

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.

Conference Edition

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RIMS Annual Conference Highlights and Summary:

RIMS 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition in San Diego had it all—dazzling special events, inspiring keynote presentations, mind-blowing educational sessions, and an exhibit hall filled with tons of ideas, all designed to help you change the way you talk about risk. If you weren't able to attend—or even if you were—read about the keynotes and events, download issues of RIMS Show Daily, and check out the image gallery at www.RIMS.org/RIMS2008. Also, be sure to mark your calendars for RIMS 2009 in Orlando on April 19-23!

Letter from the President:

Dear Chapter Officers:

If you were one of the nearly 10,000 attendees in San Diego, I hope you found the conference to be just as awesomatic, phenominastic, and (well, I'm running out of new words, but I think you get the drift) as I did!, And for those of you who weren't able to attend, we hope to see you in Orlando on April 19-23, 2009 for RIMS 2009.

We will send the minutes from our House of Delegates meeting to you soon. Please review them carefully. In addition to the reports from members of the Board of Directors on the activities of RIMS standing committees, the financial and audit reports and Mary Roth's update on the status of the Society, there were lively discussions on a number of topics. I hope that your Delegate will provide your chapter with a full and detailed report to supplement the minutes.

I do have to tell you that I was disappointed that only 55 of our chapters had a Delegate at the meeting. There are 80 chapters, and each chapter did have at least one member attending the conference. It would have been possible to reach 100%; but more important than the numbers, each chapter would have had a voice at the meeting. It is the one time each year that your chapter can ask questions, raise policy issues and tell us what you think, what you want, and your views on what we're doing. This is an important meeting, so please, as Chapter Officers, do your very best to ensure that you are represented in Orlando.

These are the Chapters that had a Delegate (or proxy) at the meeting:

The recorded attendance is based upon the sign in sheet at the HOD meeting. Chapters that did not sign in were not recorded in the attendance.

Alaska	Dallas-Ft. Worth	Manitoba	Ontario	South Texas
Arizona Central	Delaware Valley	Massachusetts	Orange County	Southern Alberta
Atlanta	Eastern Oklahoma	Memphis	Oregon	Southwest Florida
British Columbia	Fairfield/Westchester Mexico		Palm Beach	Utah
Broward County	Great Plains	Mid-Illinois	Palmetto	Virginia

Canadian Capital	Greater Kansas City	Minnesota	Piedmont	Washington
Carolinas	Greater Miami	Nevada	Pittsburgh	Western Michigan
Central Florida	Greater Quad Cities	New Jersey	Potomac	
Central Texas	Hawaii	New York	Rocky Mountain	
Chesapeake	Houston	Newfoundland & Labrador	Sacramento Valley	
Chicago	Indiana	North Florida	Santa Clara Valley	
Connecticut Valley	Japan	Northeast Ohio	Saskatchewan	

These are the Chapters which did not have a Delegate (or proxy) in San Diego; please begin planning now to have a Delegate at the Orlando meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2009:

Alabama	Detroit	Long Island	Ozarks Area	Tampa Bay
Central Ohio	Golden Gate	Los Angeles	Quebec	Toledo
Central Oklahoma	Inland Empire	Maritime	San Diego	Upstate New York
Central Pennsylvania	Iowa	Northern Alberta	South Louisiana	Western Carolina
Cumberland	Kentuckiana/Bluegrass	Ohio River Valley	St. Louis	Wisconsin

Keep in mind that if your Chapter Delegate is unable to attend, another member from your chapter may serve as an alternate. Please check the Bylaws for the details on how to register an alternate if your Delegate is unable to attend. Looking forward to seeing you next year in Orlando! And please remember that you can contact me, or any Society officer or staff member directly through RIMS e-mail. We are always interested in hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Janice Ochenkowski
RIMS President

For more information regarding the House of Delegates please contact Mark Prysock at mprysock@RIMS.org.

Excerpts from the House of Delegates (HOD) Presentation:

You may obtain a copy of the complete HOD presentation delivered by Mary Roth, Executive Director of RIMS by emailing your request to chapterservices@RIMS.org.

Chapters that have, plan to, or have submitted requests to host a RIMS PD Workshop or Course:

British Columbia, Broward County, Canadian Capital, Los Angeles, Manitoba, Northern Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Washington

Chapters Supporting Scheduled Professional Development Programs:

Atlanta, Central Florida, Chicago, Golden Gate, Santa Clara

Chapter-sponsored Sessions at RIMS 2008:

Central Florida, Cumberland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Hawaii, Houston, Mexico, Ohio River Valley, Oregon, San Diego, Wisconsin, Japan

2007 RIMS Award Winners:

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.*

Margaret Accordino, RIMS New York Chapter

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

Diane Wolfson, CAE Inc.

Richard W. Bland Memorial Award - *Given by the Greater Kansas City Chapter in recognition for outstanding performance by a deputy member of RIMS who has impacted the risk management industry in the field of legislation or regulation.*

Charles Magazine, RIMS Palm Beach Chapter

Cristy Award: *Recognizing the individual who earned the highest marks on the three exams required for the Associate in Risk Management designation.*

Debra Hinton, Assistant Director of Risk Management, University of Virginia

2007 RIMS Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) Awards:

The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) 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. All Chapters are encouraged to participate in this program, and we hope your Chapter is already planning and preparing to submit nominations this December. More information detailing the CRP process may be found at www.RIMS.org/awards.

RIMS presents the Chapter Recognition awards each year at the Annual Conference. We are pleased to announce this year's winners:

Overall Chapter Excellence:	Outstanding Chapter Programming:	Advancing the Risk Management Profession:	Outstanding
Greater Quad Cities	Chicago	Chicago	Greater Quad
Orange County	Dallas-Fort Worth	Dallas-Fort Worth	Orange County
San Diego	Golden Gate	Greater Quad Cities	San Diego
	Greater Quad Cities	Orange County	South Texas
	Orange County	San Diego	
	San Diego		
	<i>Chapters of Distinction: Chesapeake, Delaware Valley, Houston, Oregon, Palm Beach, Rocky Mountain</i>	<i>Chapters of Distinction: Houston, Palm Beach, Rocky Mountain, South Texas</i>	<i>Chapters of Di Chesapeake, I Greater Kansa Palm Beach, R</i>

Professional Development at the Conference:

Three Pre-Conference RIMS Fellow (RF) workshops were successfully conducted in San Diego on April 26-27. The workshops included "E&O and Professional Liability", "Risk Analysis Tools for Effective Risk Management" and "Developing A Risk Management Program for Your Organization". More than 70 risk professionals participated in these workshops, including attendees from the US, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Japan, Kenya, and Turkey.

Register now for RIMS on the Hill 2008!

Registration is now open for RIMS on the Hill - June 8-10, 2008 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 related to Surplus Lines legislation, Insurance Industry Modernization, and the recently renewed Terrorism Risk Insurance program.

The registration fee is \$99 for all members, including all meals and activities. The deadline for registration is May 23. Please visit 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 for more information. Attendees can earn RIMS Fellow credits for RIMS on the Hill.

Registration Deadline Approaching: Building a Stronger Chapter Workshop in Dallas, TX

The Risk and Insurance Management Society has planned this two-day workshop for the purpose of sharing best practices that chapter officers can use to manage their local chapters. The interactive discussion focuses on 8 key areas: leadership, RIMS resources, finances and reporting, planning, recognition, membership development, communicating your chapter's message, and programming. Plus, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas with peers on issues that matter most to your chapter.

WHO: RIMS Chapter Officers

WHAT: RIMS Building a Stronger Chapter (BSC) Workshop

WHEN:
Friday, June 20, 2008
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (dinner to follow)

Saturday, June 21, 2008
8:30 am - 3:00 pm (breakfast and lunch will be provided)

WHERE: Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria
14901 Dallas Parkway

Dallas, Texas

There is **no cost** to register! Dinner on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included with your registration. **RIMS is pleased to provide all BSC attendees a complimentary sleeping room at the Dallas/Addison Marriott Hotel on the evening of June 20.** Incidentals and additional nights will be at your own expense. (Ask your Chapter to consider sponsoring your transportation!)

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 15. Space is limited, so don't delay! Please register for your workshop attendance by sending an email to ChapterServices@RIMS.org, including your name, RIMS chapter affiliation, and contact information.

Please contact Samantha Cohn, RIMS Senior Meeting Planner, to reserve your sleeping room for the event at SCohn@RIMS.org. All reservations must be received by no later May 15, 2008. Please note that a discounted room rate of \$99+ tax per night may be available to participants for the three days before and the three days after the event. Please contact Samantha Cohn at SCohn@RIMS.org for availability.

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:

Which political analyst who is a contributing editor for Newsweek magazine and a regular panelist on The McLaughlin Group will be a keynote speaker at RIMS on the Hill this June?

Trivia answer for 4/23/08:

The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) was created by the Member and Chapter Services Committee to annually recognize outstanding chapter achievement. Recognition awards are presented in which four categories?

1. Outstanding Chapter Programming
2. Advancing the Risk Management Profession
3. Outstanding Member Services
4. Overall Chapter Excellence

Congratulations to all our 2007 award winners! For more information on the CRP Program please visit www.RIMS.org/Awards.

For questions/comments regarding any of the information contained in this bulletin, please contact the Chapter Services Department at chapterservices@RIMS.org.