A Message from
Robert Cartwright,
Chair, RISK PAC Trustee

Welcome to 2017! We have an exciting year ahead of us. Unfortunately, with a new Congress and Administration our advocacy challenges start all over again.

With changes in committee members and leadership, the PAC will be critical this year to ensure that RIMS continues to have legislative successes on Capitol Hill which is why your donation is important.

This year the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will need to be reauthorized by September in order to avoid a lapse. RIMS has already begun advocacy efforts to push for a long-term reauthorization for the NFIP. However, we will need to do more to educate congressional members about our legislative priorities.

As you know, the RISK PAC Trustees make carefully studied, well-informed decisions on which Members of Congress to support, based upon a member’s voting record, congressional committee, and for being an overall champion for RIMS on Capitol Hill. In this issue you will see the list of newly approved members for 2017.

Again, thank you to everyone who donated in 2016; your contributions have gone a long way in advancing our efforts. Please donate again this year and stop by the Advocacy Lounge at the Annual Conference to learn more about RISK PAC and to say hello.

Sincerely,

Robert Cartwright, Jr.
Chair, RISK PAC Trustees
RISK PAC at RIMS 2017

Philadelphia Mayor, Jim Kenney
Featured Speaker at RISK PAC Reception

This year, RIMS advocacy will have an “Advocacy Lounge” at the RIMS Annual Conference in Philadelphia located in the exhibit hall. Here, attendees can learn about the current legislative issues facing risk managers this year and donate to the RISK PAC. The RISK PAC will also host the RISK PAC reception beginning at 5:00pm on Monday April 24th. The Mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenny, will be the special guest speaker at the reception.

Registration Open for the 2017 Legislative Summit

Click here to register
State News

On February 20-21, 2017, Florida members from across the state traveled to participate in the Florida RIMS on the Hill. Attendees met with lawmakers to discuss legislation concerning workers’ compensation, flood insurance, and medical marijuana. Attendees discussed their concerns about the current workers’ compensation rate increase of 14.5% in depth with the Chair of the Banking and Insurance Committee, Senator Anitere Flores as well as Florida Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier.

California RIMS on the Mail
On March 21-22, 2017 over twenty RIMS members attended the ninth annual RIMS on the Mall in Sacramento, CA. Speakers included Christine Baker, California’s Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Attendees also met with 18 Assembly and Senate members and primarily discussed workers’ compensation issues.
Donor Spotlight

Manuel Padilla is the Director, Risk Management at MacAndrews & Forbes Incorporated in New York City.

“I have contributed to RISK PAC for a number of years as I’ve recognized the good work that can be done with RISK PAC. Our combined professional support of RISK PAC allows us to approach and support non-partisan members in espousing the key issues that affect us in our professional lives. That is good for us professionally and also for our companies as we deal with the variety of potential changes in legislation. Without a tool like RISK PAC we are unable to effectively interact with our Legislative Members to carry our message(s) through to the appropriate teams. RISK PAC allows us to increase our presence in the Legislative arena. I will continue to support RISK PAC and ask that you consider doing the same. Simply, we need to support the messenger to get the message to resonate. This is good for us in the Risk Management profession.”

Political Trivia

This is a parliamentary procedure that allows the U.S. Senate to override a rule or precedent by a simple majority of 51 votes, instead of by a supermajority of 60 votes.

Please email your answer to advocacy@rims.org

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