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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### This year Chicago RIMS Celebrates 65 Years!

Our chapter's members and industry professionals have been meeting to advance the practice of risk management for longer than most of our readers have been in the workforce. While Chicago is undoubtedly a thriving insurance community, our chapter and our industry aren't without our challenges. There is an unquestionable talent gap looming as baby boomers continue to retire by the thousands. Those who stand in line to fill their shoes are different, they don't think, work or communicate like their predecessors.

This was one of several key topics discussed at our second annual Associate Advisory Meeting on the first of August. Roughly 20 of our most important partners from the broker and carrier community joined our Chicago RIMS board members to discuss chapter programming, The Chicagoland Risk Forum, and planning for the next generation of risk professionals.

Our chapter has made it a priority to support and encourage a new RIMS organization, "Rising Risk Professionals". Rising Risk Professionals is open to insurance professionals from recent college graduates to age 35. Rising Risk Professionals encourages educational programming and networking by hosting quarterly events and through LinkedIn. The RIMS Board and Associate Advisory participants are committed to helping identify existing groups and new dynamic members to introduce to Rising Risk Professionals.

At our most recent sponsor appreciation event, we were introduced to 20 new members that were recognized by their more senior peers as Rising Risk Professionals. The Rising Risk Professionals organization has formed a board. Rising Risk

## Upcoming Events:

### [2017 Chicagoland Risk Forum](#)

October 9-10, 2017  
Marriott Chicago Downtown  
Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL

#### New Venue for 2017!

#### [Register Now!](#)

Keep your eye out for a Chicago RIMS Chapter Survey! We'd love your feedback on how to improve our chapter.

Have you ever wondered about the analytics behind your cyber premium or how these models are changing?

How about the global risk environment and what is being done to address the associated medical and security concerns for expats and business travelers?

You definitely have been wondering about the intersection of the internet of things and work-related injuries.

Come to Chicagoland Risk Forum 2k17 to learn about the above topics and more!

Register at [ChicagolandRiskForum.org](http://ChicagolandRiskForum.org) today!

View the [full program lineup](#)

### New to CRF 2017 - Student/Mentor Introductory Session

Monday, October 9, 2017 (10:30 – 11:45) Sponsor: Phil Norton, A.J. Gallagher

Students and mentors are encouraged to attend this session prior to the official kickoff lunch at the 2017 CRF. The room will serve as the location for

Professionals is committed to host between 4 and 6 events in 2018. We look forward to continuing to support this group and the future leaders of the Chicago insurance community!

**Jason Mezyk**  
**Chicago RIMS – Chapter President**

mentors and students to meet each other for the first time. Phil Norton and the Education Committee have partnered together to share best practices for getting the most out of the CRF experience. We will offer some networking tips and other suggestions for enhancing the time at CRF. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Please email Maggie Divarco or Judy Silverman to volunteer as a mentor today!

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## Arlington Racetrack – Sponsor Appreciation Event!

On Friday afternoon August 18, our annual sponsor appreciation event at Arlington Race Track was highlighted by fun, great weather and thanking our sponsors those who place “bets” on Chicago Chapter RIMS. The event was attended by nearly 100 individuals celebrating our generous sponsors who have devoted their time, talent and resource for the betterment of the chapter and its objectives. We saw many people smiling, laughing and some even yelling happily “I won”. The real winner though was the networking and dialogue among everyone who attended.

There was an insightful presentation from Ellen Michael (CRF Committee Member) and Jason Mezyk (Chapter President) on the upcoming Chicagoland Risk Forum showing the enhancements the group has taken to expand exhibitor space and sponsorship opportunities to meet the growing demands from previous years. We closed the meeting with Mary Friedl, Programing Chair letting everyone know about the upcoming programming sessions where everyone is encourage to come whether you are a RIMS member or even a guest. A few young professional members were invited as guests for their first RIMS Chapter Meeting. We would like to send a special thank you to the following Sponsors who came to the event:

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Thanks to our other sponsors as well, we would not be able to accomplish our chapter goals and objectives without your support.



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The Rising Risk Professionals board continues to host events to help develop the risk community in Chicago, teach younger associates about ways to succeed in their careers, and strengthen the network of risk and insurance professionals in Chicago. If you are interested in future events or how to get involved, please contact Michael Schilling ([michael.schilling@ey.com](mailto:michael.schilling@ey.com)) to obtain additional information.

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### Welcome to our new risk managers, and our risk managers with new opportunities!

**Kenneth Ancona**  
Gallagher Bassett

**John Niedbalski**  
USI Insurance Services

**Lisa Marcel**  
The Hays Group

**Clara Muhammad**  
Allstate Insurance Co.

**Jim Bowen**  
Griffith Foods

**Andrew Burnette**  
Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.

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### FM Global – “Big Data” Symposium – June 20, 2017

The June Chapter meeting was held at FM Global’s Park Ridge office. John Kline from Discover Financial Services and Chicago RIMS Board member moderated the panel discussing Big Data, and how it is used in the insurance industry. The breakfast event had nearly 100 attendees. The panel included:

- Chris Najim, SVP, Analytics, and Consulting – JLT Specialty USA
- Michael Paczolt – Consulting Actuary – Milliman
- Abhishek Sharma – Clinical Professor – Loyola University Chicago
- Brion Callori – Sr. Vice President Engineering and Research – FM Global

Thank you to FM Global for hosting the event, and to the panel for a great discussion on what “big data” means, current uses, and what the future may hold.

In addition, George Gogola was presented with a Chapter Achievement award for his long time participation in the Chicago RIMS Chapter. Thank you George for your service!



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