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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update - September 26, 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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Meet with RIMS Membership Marketing Manager at the BSC Workshop!

Take advantage of this wonderful occasion to meet one-on-one with RIMS staff who will be present at the BSC in Philadelphia, PA. Come participate in this interactive workshop that gives chapter officers the opportunity to discuss with RIMS staff members key areas that affect chapters the most. Learn creative ideas on how to promote your chapter activities and attract and retain new members!

Also come and listen to **Robert Cartwright**, President of the Delaware Valley Chapter and Chair of External Affairs Committee, provide a peer-perspective on how his chapter increased membership, doubled attendance at chapter meetings and made the RIMS Delaware Valley Chapter a prominent organization in the Philadelphia community.

Staff Members You'll Meet:

- Jill Levy, Director of Membership & Chapter Services
- Cindy Tiritilli, Chapter Services Manager

- Darlene Lebron, Chapter Services Training Coordinator
- Amy Kugali, Membership Marketing Manager

RIMS encourages all chapters, both big and small to attend and consider it a "must" for new chapter officers. The BSC Workshop will be held on **October 17-18, 2008** in **Philadelphia, PA**. There is no cost to register and RIMS is pleased to provide all BSC attendees a complimentary sleeping room at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel on the evening of October 17.

Register today - limited seats available!

www.RIMS.org/BSC

RIMS 2008 Risk Management Compensation Survey Now Available!

The Featured Publication for the month of September, the **2008 Risk Management Compensation Survey**, provides data on 15 different key positions in risk management with analyses of sub-sets based on industry, geographic location in the US and Canada, years in the risk management industry and educational credentials. RIMS is pleased to announce that the **2008 Risk Management Compensation Survey** received more than 2,000 responses!

Order your copy of the survey today at www.RIMS.org/CompensationSurvey! If you participated in the survey, the access code for your FREE PDF copy of the survey will be sent to you on Monday, September 29. If you do not receive your code, please contact Shavonne Howlett at 212-655-6033 or showlett@RIMS.org.

Webinar Series: Risk Management Strategies in an Unsettled Financial Market

Did you miss RIMS' *Risk Management Strategies in an Unsettled Financial Market* webinar series conducted this week?

In response to the recent financial market turmoil, RIMS developed a webinar series designed to assist members in developing short and long-term strategies for placing or renewing coverage, and to consider the implications of the current environment on bonds, capital markets and the insurance market.

Risk Management Strategies in an Unsettled Financial Market - Part I: The Insurer's Perspective and **Part II: The Broker's Perspective** have been archived and RIMS members can access the webinars **at NO COST** at: www.RIMS.org/Webinars. You can also download it to your iPod for convenient on-demand listening.

2008 RIMS Canada Conference Award Winners:

The RIMS Ontario Chapter presented the **Donald M. Stuart Award** to **George Simpson**, CRM, FCIP, at the 2008 RIMS Canada Conference this week in Toronto. Created by RIMS Ontario Chapter in 1979, the award is granted annually to a Canadian risk professional in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession. The Donald M. Stuart Award is RIMS' highest honor for risk management in Canada.

For more than 35 years, Mr. Simpson has been involved in risk management and insurance. He is a senior manager of risk management and insurance in the treasury division at EPCOR

Utilities Inc., a \$3 billion municipality-owned company with operations in three Canadian provinces and eight states in the United States.

He has served on the board of directors of RIMS Southern Alberta Chapter and RIMS Northern Alberta Chapter, where he also served two terms as president. Additionally, George has served as a member of RIMS Canada Council, playing key roles in organizing two RIMS Canada Conferences.

Also presented at the 2008 RIMS Canada Conference was the **Fred H. Bossons Award**, earned by **Albert T. Ho**, director of property risk management at ING Real Estate Canada; **Anand V. Shastri**, senior underwriter at Economical Mutual Insurance Group; and **Cristian Zamrii**, IT manager at CI Investments. The award acknowledges individuals who earn the highest marks on the three courses required to receive the Canadian Risk Management designation. **This year, all three recipients tied, each with a score of 93%!**

Spencer Educational Foundation:

As of September 19, 2008 the following chapters have made a contribution to the Spencer Educational Foundation.

Atlanta
Central Penn
Connecticut Valley
Dallas/Ft. Worth
Delaware Valley
Golden Gate
Greater Kansas City
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
Orange County
Potomac
St. Louis
Utah
Western Carolina

The Spencer Educational Foundation would like to thank these RIMS Chapters for their support in 2008.

If your chapter would like to support the Foundation in 2008, please send in your donation by December 31, 2008 to Angela Sabatino at asabatino@RIMS.org.

Featured Chapter Websites:

Check out these websites for ideas on how to set your chapter website apart from the rest!

Memphis Chapter: memphis.RIMS.org

The website home page proudly displays their chapter logo and promotes their upcoming "Meet & Greet" event with local risk management educational facilities.

Minnesota Chapter: minnesota.RIMS.org

Their chapter website includes links to information regarding their chapter committees. The Minnesota chapter currently has 8 committees including Communications, Education, Golf,

Legislative, Membership, Programming, Seminar and Executive Committee.

Western Carolina Chapter: westerncarolina.RIMS.org

Their chapter monthly meeting page contains a listing of all the chapter meeting dates and topics including their upcoming event "Loss Control and what the Risk Manager should know about Safety Committees and Safety Incentive Programs" presented by Aon in October.

Remember, there are three tip sheets available to assist you with your website transition. The tip sheets can be found at Membership & Chapters->Chapter Officers Tools-> Resources->Tip Sheets.

(www.RIMS.org/membership/chapterofficertools/Resources/Pages/TipSheets.aspx)

For one-on-one technical assistance contact Darlene Lebron at dlebron@RIMS.org.

Upcoming Professional Development Workshops

Whether you need to acquire "hands-on" knowledge on how to establish an Alternative Risk Transfer program, learn the elements of a disaster plan and the principles of contingency planning, establish a cutting edge Enterprise Risk Management program to comply with government regulations and shareholder expectations, or gain the tools to create a systematic, comprehensive approach to sustain your organization's improvement efforts, RIMS has the educational workshops that you're looking for! Encourage your Chapter's members to get a head start on their professional success by registering for one or more of these workshops. And, don't forget to sign up yourself!

Alternative Risk Financing Techniques

October 6 - 7, Boston

A RIMS Fellow® workshop

Business Continuity/Disaster Planning & Management

October 21 - 22, Chicago

A RIMS Fellow® workshop

Developing a Risk Management Program for Your Organization

October 23 - 24, Winnipeg

A RIMS Fellow® workshop

Developing a Safety System for Your Organization

October 27 - 28, New York

A new workshop

Make sure to visit www.RIMS.org/Education for even more workshops taking place in October.

Don't forget to visit our webinars page to check out upcoming webinars covering the latest industry events and updates pertinent to you and your organization, such as:

Property and Business Interruption Loss and Hurricane Ike

Thursday, October 2, 1:00-2:00pm EST

This webinar, led by seasoned professionals in the areas of property damage and business interruption claims and recovery, explores how policyholders should respond in the wake of Hurricane Ike to achieve successful recovery from their losses. Even if companies experienced little to no damage, there may be options for recapturing some of the financial and economic

loss that they sustained from this event.

Chapter E-Group Hot Topic:

Kyle Rogers from the Dallas Fort Worth Chapter asked:

How much is your chapter charging for the ad space on your chapter website? Also, are you doing quarterly, yearly or other package rates?

Just as a reminder, the new RIMS Chapter Website database gives chapters 5 advertisement slots; 2 that belong to RIMS and 3 that may be used by the chapter. RIMS does not charge a fee for these advertisement slots and at the moment, has not set forth any guidelines or restrictions on how they may be used. Each individual chapter may decide whether they would like to sell their advertisement slots via sponsorship, use it to promote internal chapter events, or opt not to use them. If a Chapter opts not to use the slots, RIMS will fill the slot for the chapter.

Remember, the Chapter E-Group is a great place to post chapter related questions or concerns, or request suggestions and tips from other chapters and volunteers. Subscribe to the Chapter E-Group by visiting the Resources section of the RIMS website and clicking on E-Groups. Here you will be able to subscribe, view and reply to posts.

Chapter Best Practices:

On behalf of **RIMS New Jersey Chapter**, House of Delegates Representative, **Anita DiGiulio** suggests,

"Change your website's home page frequently. People will check back regularly if they know that fresh information is posted regularly. The NJ chapter posts pictures of the speakers promptly after each meeting."

RIMS is always looking for best practice ideas from chapter leaders. If your chapter has a best practice they would like to share, please email chapterservices@RIMS.org.

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:

On September 13-16, 2009, which city will host the 34th Annual RIMS Canada Conference?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 9/19/08:

What is the name of the interactive event being held on November 12-13, which will give individuals the opportunity to participate in top-notch educational sessions, an Exhibit Hall and networking—all from the convenience of their desktop?

RiskLive! RIMS Virtual Conference & Expo registration is now open!

This two-day event is jam-packed with educational sessions, including:

- *Maintaining Privilege in Your Claim Communications*

- *Upstream/Downstream: Successfully Negotiating Contractual Insurance Requirements*
- *Insurance Law 101*
- *International Insurance for Vendor Contracts*
- *Indemnify This! The Art of Contractual Risk Transfer*
- *Oops—I'm a Risk Manager*
- *Claims: Reducing Costs Through Early Resolutions and Enforcing Indemnity Clauses*
- *Group Captives: How Risk Sharing Improves Risk Management Financial Outcomes*
- *... and many more!*

Let your members know they can REGISTER TODAY FOR FREE for this cutting-edge event and get new techniques and solutions to energize their risk management strategy.

www.RIMS.org/RiskLive

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