

# RCC UPDATE

(Formerly the Puffin Report)



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*The 2017 RIMS Canada Council*

**Top:** Nikole TenBrink (RIMS VP Membership & Marketing), Valerie Barber (Treasurer), Paul Pizio (RIMS VP Finance), Ben McAllister (CEA Chair), Tim Lucko (MB), Curtis Desiatnyk (S-AB), Jennifer Clarke (BC), Barry Dillard (RIMS Board Liaison), Séamus Gearin (RIMS Can. Consultant), Tina Gardiner (ON)

**Mid:** Maureen Graham (Can. Capital), Lynda Lyttle (Secretary), Tanya Stegmeier (N-AB)

**Bottom:** Gail Cullen (NL – on behalf of Debbie Savoury), Steve Matterson (NCC Chair), Ren Lips (Chair), Dave Jackson (Vice Chair/SK), Stephane Cossette (QC)

## WHAT IS THE RIMS CANADA COUNCIL?

The RIMS Canada Council (RCC) is a standing committee of RIMS that works to represent the interests of Canadian risk managers and ensure the smooth operation of the annual conference. We are composed of voting representatives from each active Canadian chapter and an Executive who volunteer their time to guide the committee's activities.

## WINTER PLANNING & ROUND TABLES

The RCC met in January and held extensive round tables that examined all aspects of our operations: from meeting frequency and location to Executive composition to how we engage with Canadian members through our subcommittees (CEA & NCC), RCC Chair Ren Lips left no stone unturned. The resulting 10-page report put our committee on track to have a productive year.

With all members having validated which operations work and why, we were better able to collaboratively to focus on the future.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The RCC focused much of 2017 on internal operations and fiscal accountability. Meanwhile, our two subcommittees were busy evolving and refining their practices to provide the best possible value to both Canadian RIMS members and local chapters.

## COMMUNICATIONS & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (CEA)



The CEA, led by Chair Ben McAllister, started the year by laying the groundwork for all future communications through conducting a survey of the Canadian membership. This has been used to better understand preferences and expectations of the RCC.

We also increased our capacity to keep Canadian RIMS members informed by purchasing a Lexis Nexis account to monitor changes in legislation, built a new website (launching soon), and began the move to a more digital existence by releasing our first PDF newsletter.

### *The 2017 CEA Subcommittee*

*Left to Right: Dave Jackson (RCC Vice Chair), Angela Haywood (Member), Ben McAllister (CEA Chair), Aaron Lukoni (Newsletter Editor), Tara Lessard-Webb (Member), Nikole TenBrink (RIMS Marketing Support), Séamus Gearin (RIMS Canadian Consultant)*

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (NCC)

The NCC continued their work in helping local chapters deliver a great RIMS Canada Conference each year. Through refining policies, meeting with and providing ongoing support to local volunteer organizers, the subcommittee has been able to make the experience of running our great annual event a progressively smoother experience. These improvements have grown even further as the RIMS head office in New York has been brought-in to help organize the logistics of everything from registration to sponsorship.



### *The 2017 NCC Subcommittee*

**Top:** *Cyndi Ruff (Member), Stuart Ruff-Lyon (RIMS Event Support), Bill Baker (Vice Chair), Valerie Barber (RCC Treasurer), Blanca Ferris (RIMS Event Support)*

**Bottom:** *Len Cheryk (Member), Steve Matterson (NCC Chair), Sue Mephram (NCC Secretary)*

## BUILDING A STRONGER CHAPTER WORKSHOP

In November of 2017, the RCC held the Building a Better Chapter Workshop. This 1.5-day event brought chapter board members from across the country together to share and learn about the best ways to run their chapters. The workshop started by teaching attendees about the tools available to them through the head office, followed the next day with Lowell Aplebaum, CAE, who was brought in to facilitate discussions and activities aimed at improving networking, member retention, governance, and the overall volunteer experience.

With a 95% approval rating of representatives surveyed, it is safe to say that this is an event that will be returning in the future.