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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update, June 18, 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.

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2009 Local Chapter Dues Update:

It's that time of year again! We need your assistance in preparing for the 2009 membership dues billing.

In the near future, Chapter Presidents, Treasurers, Delegates and Membership Chairs will receive an email from the RIMS Records Management department, with a request and specific instructions detailing how and when to access the site and enter your chapter's 2009 dues. (If your Chapter collects its own dues, you'll be requested to confirm that with us.) NOW WOULD BE THE OPTIMUM TIME TO discuss your chapter's 2009 dues structure and determine who on your board will be asked to make the changes online. We will need to know the amount of your 2009 Chapter dues no later than **September 12, 2008**. If you do not register your 2009 dues online by that date, your chapter will be required to bill your local chapter dues directly. Sorry but this deadline is not flexible since we will have to handle reprogramming before our dues billings start.

RIMS on the Hill-A Huge Success!

Thirty-seven members from fifteen states gathered in Washington D.C. on June 8-10 to participate in this year's RIMS on the Hill event, which was a tremendous success. Legislative issues affecting insurance availability and affordability were the focus. Attendees heard panel discussions from Capitol Hill staffers as well as industry lobbyists on issues including the

Optional Federal Charter, Surplus Lines, Risk Retention Act expansion and the Office of Insurance Information.

The keynote luncheon speaker -- Newsweek columnist/McLaughlin Group contributor Eleanor Clift -- provided insight into the upcoming Presidential election as well as the recently completed Republican and Democratic primary races. On the last day of the conference, attendees were given the opportunity to meet with staff of their home state representatives on Capitol Hill to discuss RIMS as an organization and the issues important to risk managers. We hope that your chapter will give strong consideration to sending a representative in 2009, as this is a fantastic opportunity for your chapter to represent RIMS to the people who write our laws in Washington.

Chapter Best Practices:

On behalf of the RIMS Delaware Valley Chapter President, Robert Cartwright says, "When new Officers and Directors are appointed, I personally buy the RIMS logo pin and present it to them at the next meeting."

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 feature of the *Risk Management* magazine spotlights interesting RIMS-related news from your local or regional area, often submitted by Chapter Officers?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 6/12/08:

What RIMS offering lets you know how your salary compares to your peers in the risk management field and allows companies to maintain competitiveness in hiring practices?

*RIMS has collaborated with **enetrix**, a leading provider of information collection and management services, to create the **2008 RIMS Risk Management Compensation Survey**. This report presents data for 15 job titles throughout the U.S. and Canada, ranging from entry to executive level. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and all responses are confidential. Access the online survey at www.RIMS.org/CompSurvey. Remember, those who complete the entire survey by June 26 will receive a **FREE** PDF version of the final report (valued at \$250) in September.*

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