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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update - December 12, 2008

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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.*

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

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## Society News

### **Don't wait until the last minute - apply for a Chapter Recognition Award today!**

As part of an ongoing effort to streamline the award process and "go green," RIMS will no longer accept paper documents for the Chapter Recognition Awards. But don't worry, RIMS staff is

currently on hand to help you with the new electronic submission process and to assist you with any additional questions you may have regarding the program.

**All supporting materials for the CRP applications must be submitted in electronic format (CD or DVD) to RIMS or uploaded onto the RIMS FTP site by 5pm ET on January 9.**

The members of the Membership & Chapter Services Committee are volunteers who review and score the applications in a very short time frame. To be fair to them, submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Chapter Recognition Program annually recognizes outstanding chapter achievements and is intended to inspire all chapters to achieve higher and greater goals.

**Chapters can apply for the following award categories:**

- Outstanding Chapter Programming
- Advancing the Risk management Profession
- Outstanding Member Services

Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Luncheon at RIMS 2009 Annual Conference & Exhibition.

Nominations will be accepted through **January 9, 2009** via [www.RIMS.org/Awards](http://www.RIMS.org/Awards).

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### **RIMS Chicago Chapter Pledges \$100,000 to Spencer Educational Foundation**

Spencer Educational Foundation has received a \$100,000 commitment from the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) Chicago Chapter.

"RIMS Chicago Chapter Scholarship would not be possible without the support of our dedicated chapter members and sponsors," says Alan Kubitz, RIMS Chicago Chapter president and director of risk management at The HAVI Group LP. "The chapter is a longstanding supporter of local university insurance programs and we are delighted to be able to continue supporting the next generation of risk management and insurance professionals."

RIMS Chicago Chapter Scholarship will be awarded annually to students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in risk management or insurance at colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan or Wisconsin. The first recipient will be announced in March of 2009.

"RIMS Chicago Chapter has always supported the goals of Spencer Educational Foundation, but this gift is its most generous to date," says Donna L. Galer, chairwoman of Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. "The Foundation is proud to receive the support of one of the largest RIMS chapters. The donation is evidence of the chapter's profound dedication to the future of the risk management and insurance profession."

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### **2009 Risk Manager of the Year Award**

RIMS and Business Insurance (BI) are collaborating on the 2009 Risk Manager of the Year Award. The award, which Business Insurance has presented annually since 1978, recognizes excellence in risk management.

As part of an ongoing collaboration between RIMS and BI, we'll be working with BI each year to promote the award with the RIMS president joining the independent panel of judges that selects

the winner.

Anyone involved in risk management for a corporation, financial institution, nonprofit or government entity can be nominated for the award.

**There is still time to apply! The deadline for submitting the initial nominations has been extended to December 15, 2008!**

To download a nomination form, visit [www.BusinessInsurance.com/RMOY](http://www.BusinessInsurance.com/RMOY).

## Member Information Update

### **For members only!**

Sign up for Working Advantage and receive FREE SHIPPING on MOVIE TICKETS 12/12 thru 12/15 ONLY!

Don't miss out in this great opportunity to receive FREE standard shipping on all movie tickets beginning Friday, December 12, 2008, thru Monday, December 15, 2008. Working Advantage movie tickets make great raffle giveaways, so keep them in mind for your next chapter event!

Visit the Movie Tickets page to order from a full list of theatres nationwide.

To sign up for Working Advantage by visiting [www.RIMS.org/Discounts](http://www.RIMS.org/Discounts).

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### **Winter 2009 RIMS Professional Development Workshops**

The workshops will help you and your chapter members stay current and competitive in today's economy, teach you how to develop the best and most cost-effective risk strategies, control claims costs, improve risk financing and ensure the best vendor performance while addressing ERM responsibility throughout your organization.

**Don't forget that members save!** Members receive more than \$250 savings on their workshop registration fees. AND, if you register before the early bird deadline you will receive another \$50 in savings! *Early bird deadlines can be found in each workshop's description page.*

So don't let your chapter members miss the opportunity to obtain the best resources for their risk programs and save! Encourage them to register for RIMS Professional Development workshops at [www.RIMS.org/Education](http://www.RIMS.org/Education)!

**Register Today** for Winter 2009 Professional Development Workshops!

## Chapter Officer News

### **Selecting and Working with a Broker session, now available to chapters:**

Based on the recently revised *Selecting and Working with a Broker* publication, a new workshop is now being offered by RIMS Member and Chapter Services Committee to RIMS Chapters on a first come, first serve basis. The session is designed to assist risk managers and other business

professionals (treasurer, chief financial officer, general counsel, or whoever is involved in decisions relating to the protection of company assets) in the critical decisions and processes involved in selecting and working with a broker.

Judy Rogers of the Dallas Fort Worth Chapter says:

*"The speaker did a fantastic job at today's DFW Chapter meeting. Although the subject matter is pretty basic to most Risk Managers, I think everyone learned something from the presentation. His delivery was informative, entertaining, persuasive and interesting. We really appreciated him taking the time from his busy schedule to come to Dallas for this purpose."*

For more information or to request the *Selecting and Working with a Broker* session for your Chapter, please e-mail [chapterservices@RIMS.org](mailto:chapterservices@RIMS.org).

*Selecting and Working with a Broker* is the Featured Publication of the Month for December. Visit **RIMStore** ([www.RIMS.org/RIMStore](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMStore)) to purchase your copy today! **Save \$10 by purchasing *Certificates of Insurance Manual (Revised)* and *Selecting and Working with a Broker (Revised)* in a package set – or – save \$10 and receive a free bonus gift by purchasing *Certificates of Insurance Manual (Revised)*, *Property/Casualty Insurance*, and *Selecting and Working with a Broker (Revised)* in this trio package deal.**

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### **Join RIMS in December and save!**

December is a perfect time to get interested individuals to join RIMS and your chapter. RIMS dues will increase starting January 1, 2009, but new members that sign up for membership before December 31 will still qualify for the 2008 rate.

Remember, RIMS will debut a new award in 2009, RIMS Membership Growth Award, which will be given to chapters who increase their membership between January 1-December 31, 2008 by 6% or more.

Get those individuals to sign up today and save!

[www.RIMS.org/JoinToday](http://www.RIMS.org/JoinToday)

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### **Need to know whose membership is expiring?**

At RIMS we believe that chapters should communicate with their members early, often and late. We've created a tip sheet that will help you pull a report of members expiring in 30-60 days. Contact your chapter members and encourage them to renew their membership before it expires. While you have them on the phone, survey them to see what they like and don't like regarding the chapter, meetings/ activities and even regarding their RIMS membership.

To access the "[\*How to download a list of expiring members?\*](#)" visit CHAPTER OFFICER TOOLS->RESOURCES->TIPSHEETS.

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### **Who are "Friends of RIMS" (Chapter-Only Members)?**

RIMS Chapter Services periodically fields requests from Chapter officers to clarify who qualifies as a "Friend of RIMS" (also known as a chapter-only member), and what benefits this classification includes. Only individuals who would normally qualify as an Associate, Retired, Affiliate or Student RIMS member are eligible for chapter-only membership. Individuals who

qualify for Corporate membership can NOT be a member of a Chapter without also being a member of the Society.

Since chapter-only members may not be listed in the RIMS contact database, Chapter Membership reports generated from the Chapter Officers Tools area of the RIMS website may not include these individuals. In addition, RIMS does not collect Chapter dues on your behalf for chapter-only members. Managing chapter-only members requires additional Chapter administration and resources.

Chapter-only members miss out on many valuable benefits of RIMS membership, including discounted registration fees for professional development courses, RIMS annual conference special member rates, a subscription to the monthly *Risk Management* magazine, discounts on industry publications at RIMStore, access to member-only materials, participation in affinity programs, and more. RIMS strives to continuously enhance the membership value proposition.

## Features

### **Chapter Best Practices:**

At the BSC workshop Fred Rich, of the Chesapeake Chapter suggested,

“Make sure to advertise your Chapter meetings and events in your local paper.”

Remember, announcements in your local paper are normally free and it is a great way to market your chapter and raise awareness in your area.

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### **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:**

In 2009, what will be the new rates for RIMS Corporate and Associate Membership?

### **RIMS Trivia Answer for 12/4/08:**

What report presents a groundbreaking view of ERM based on an in-depth study of 564 risk practitioners from around the world who rated their organizations' ERM programs using RIMS Risk Maturity Assessment tool?

*The **2008 State of ERM Report** was conducted from December 2006 to January 2008 and presents some surprising—and not so surprising—findings on the role of ERM in organizations today. Insights include breakdowns on what percentage of companies have ERM programs in place vs. those that do not, how effective risk practitioners view ERM and its impact on credit ratings. If you want to get your organization up-to-speed on the value and benefits of ERM using information that comes directly from the risk community, this report is critical to your planning strategy and risk program evaluation.*

Order your copy today at [www.RIMS.org/RIMStore](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMStore).

**Are you a Deputy Member of RIMS? Receive your complimentary copy of the report by completing the online assessment at [www.RIMS.org/RMM](http://www.RIMS.org/RMM).**

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