managers and, finally, meet with Congressional representatives to voice your positions on issues affecting the risk management community.

The registration fee is \$100, including all meals and activities.

Please visit [www.RIMS.org/Hill](http://www.RIMS.org/Hill) for complete details, to register, and to reserve a sleeping room; or contact Nathan Bacchus, RIMS State and Regulatory Affairs Associate at [nbacchus@RIMS.org](mailto:nbacchus@RIMS.org) for more information.

### **Society News**

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**RIMS PERK Partner is named Policyholder Attorney of the Year by LexisNexis**

RIMS would like to congratulate Robert M. Horkovich of Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. for being named Policyholder Attorney of the Year by the LexisNexis Insurance Law Center.

Mr. Horkovich shares the award with Roger Simpson of Cotkin and Collins, his co-counsel representing the State of California in its long-running insurance coverage dispute over the estimated \$700 million cleanup of the Stringfellow waste site.

Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. has served as a PERK partner for several years and practices law in the areas of Insurance Recovery, Anti-Counterfeiting, Bankruptcy, Commercial Litigation, Corporate & Securities, Employment & Labor Law, Real Estate & Construction, Tax, and Trusts & Estates.

To learn more about Anderson Kill & Olick's involvement in the PERK program or to request a PERK sessions visit <http://tiny.cc/PERKAKO>.

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**Spencer Educational Foundation Awards First-Ever Loss Prevention Education Grants**

Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. awarded the University of Hartford and Virginia Commonwealth University with \$50,000 grants each for the development of loss prevention course curricula for students studying risk management and insurance. FM Global funded the grants to support the development of undergraduate course modules and a graduate loss prevention course curriculum.

In 2008, FM Global contributed \$525,000 to the Spencer Educational Foundation, the largest gift in the Foundation's 30-year history that includes \$300,000 earmarked to assist universities in developing new loss prevention-related courses. The remaining funds will go towards annual FM Global scholarship awards for students pursuing a degree in risk management or insurance. The first-ever FM Global scholarships were recently awarded to Justin Gargus of Olivet College and Amanda Mozingo of Virginia Commonwealth University.

For more information or to make a donation to Spencer Educational Foundation, visit [www.spencerred.org](http://www.spencerred.org).

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**Do You Speak ERM?**

The American Institute for CPCU/Insurance Institute of America (the Institutes), through its Center for the Advancement of Risk Management Education (CARME), have joined with RIMS to develop a new course titled "Enterprise-wide Risk Management (ERM): Developing and Implementing."

Designed for practitioners with strong risk management and business backgrounds, this new advanced ERM curriculum focuses on how to optimize risk-taking to meet strategic goals and the practical steps to develop and implement an ERM program.

Enrollees who have earned the ARM will be able to take the Institutes' exam to earn the ARM-E designation. RIMS will start offering the course in 2010. A course schedule will be announced later this year.

For more information, visit the Institutes' Web site at [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org).

## **RIMS Upcoming Workshops**

RIMS offers a wide variety of Professional Development workshops to help your Chapter Members keep up with developing technology, maintain a keen knowledge of current industry trends and practices, and develop a strong and effective risk management program. RIMS workshops offer beneficial new information and practical in-class exercises, as well as great networking opportunities to participants of all career levels and industry backgrounds.

Some of the upcoming workshops are:

Alternative Risk Financing Techniques  
May 18-19, San Diego

Global Risk Management  
May 20-21, New York

Business Continuity/Disaster Planning & Management  
May 27-28, Atlanta

Minimizing Insurance and Claims Costs  
May 28-29, New York

Register today at [www.RIMS.org/Education](http://www.RIMS.org/Education)

For more information and for tools to help you promote these workshops to your Chapter Members, contact us at [PD@RIMS.org](mailto:PD@RIMS.org).

## **Features**

### **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.*

### ***April's RIMS Trivia Winner is...***

### **Craig Hoffman from the RIMS New Jersey Chapter!**

The prize for the month of April is a RIMS Desk Clock. To order your RIMS Desk Clock or for additional information regarding RIMStore products, please visit [www.RIMS.org/RIMStore](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMStore).

### **Trivia Question:**

What is the name of the official blog of *Risk Management* magazine that provides daily stories, commentary, interviews, podcasts and videos related to the world of risk management and insurance?

### **RIMS Trivia Answer for 4/17/09:**

What city will RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition visit in 2012?

*RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition will visit the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, PA in 2012. RIMS Delaware Valley Chapter is RIMS 2012 host chapter and they are already planning for RIMS big return to Philly. But don't forget that before we can all relish in those amazing cheese steaks we must first visit Boston in 2010 and Vancouver in 2011!*

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