

HISTORY OF THE MANITOBA CHAPTER, RISK AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY INC. (MARIMS)

The Manitoba Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society Inc (MARIMS) was formed in 1973 when several large Manitoba-based consumers of commercial insurance got together to discuss their insurance purchasing experiences.

Reg Pitchford of United Grain Growers was one of the original members and he was a strong promoter trying to get official RIMS chapter status for Manitoba. The RIMS headquarters in New York required 10 corporate members for official chapter status, and Manitoba took a couple of years to achieve that number, working as an unofficial RIMS chapter in the interim.

Don Stewart from Ontario RIMS, the Risk Manager for whom Canada's annual national Risk Management Award is named, was a strong promoter of Manitoba's cause. He was a frequent visitor to MARIMS meetings. Ms. Emily Stamp, Manitoba's first female Superintendent of Insurance, also promoted MARIMS activities. The Manitoba Chapter received official RIMS Chapter status in 1976. Four years later, Manitoba hosted its first Canadian National Risk Management Conference, with Allan Swifte of Manitoba Hydro as Conference Chair.

Some of the original members of the Manitoba Chapter: (with apologies for oversights)

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>DEPUTY MEMBERS</u>
United Grain Growers	Reg Pitchford, Roy Jenner
Hudson Bay Company	Bill McCall and Joyce Sansome
Cargill Grain	George Lowe
University of Manitoba	Bob Syme
Manitoba Pool Elevators	Don Nachtigall
Pool Insurance Company/ Canadian Pool Agencies	Marcel Beaulieu, Luther Heber
City of Winnipeg	Peter Kurushima
Manitoba Hydro	Allan Swifte
James Richardson	Roland Vannon

Several additional companies joined MARIMS in the early 1980's. These included Inter City Gas Corporation, Government of Manitoba, Great West Life, Transair, Manitoba Telephone Systems, and The Manitoba Association of School Trustees.

Reg Pitchford continued to promote MARIMS activities, publishing the monthly Newsletter and running contests for the person that attended the most MARIMS meetings during the year. Generally that person was Reg himself. In 1984 John Rislanti, Inter City Gas Corporation, took over the role of MARIMS Newsletter Editor, following Reg's retirement.