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Dear RIMS Chapter Officers,

As the coronavirus is causing significant disruption to our business and social networks, RIMS chapters are facing widespread cancellation of events planned in March and April. With the cancellation of these events and RIMS2020 Annual Conference & Exhibition, the Society is exploring alternative ways of engaging our members and enabling chapters to serve their risk management communities. RIMS stands with our chapter network and is working with chapter leaders to plan and hold virtual meetings to educate our members while providing resources as the world moves through these uncertain times.

**1. Host Virtual Chapter Events and Meetings with Zoom**

RIMS has recently expanded its capabilities on Zoom, a remote conferencing services platform. Zoom provides remote conferencing services that combines video conferencing, online meetings, chat, and mobile collaboration. Many of our chapters have been exploring the possibility of hosting virtual meetings or webinars. RIMS is offering this tool for your chapter to help engage members during a time when face-to-face interaction is discouraged.

Any chapter who would like to schedule a virtual chapter meeting via Zoom should email [chapterservices@rims.org](mailto:chapterservices@rims.org) and work with RIMS to schedule a time to host a meeting.

[Zoom](https://zoom.us/) also offers a Basic free account, where you can hold a virtual meeting of up to 100 participants.

**2. Host Chapter Board of Directors Calls and Meetings Using the RIMS Conference Bridge**

RIMS has available a conference line through which chapter Boards can schedule a time to hold voice only conversations with fellow Board members. To reserve a conference call line, please email [chapterservices@rims.org](mailto:chapterservices@rims.org) to coordinate dates and times for any calls.

**3. Communicate with Fellow Chapter Officers on Opis**

The RIMS Chapter Officers community on Opis is a great way to reach out to your fellow volunteers and learn more about what the RIMS chapters are doing to navigate these new challenges. All chapter leaders are provided with access to the chapter officers community. We encourage you to share best practices, ask questions, and discuss challenges with fellow chapter leaders. To access the community, [click here](https://community.rims.org/communities/community-home/digestviewer?tab=digestviewer&CommunityKey=1f264ff3-ca2c-48d3-a9a9-b38015bae3a1.).

**4. Engage Chapter Members Through Chapter Websites and Communities**

All RIMS chapters who are using the RIMS supported chapter website model have access to an online community through Opis and their chapter websites. This is a great places to have chapter specific discussions and to share updates on what is happening in your area. To access these chapter networks, please visit community.rims.org and type [CHAPTER] Community in the search bar at the top right of the screen.

**5. RIMS President’s Call with Chapters**

RIMS 2020 President Laura Langone will hold a call with Chapter Leaders, the Board of Directors, and other stakeholders on March 30, 2020 from 12-1 PM ET during which she will provide an update on RIMS efforts to support our chapters and discuss resources the Society has to help our members face these uncertain times. An invite for this call will follow.

Finally, RIMS is here to help as your chapters deliver the best in risk management knowledge, education and serve its risk management community as the impacts of the Coronavirus continue to alter our plans both professionally and personally. We are able to help with any chapter governance or legal questions that might come up and are happy to speak with your chapter leaders about the best ways that we can help your community navigate this crisis. Please do not hesitate to reach out to RIMS Member Relations Manager, Will Gilchrist, at [wgilchrist@rims.org](mailto:wgilchrist@rims.org). We wish you safety and good health.