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Chapter Officers' Weekly Update

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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

Upcoming RIMS Webinar hosted by RIMS Houston Chapter

How to Add Value to Your Organization as a Risk Professional

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

1:00pm-2:00pm ET

Sponsored by the RIMS Houston Chapter

In these challenging times, it is essential for risk managers to be heard in their organizations. In

an ever evolving role, risk managers need to make management aware of risk opportunities and the value they add to an organization. Today's risk management professional needs a combination of vital communication, business and strategic management skills. This webinar provides practical advice and helpful tools to obtain better visibility in your organization, including access to the C-suite.

Hear from a panel of leaders in the industry and have an opportunity to submit questions directly to the presenters. The webinar will be moderated by **Richard Roberts**, Corporate Risk Manager at Ensign-Bickford Industries. The panel includes **Eric Andersen**, Co-National Managing Director at Aon Global Large Corporate, **Brian Dowd**, Chairman & CEO of ACE USA and **Edward Bertero**, CPCU, ARM, AIM, Group Vice President, Risk Management & Insurance at Travelport.

This webinar is **FREE** for RIMS members. Non-members can participate for a fee of \$30.

For more information on how your Chapter can sponsor a webinar, or for tools to promote this event to your Chapter members, contact us at PD@RIMS.org.

Story ideas needed for fall issue of RIMSCOPE newsletter

RIMS is seeking story ideas for the fall issue of RIMSCOPE, RIMS exclusive member newsletter.

Submit your story ideas to Debbie Girard at dgirard@RIMS.org to have your chapter featured in the next issue of RIMSCOPE.

To give you an idea of the types of stories we're looking for, here is a link to the March issue of RIMSCOPE: <http://tinyurl.com/RIMSCOPEMarch>.

Three New Resources Now Available to RIMS Chapters

- **Chapter Name Badge Template:**
You can now download a name badge template with the RIMS logo that your chapter can use at your next chapter meeting, golf event or I-Day.
CHAPTER OFFICER TOOLS->RESOURCES->STATIONERY & TEMPLATES->Chapter Name Badge Template or visit <http://tiny.cc/StationeryandTemplates>.
- **Chapter Best Practices Database:**
Chapter Best Practice Database contains over 30 best practice tips submitted by RIMS chapters for RIMS chapters.
CHAPTER OFFICER TOOLS->RESOURCES->CHAPTER BEST PRACTICE or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/BestPracticeDatabase>.
- **Chapter Business Cards**
A chapter business card can include useful information regarding your chapter such as your chapter website, email address and maybe even meeting dates and location.
CHAPTER OFFICER TOOLS->RESOURCES->STATIONERY & TEMPLATES or visit <http://tinyurl.com/BusinessCardTemplate>.

Just a Reminder: Risk Management magazine wants your Chapter photos!

RIMS is seeking photos of chapters to use in the July/August issue of *Risk*

Management magazine.

If your chapter has recently taken part in a community service event or held a fundraiser for Spencer Educational Foundation, please send one to three images to Felicia Messimer at fmessimer@RIMS.org with the subject line: RIMS Chapter Photos.

Please include a short description of the event. **Images are due June 10.**

Volunteer Now to Serve on the Standards and Practices Committee!

Standards and Practices Committee is tasked with leading, developing, assisting, and marketing national and international standards, best practices, research projects, and discipline treatises. These efforts will support and promote the risk management discipline and assures the primacy of RIMS role as a key stakeholder in risk management related standards and practices.

If you are interested in joining the Standards and Practices Committee and have the support of your employer to engage in volunteer activities, fill out the volunteer application form here: <http://tiny.cc/StandardsandPracticesCommittee>.

Good News For Associate Members of RIMS

The RIMS Board of Directors voted on Tuesday, May 26 to offer a temporary dues waiver to Associates who find themselves out of a job. Deputies have already been entitled to this dues waiver by changing their status to Affiliate but Affiliate status is limited ONLY to Deputies.

So, to assist unemployed Associate members, the Board agreed to this temporary dues waiver. Should you speak with a member who might fall into this category, please have them contact membership@RIMS.org to change the information in their record. To qualify, of course, they must be unemployed and actively seeking employment (if they are starting their own consulting firm or practice, they would not qualify for a dues waiver). And this dues waiver terminates upon their finding new employment.

They will remain Associate members with all the privileges that includes, except they will NOT receive a hard copy subscription to Risk Management magazine. However, the magazine will be available to them at www.rmmagazine.com.

Member Information Update

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

Top Ten Resources Essential to RIMS Members:

Is your chapter in the process of developing a membership campaign? All RIMS members, including you, should be aware of these top 10 resources:

1. **Career Center:** www.RIMS.org/CareerCenter
RIMS Career Center can help you expand your risk management staff, fill a risk management position for a client, plan your long-term career strategy, compare your compensation program for your risk management team to others in the industry, and improve job descriptions for your risk management team.
2. **Risk Professionals Directory:** www.RIMS.org/Community
At the heart of each community lies its people-their relationships, common interests and

goals, and the desire to participate, interact and engage with one another. RIMS Community has been developed to allow industry leaders and risk professionals of all levels to connect, share ideas and exchange information. RIMS offers tools that empower members to communicate, collaborate and lend their voice to the industry.

3. **RIMStore:** www.RIMS.org/RIMStore

- o *Books:* ARM prep materials, Property/Casualty Insurance, ERM for Dummies, Law Journal Press and National Underwriter publications.
- o *Special publications:* Selecting and Working with a Broker (2008 edition), RIMS State of ERM Report 2008, RIMS Benchmark Survey™, Risk Management Compensation Survey.
- o *Merchandise:* Golf products, t-shirts, umbrellas, and desk accessories.

4. **E-Groups:** www.RIMS.org/eGroups

RIMS gives you the opportunity to easily communicate with other risk management professionals through e-Groups. Have a question about your upcoming renewals? Captives? The healthcare industry? This is the place to get the answers directly from your peers. Select an e-Group from 40+ interest and industry groups and instantly reach thousands of professionals in that area or form your own interest group to address your specific concerns.

5. **ERM Center of Excellence:** www.RIMS.org/ERM

RIMS ERM Center of Excellence is your source for news, tools and peer-to-peer networking on all things ERM. RIMS Risk Maturity Model for ERM (RMM) is an online resource in the ERM Center of Excellence that will help you to better evaluate your risk management program and bring it to the next level. To benchmark your risk program, receive a personalized assessment and so much more, RIMS ERM Center of Excellence is your destination.

6. **RIMS Benchmark Survey:** www.RIMS.org/Benchmark

A summary of insurance program information received from more than 1,200 participants representing \$20 billion in premiums.

7. **Compensation Survey:** www.RIMS.org/CompensationSurvey

The RIMS Compensation Survey includes data collected on compensation and benefits, highest degree earned, personal demographics, geography and industry. Through this survey, you will be able to compare your compensation information to other risk managers in the US and Canada.

8. **RiskWire:** www.RIMS.org/RiskWire

A popular news service exclusively for RIMS members, RiskWire™ provides an executive summary of the most important risk management stories of the day. All members have to do is sign up to receive this service in your e-mail inbox daily.

9. **RIMS Buyer's Guide:** www.RIMS.org/BuyersGuide

RIMS Buyer's Guide, a partnership with MultiView, Inc., allows you to search by company name, product type or keyword and also by the content of their websites. You can limit your search geographically, by state or zip code. You can even limit your search to RIMS members and/or exhibitors. And with one click, you can send an RFI to one or a hundred different providers.

10. **Financial Services:** www.RIMS.org/FinancialServices

UNFCU Financial Advisors™ is a wholly owned subsidiary of the United Nations Federal Credit Union - a financial organization serving the United Nations community since 1947 with a tradition of trust, integrity and unparalleled service. This tradition and commitment is now extended through UNFCU Financial Advisors™ to RIMS members. UNFCU Financial Advisors can assist with short and long-term financial goals and

objectives as well as assess risk and insurance needs.

OAS Staff Federal Credit Union, a non-profit, full service financial cooperative, was organized and chartered in 1962 by several employees of the Organization of American States. They offer RIMS members affordable loan interest rates with an easy application process and fast approval, VISA Credit Card with DOUBLE travel points per each dollar, financial counseling and financial planning, low/no fees, and great competitive rates.

Society News

Coming Soon – 2009 RIMS Benchmarking Survey Book

The 2009 RIMS Benchmarking Survey book will be available on or about July 8 so now would be a good time to get your order in. And this year, the book features new data on ERM and Workers Compensation as well as the regular data on insurance coverage.

Remember that if you contributed data between January 1 and December 31, 2008, you will automatically be sent a free copy of the book, hot off the presses! And additional copies are available to your company for only \$50. Not a contributor last year? Well, go online to the RIMStore and order your copy today – as a RIMS member, you still save \$250. And make sure you'll get your free copy of the 2010 book by visiting www.rims.org/Book and contributing data before the end of this year.

Free giveaway with any "Featured Publications of the Month" purchase

Have you visited RIMStore lately? Not only has RIMStore recently received a new look, but it is now offering a free giveaway with the purchase of any Featured Publication of the month!

Titles include ERM for Dummies, Selecting and Working with a Broker, or the RIMS State of ERM Report 2008.

You can find the complete list of Featured Publications along with other RIMS merchandise at www.RIMS.org/RIMStore.

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.

Trivia Question:

What RIMS resource reports the society's accomplishments and financial activities for 2008?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 5/21/09:

List the name of one of the "Featured Publications of the Month" currently listed on RIMStore.

This month's RIMStore "Featured Publications" are:

- *Get the Job You Want Even When No One's Hiring: Take Charge of Your Career, Find a Job You Love, and Earn What you Deserve*
- *Workers Cost Containment Books*
- *Workers Cost Containment Tools*

- *Selecting and Working with a Broker*
- *Property/Casualty Insurance*
- *RIMS State of ERM Report 2008*
- *2009 RIMS Benchmark Survey Book*
- *Certificates of Insurance Manual*

Remember, that for the month of May you will receive a free giveaway with the purchase of any Featured Publication of the month.

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