



# The Puffin Report

**RIMS Canada Council (RCC) Update  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 St. John's**

## 1. RCC Update: results of election

**For the term January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the slate of officers is as follows:**

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| ▪ Tino Brambilla, Manitoba              | CHAIR      |
| ▪ Betty Clarke, Newfoundland & Labrador | VICE CHAIR |
| ▪ Tom Oystrick, Southern Alberta        | TREASURER  |
| ▪ Sue Mepham, Saskatchewan              | SECRETARY  |
| ▪ Kim Hunton, Canadian Capital          | PAST CHAIR |

## 2. Upcoming Webinars

- The NEC and RCC, through funds provided by the Manitoba Chapter, are pleased to offer two **FREE** webinars for RIMS members in the coming months.
- A webinar on Risk Assessment will be offered on **October 22, 2009** from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST.
- A webinar on the ISO 31000 will be offered on **December 1, 2009** from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST.
- Watch your email for further details.

## 3. Subcommittee Updates

### ***National Membership Committee***

- Bruce Tainsh has agreed to become the “Captain” of the National Membership Committee.

### ***Communications & External Affairs Committee (CEA)***

- The CEA is undertaking a review of a consultation paper on changes to regulations required as a result of recent amendments to Alberta’s Insurance Act.
- The CEA is working on the following items on behalf of RIMS members in Canada:
  - Alberta Bill 48 Crown’s Right of Recovery
  - CRA Excise Tax

- Manitoba Law Reform Commission Report: Waivers of Liability for Sporting and Recreational Injuries
- Review and revise the RIMS Legislative Handbook for Canadian use
- Consider a Canadian version of RIMS on the Hill
- Phil Corbeil has agreed to stay on as Chair of the Communications and External Affairs Committee until the end of 2010.

#### ***National Conference Committee (NCC)***

- A new National Event Planner (NEP) was announced – Experiential Events was the successful bidder in response to a Request for Proposal for a NEP for RIMS Canada Conferences for the next 3 years (Edmonton 2010, Ottawa 2011 and Saskatoon 2012).
- RIMS members in St. John's bid a fond farewell to MyTravel Sinfonia who has been the national conference planner for the RIMS Canada Conference for the past eight conferences.
- A national auditor – BDO Dunwoody LLP – has been retained to provide audit services to the RIMS Canada Conferences local organizing committees. They will begin with an audit of the St. John's conference.
- Marley Drainville has agreed to stay on as Chair of the National Conference Committee until the end of 2010.

#### ***National Education Committee (NEC)***

- NEC partnered with McGannon Foundation on the student sponsorship program at the RIMS Canada Conference in St. John's. The NEC assisted by acting as mentors.
- The NEC continued to provide funding to assist chapters with education sessions and RIMS Fellow workshops.
- The NEC, along with the McGannon Foundation, has been working with colleges and universities to bring more risk management education to students. Several colleges and universities are (or are planning to) include all, or parts of the CRM program in their business, safety or risk management programs.
- Dave Jackson will take on the role of Chair of the National Education Committee on January 1, 2010.

## **4. RIMS Update**

- RIMS Board of Directors did not approve the motion to amend the Society's Constitution and Bylaws to allow Associate members (industry) to serve on chapter boards.
- Future RIMS conference sites: 2010 – Boston, 2011 – Vancouver, 2012 – Philadelphia.
- Nominations for RIMS Awards are open until January 2010.
- Looking for volunteers for RIMS Committees for 2010; application closes October 16, 2009.
- RIMS membership in Canada continues to grow.

## 5. **Other**

Mark your calendars for upcoming RIMS Canada Conferences:

- 2010 - Edmonton, September 26 – 29
- 2011 – Ottawa, September 18 – 21
- 2012 – Saskatoon, September 9 – 12
- 2013 – Victoria, October 6 – 9

The RCC subcommittees, specifically the Communications External Affairs Committee and National Education Committee are seeking new members for the term commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. If you are interested, please advise your Chapter President, the relevant Committee Chair or our Canadian consultant, Bonnie Wasser at [bwasser@sympatico.ca](mailto:bwasser@sympatico.ca). Be sure to advise of your skills and which committee interests you.