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RIMS: Chapter Officers' Weekly Update - September 5, 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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Guidelines and Procedures for Public Positions of RIMS Chapters:

On August 28, RIMS Board of Directors approved the "Guidelines and Procedures for Public Positions of RIMS Chapters." The policy statement was developed by the External Affairs Committee (XAC) based upon their discussion about how local chapters interface with RIMS with respect to public positions on issues. Since RIMS previously did not provide formal guidance to chapters on issuing public positions, it was decided that guidelines should be furnished to ensure that there is congruency between RIMS and its chapters. The guidelines will help to eliminate misunderstandings, promote efficient and appropriate communication between RIMS and its chapters and ensure that RIMS goals and objectives are maintained in communications with the public.

The guidelines are available in the Chapter Officer Tools area of the RIMS website at **RIMS > Membership and Chapters > Chapter Officer Tools > Resources > Tip Sheets**, or click here:

http://www.rims.org/download/govtaffairs/GuidelinesandProceduresPublishedVersionSept2_2008.doc

If you have comments, questions or thoughts to share, please contact Nathan Bacchus (nbacchus@RIMS.org), our State and Regulatory Affairs Associate.

Time is running out! Submit your chapter dues today!

Chapter dues for 2009 are due by **September 12, 2008**.

If your Chapter hasn't already done so, please discuss your chapter's 2009 dues structure and confirm that they have been submitted. Only one person designated by your Chapter can submit the changes. He or she may login to RIMS website using his/her e-mail address and password, and then click here:

<http://www.rims.org/ChapterDuesUpdate/OfficerUpdate.aspx> to enter 2009 dues for your chapter. **Please note that if we do not receive your updated dues information, your chapter will be required to bill your local chapter dues directly.**

If you would like assistance calculating your chapter's dues "per deputy" based on last year's amounts, please contact RIMS at 212-655-6002.

Featured Publication of the Month: RIMS 2008 Risk Management Compensation Survey

Is your compensation structure competitive? To make sure, order a copy of the Featured Publication of the Month for September: 2008 Risk Management Compensation Survey! This survey will provide 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 over 2,000 responses! The survey is in its final editing stages but you can pre-order your copy today to receive it no later than September 19!

To place your order, please visit www.RIMS.org/compensationsurvey.

Join us for the first-ever RIMS Virtual Conference & Expo—RiskLive!

Don't wait all year to learn about the latest trends and innovations in risk management—attend RiskLive! **RIMS Virtual Conference & Expo taking place on November 12-13.**

This interactive event has everything that you'll find at a traditional conference—educational sessions, an exhibit hall and networking events—all live on your desktop. You'll be able to attend virtual presentations (and ask questions!), view product demonstrations, chat with exhibitors and network with attendees. **Registration opens September 8, so mark your calendar for this cutting-edge event** where you will discover new techniques and solutions to energize your risk management strategy.

Help get the word out about this innovative event—print out the flyer and display at your next chapter meeting!

<http://www.rims.org/membership/chapterofficertools/AdministrativeTools/Documents/RIMsvirtualconfflyer.pdf>

External Affairs Update: Senate Banking Committee Poised to Move Surplus Lines Bill

If you reside in a state represented on the Senate Banking Committee, RIMS needs your help. The Senate Banking Committee is poised to take up and move RIMS legislative priorities. Recently, Senate Banking Committee Chair Chris Dodd (D-CT) announced his desire to move narrow, noncontroversial legislation before adjournment. One of the bills specifically mentioned as a candidate for movement is a bill that RIMS members have been working on for several years to address the non-admitted or surplus lines market. That market is especially important to the market for property/casualty insurance. As consumers or purchasers of property/casualty lines, RIMS members would benefit from passage of the legislation. We are uniquely positioned to have an impact as consumers! The legislation has already passed the House of Representatives. Now, it is up

to the Senate Banking Committee to act. Please click on the link below to see if your member sits on the Senate Banking Committee and find a draft sample letter to send your senator. You can send a letter easily through the Legislative Action Center portion of the RIMS website. If you choose to send a letter outside of the Legislative Action Center, please notify Kathy Doddridge at kdoddridge@rims.org, so that we can keep accurate records of our grassroots activity.

Link:
[www.rims.org/download/govtaffairs/Senate Banking Committee Members.doc](http://www.rims.org/download/govtaffairs/Senate_Banking_Committee_Members.doc)

Calling all Volunteers!

Strategize and plan for the future of RIMS by volunteering for a standing committee. If you have a desire to transform your ideas into action, hone your leadership skills and expand your professional network, RIMS offers you a wealth of opportunity!

This is your chance to have your voice heard and keep RIMS at the forefront of our field through your expertise. RIMS has openings on most of its standing committees for the term commencing January 1, 2009.

If you would like to nominate yourself to as a volunteer or for more information regarding volunteering and RIMS committees please visit **RIMS.org->About RIMS->Leadership->Leadership Opportunities**.

<http://www.rims.org/aboutRIMS/Leadership/Pages/LeadershipOpportunities.aspx>

Enhance your career with RIMS Professional Development workshops!

Are your Chapter members looking for new ways to enhance their knowledge and further their careers? Help them by providing information on upcoming RIMS Professional Development workshops and other educational programs! At RIMS workshops you will learn the latest industry tactics, discuss new strategies and solutions with your peers and acquire the tools to strengthen your organization's risk management program.

And, don't forget the RIMS Fellow® (RF) designation! The RIMS Fellow designation allows you to earn an industry-recognized professional designation associated with quality, innovation and the highest standards in risk management.

Here are just a few of the upcoming RIMS workshops offering RF credit:

Directors and Officers Liability and Insurance

September 18 - 19
Seattle, WA

Enterprise Risk Management

October 6 - 7
New York, NY

Alternative Risk Financing Techniques

October 6 - 7
Boston, MA

Business Continuity/Disaster Planning & Management

October 21 - 22
Chicago, IL

Job Well Done for the Arizona Central Chapter!

Congratulations to the Arizona Central Chapter for hosting the Western Regional PRIMA & RIMS Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona on July 17th & 18th. The event paired Risk Managers from the public and private sector which made for diversified topic discussions. In addition, the Arizona Central Chapter just announced that they will be donating \$7,500 to the Spencer Educational Foundation and \$2,500 to Kids' Chance of Arizona.

Great job Arizona Central!

To keep RIMS informed of the excited activities taking place at your chapter please email the Chapter Services Department at chapterservices@RIMS.org.

Featured Chapter Websites:

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

Southern Alberta Chapter: southernalberta.RIMS.org

Their website events page highlights the upcoming Southeastern Regional Conference in September and the 2009 RIMS Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.

Carolinas Chapter: carolinas.RIMS.org

The website's job posting section identifies local job opportunities and also links to the RIMS job bank.

Piedmont Chapter: piedmont.RIMS.org

Their chapter meeting section demonstrates their diversified meeting schedule with a list of their upcoming breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings.

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.

August's RIMS Trivia Winner is...

Mike Benishek from the Tampa Bay Chapter!

The prize for the month of August is a customized RIMS golf package including RIMS golf tees, RIMS golf balls and a RIMS golf towel.

For information on how to order RIMS golf supplies please visit the RIMStore at www.RIMS.org/RIMStore.

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 RIMS committee contributes to the RIMS strategy on membership growth and retention; selects the annual Chapter Recognition Program Award (CRP) and Ron Judd Heart of RIMS recipients; responds to chapter needs; and is involved with member satisfaction surveys, career services, membership promotion and periodically reviews and updates of risk management and insurance publications?

RIMS Trivia Answer for 8/28/08:

What customized risk management news service is an exclusive offering for RIMS members that provides an executive summary of the most important risk management stories of the day?

RiskWire, an exclusive news service for RIMS members. If you currently do not receive RiskWire please click on the link below to subscribe.

<http://cf.rims.org/RWTemplate.cfm?Section=RiskWire&Template=/PressRelease/ManageSubscriptions.cfm&cat=9>

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