

Chapter Officers' Weekly Update

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This information bulletin is distributed bi-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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Deadline Quickly Approaching - 2010 Local Chapter Dues

Before you pack your bags and begin to celebrate the long upcoming weekend, RIMS would like to remind all chapters that 2010 chapter dues information must be submitted no later than September 11, 2009. Chapters that do not register their 2010 dues online by that date will be required to collect their own chapter dues locally.

All chapters must report their 2010 chapter dues information even if no dues changes have been made.

Are you prepared to meet the changes and challenges of a demanding risk management and insurance marketplace?

The Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation prep materials are now available at the RIMStore. CPCU is a professional credential recognized as one of the premier

designations throughout the risk and insurance industry. Those who earn the CPCU designation set themselves apart as professionals committed to increasing their knowledge and achieving career growth.

- CPCUs earn 29% more than their peer group (same functional area and time in the industry)*
- 85% of program completers said earning the designation fast-tracked their career progression.*
- 91% of CPCU designees saw an increase in job opportunities.*

**Based on a 2008 survey of CPCU designees.*

Go to <http://www.RIMS.org/CPCU> to order. RIMS members save 10%!

2009 Entrepreneurial Insurance Symposium-Offers Complimentary Admission to RIMS Members

The 2009 Entrepreneurial Insurance Symposium, founded by MarketScout, is for those innovators who see the current soft market and economic downturn as a rare opportunity to gain market share. Eight presidents or CEOs of major insurance companies, 4 Fortune 500 risk managers, and other leaders of innovation in the insurance industry will gather in Dallas, TX this September 15-16 to discuss the strategies that will determine the future of the industry.

RIMS Deputy Members Can Attend for Free!

MarketScout has generously offered to "comp" the registration for any/all RIMS Deputy members who wish to attend. Keynote speakers include **David Bell**, Allied World; **J. Hyatt Brown**, Brown & Brown, Inc.; **Bill Hartnett**, Microsoft; **Dr. Robert Hartwig**, Insurance Information Institute; **Dr. William T. Hold**, The National Alliance (CIC); and **Charles Williamson**, Private Client Group, Chartis. Also featured will be a **panel with risk managers from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., General Motors, Perot Systems Corporation and BNSF Railway Company.**

To register for the conference, visit https://www.einsurancesymposium.com/eis09/register/eis_registerattendee.asp and use Coupon Code **RIMSVIP**.

PERK Partner Hosts 12th Annual Policyholder Advisor Conference

The Twelfth Annual Anderson Kill Conference is a must attend event for any professional or business person who is concerned with his/her company's insurance investment.

This year is the twelfth year of this "State of the Union" event which covers every major development impacting the insurance loss environment. This year the conference will feature everything from the Subprime Crisis to Important Issues Affecting Key Industries. This conference will provide pragmatic, timely and invaluable advice.

For more information visit: http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/PHAConf2009_v16.pdf.

Got Career Questions? Ask Faye

Risk Management magazine is working on a new monthly column with executive career consultant Faye Patterson on the challenges and opportunities facing today's risk professional.

If you have any career-oriented questions that need answering, please send them to both Faye Patterson at fepatterson@psaconsultants.net and Bill Coffin at bcoffin@RIMS.org.

Since the point of this column is to address common career concerns of the risk management community, questions can be submitted anonymously, if that is the writer's preference. We look forward to your questions!

Visiting New York? Take Advantage of RIMS Corporate Hotel Rates!

Whether for business or pleasure the city is bustling with energy, great shows and tons of outdoor activities to take part in.

To make your trip more enjoyable and cost effective, RIMS has extended its corporate discount rate to all RIMS members.

RIMS corporate rate is offered at three major hotels in midtown NYC: the Millennium Broadway Hotel, the Courtyard New York Manhattan/Fifth Avenue and the Belvedere Hotel.

For more information, please visit www.RIMS.org/CorporateRates.

NU Names Winners In WC Risk Management Award Program

Snap-on Inc., represented by RIMS Board Director Dan Kugler, received Honorable Mention in the third annual "National Underwriter Award For Excellence in Workers' Compensation Risk Management" program, sponsored by NCCI.

In addition to Snap-on Inc., Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide was cited as the award program's "2009 Champion" and INTEGRIS Health also won Honorable Mention.

The three will also share the secrets of their success and discuss the general state of workers' comp during a panel discussion on Tuesday afternoon, with edited highlights appearing in the Oct. 19 edition of *NU*.

For more information visit:

<http://www.property-casualty.com/News/2009/8/Pages/NU-Names-Winners-In-WC-Risk-Management-Award-Program.aspx>

Silence is Golden (or at least, safe!)

In a recent article in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, William McGeeveran, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Law School who focuses on digital issues, said "People tend to use Twitter and Facebook as if they were engaged in casual conversation and think they don't create legal risk; they are wrong... They don't realize their statements are public, archived and searchable."

McGeeveran related a story about a pending lawsuit in Chicago on how an "unwise" posting on the Internet can lead to problems. In that instance, a landlord is suing a tenant for defamation for "tweeting" that her apartment contained mold. "I imagine we'll see more of that," McGeeveran said. "People have to use the Internet with appropriate precaution. They can't let the chatty tone lull them into thinking (they're) just talking to friends."

It's not just Twitter and Facebook – the peril, such as it is, includes your email, your IMs, your e-group or listserv contributions, and your input to message boards and chat rooms. As a wise man once said, "watch what you say at all times, always be civil, and if you do have something really sensitive to discuss, do it in person."

To view the entire article, visit

<http://www.startribune.com/business/53745402.html?elr=KArksUUUoDEy3LGDio7aiU>.

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:

Can a non member still take a RIMS professional development course, buy a publication or go to the RIMS Annual Conference?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 8/14/09:

Must all RIMS members join a local RIMS Chapter?

RIMS requires all members who live or work within 80 miles of a Chapter to belong to their local Chapter. Participating and attending meetings at the local Chapter level is one of the greatest benefits of membership. Local Chapters provide the opportunity for monthly educational sessions and the opportunity to expand your network.

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