A Message from
Robert Cartwright, Jr.
Chair, RISK PAC Trustees

Thank you to all who have already donated to the RISK PAC in 2017, attended the RISK PAC reception and visited the Advocacy Lounge at the RIMS Annual Conference. Your participation does not go unnoticed and is appreciated. The PAC received a number of donations large and small and with your continued support we will exceed our goals for this year! Though, RIMS Advocacy strategy continues to push us to new levels of success through direct lobbying and grassroots efforts, we still need to have the support of RISK PAC.

As of today, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is still not authorized and will need to be authorized before September 30th of this year in order to continue. Currently, the House and Senate combined have introduced a total of 9 bills which intend to reauthorize the program. However, these bills are not similar and will need to be reconciled in order to fully pass. The last several reauthorizations faced political hurdles that resulted in lapses and retroactive authorizations, which was devastating for risk managers across the country. Due to this uncertainty we are unsure if Congress will be able to reauthorize the program without strong advocacy efforts from the stakeholder community.

We anticipate that things will move swiftly and we need to ensure that our concerns about each piece of legislation are heard by Members of Congress on a one-on-one level. RIMS Advocacy staff have met directly with Members critical to the flood insurance reauthorization because of your donations to the RISK PAC. Your continued participation will allow us to continue to have these discussions and will help us to ensure that the program is reauthorized.

RISK PAC donations have helped us to this point, and we need your continued support. Again, thank you to everyone who has donated this year. Let’s keep the momentum going!

Sincerely,

Robert Cartwright, Jr.
Chair, RISK PAC Trustees
RISK PAC in Action

The RISK PAC reception at RIMS 2017 took on a colonial theme this year. It was held at City Hall and featured Ben Franklin. The event was well attended and attendees were able to mix their own perfect “old fashioned” cocktail. The guest speaker was Sheila Hess a City Representative who spoke on behalf of the Philadelphia Mayor.

Advocacy Lounge at RIMS 2017

This year RIMS Advocacy had a dedicated lounge on the exhibit hall floor at RIMS 2017. Here, RIMS members were able to relax, check email, and learn more about RIMS legislative initiatives and the RISK PAC. A number of visitors to the lounge donated to the RISK PAC and over 200 participated in our grassroots initiatives.
State News

California RIMS Resumes Monthly Tele-Coffee Calls with DIR Director Christine Baker

On May 22, 2017 the California Legislative Delegation resumed monthly calls with Department of Industrial Relations Director Christine Baker. Workers compensation and DIR objectives were discussed, along with questions from attendees. Please email RIMSCLD@gmail.com if you would like your question asked during the next call, and to be added to the invite list.

Registration Open for the
2017 Legislative Summit

Click here to register
Donor Spotlight

Kyle S. Van Hoeven, CIA, CFE, CRMA, RIMS-CRMP is an Enterprise Risk Management Leader at the Westfield Group

“I am a first time donor to the RIMS RISK PAC. I donated to support our collective voice on issues that are important to the insurance industry. Being a part of a highly regulated industry and having lived and worked in Washington, DC in the past; I have seen firsthand how people need to come together to truly affect change. Our PAC provides us with the opportunity to support non-partisan efforts, gives us access to our legislative representatives, and gets our combined opinions heard on issues that impact our businesses. I intend to continue supporting the RISK PAC in the future as I see how effective it has been and I know can continue to be in the future.”

Political Trivia

In United States history, how many Presidents have been impeached? Of those, how many were convicted of the charges filed against them?

Please email your answer to advocacy@rims.org for a prize.

Contributions to RISK PAC are completely voluntary. You may choose not to contribute without reprisal. Contributions to RISK PAC are used for political purposes and are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires RISK PAC to report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer for each individual whose contributions exceed $200.00 in a calendar year. Foreign nationals cannot contribute to RISK PAC unless they have permanent residency status (green card).