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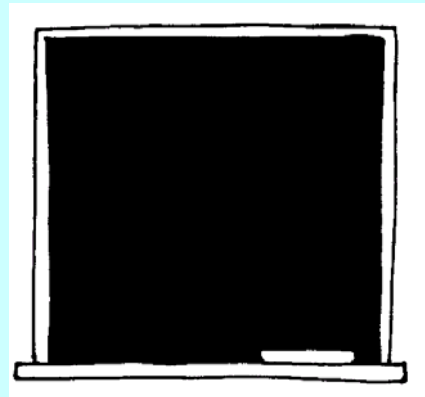
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### *FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...*

If you are interested in furthering your education in Risk Management and Insurance, the September Chapter meeting promises to give you the information you need. The Houston RIMS Chapter will host its annual "Advancing the Risk Management Profession" Education Day luncheon meeting. The three areas of focus will be on the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation, and the Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) degree program at the University of Houston – Downtown.

The annual Fall Conference is almost here. Be sure and join us for a day of education, networking and fun on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Woodlands Conference Center and Resort. If you have not participated in the Fall Conference before, you will not want to miss this year's event. The conference theme is "One Day at a Time" and proceeds will go toward funding programs for Risk Management and Insurance students at the University of Houston - Downtown.

Look forward to seeing you at the above events.

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## September Meeting Topic and Speaker

Tuesday, September 15, 2010

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### Topic

*Education Day, "Advancing the Risk Management Profession"*

### Presentation Key Points

The Houston RIMS Chapter will host its Annual "Advancing the Risk Management Profession" Education Day luncheon meeting. This year's Education Day will focus on promoting various education opportunities regarding risk management and insurance. The three areas of focus will be on the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation, Charter Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation, and the Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) Degree Program at the University of Houston Downtown.

In addition to the various speakers, there will be an exhibit area with information on all of the above educational designations / programs.

### Speakers

**Jim Drew of Bowen, Miclette & Britt, Inc.,  
Gary Sylvester, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and  
Wendy Braniff, University of Houston Downtown**

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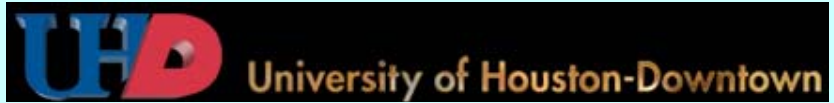
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We highly encourage all members to continually pursue educational objectives as a means of enhancing their knowledge in the evolving world of insurance and risk management. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and learn more about the continuing educational options available to you. [This luncheon meeting will not provide Continuing Education credit.](#)

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## Welcome New/Renewed Members

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Juan R. Fuentes--- Bairhilty, P.C.  
Thomas Braniff, JD, CPCU---Texas Insurance Consulting

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## Maritime Fall Seminar

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### *A Continuing Education Event*

The Compliance Director from MedAllocators, Dan Anders, will be presenting. Although this is presented to the Houston Mariners Club, the updates will not be solely focused on maritime claims. This will encompass a very broad view as it will extend to WC and liability as well. In addition to reporting and MSA updates, Dan will also discuss the current issues surrounding prescription drugs and liens.

The presentation for updates on Medicare reporting and MSAs will be during the first 2 hours of the event.

The final deadlines are quickly approaching and I urge you all to attend. This is a free event and includes lunch. Please RSVP to Miranda Fuller at [mfuller@gtbs.com](mailto:mfuller@gtbs.com) if you plan to attend.

## Meeting Dates for 2010



September 15, 2010  
Education Day

October 22, 2010  
Fall Conference  
The Woodlands Resort &  
Conference Center

November 2, 2010

December 15, 2010  
Evening Meeting

### NOTICE:

Effective January 1, 2008, the RIMS Society has changed their method of collecting Local Chapter Dues. In the past there were two deputies included with the membership, then a charge

[See flyer for all the details.](#)

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## Education Update

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*Contributed by Sharon Guillory, Education*

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## Fall Conference

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Just a reminder that the Fall Conference is October 22, 2010. Volunteers and give always are needed. See Board Members and Directors.

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for each additional deputy added. Under the new structure they will begin collecting chapter dues on a per deputy member basis. The new structure for the Houston Chapter Dues is \$55 per deputy member. The change will be reflected on the renewal invoice. The dues structure for associate membership has not changed.

Please see our Chapter Website for additional information:

[WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON](http://WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON)

or

[WWW.RIMS.ORG](http://WWW.RIMS.ORG) – Chapters – Houston

The Houston Chapter RIMS mailing address is

5090 Richmond Ave. #86  
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## Monthly Luncheon Changes

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### Price Increase

It's inevitable...prices do go up! Although it's been a while since the last price increase for attendance at our monthly Houston Chapter luncheons, the time has come. Beginning in January, the cost of the luncheon will be increased an additional \$5 across the board.

Every effort has been made to keep prices as low as possible, for as long as possible. We feel this is modest price increase and hope it will carry us through for a while without any additional adjustments.

The luncheons will continue to be held at Briar Club. If you haven't attended a monthly luncheon recently - please join us. It's a great way to meet your fellow members - and enjoy a great lunch! CE Credits are offered at most meetings.

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## CPCU Fall Classes

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### *Contributed by Elizabeth Gillespie*

CPCU/IIA PROGRAM SCHEDULE Fall 2010

Sponsored By: THE HOUSTON CHAPTER OF CPCU

If you or someone you know is interested in increasing their knowledge and career opportunities by beginning or continuing their study towards obtaining the CPCU designation, no time is better than now!

This fall the Houston CPCU Chapter will teach:

CPCU 540: Finance for Risk Management and Insurance Professionals  
(Testing window target: January 15 to March 15, 2011)

When: Wednesdays, beginning September 15, 2010 5:30 PM - 7:30

PM

Where: USI, 840 Gessner, Ste. 600, Houston, TX 77024 6th Floor

Classes will meet for 15 weeks plus 1-2 review classes. TUITION is \$185.00 per person, not including books or exam fees. Please order books or other study materials EARLY directly from the Insurance Institute: 1-800-644-2101 or Professional Book Distributors 1-800-848-0773.

For more information, the registration form, and PayPal payment option, please click the link:

<<http://houston.cpcusociety.org/page/65883/>>

Detailed Course Description is available on CPCU Society Website [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org)

**Educational and Associations Websites:**

**American Institute for CPCU and Insurance Institute of America** [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org)

**Charter Property Casualty Underwriters Society** [www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org)

**Institutional Risk Management Institute** [www.irmi.org](http://www.irmi.org)

**The National Alliance** [www.scic.com](http://www.scic.com)

**Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist** [www.cris-ce.com](http://www.cris-ce.com)

**For further Educational Opportunities Forms or Information, please visit the Chapter website at:**

<http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>



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## Name Badges

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A big thank you to Cynthia Vickers for all of her hard work in making new badges up-to-date for the membership. She did a great job. By the way, the colors of the badges have meaning.

Green – Board Members

Blue – Deputy Members

Yellow – Associate Members

Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Cynthia (cynthia.vickers@el Paso.com) if you need any changes to your badge.

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## Houston Chapter Membership Directories

The 2009 – 2010 Houston Chapter Membership Directories are available. The directory may be picked up at the monthly meetings.

\*\*\*The Houston Chapter Directory is being updated so that the 2010 Edition can be published. Please make sure your information is current.

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## Memberships - National

Please be advised that with the economic conditions and the number of layoffs that has occurred, RIMS National has announced that the Deputy memberships will not be automatically terminated for up to six months for those members that have been laid off. Please notify the National Membership office if a layoff has occurred.

Please see the Local Chapter website and the RIMS.org Jobs Listing for details.

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## Professional Development - National

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**Creating Value: Risk Manager as Innovator**(ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.) *September 7-30, 2010*

**How to Conduct High Quality Risk Assessment**(ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.) *September 7-30, 2010*

**Casualty Claim Handling Techniques: Investigation:**(CourseCast)  
*September 22*

**Contractual Risk Transfer**  
*September 27-28, Houston, TX*

**Developing a Risk Management Program For Your Organization**  
*September 30-October 1, Edmonton, AB*

**Enterprise-Wide Risk Management: Developing and Implementing**  
*October 4-6, Atlanta, GA*

**Information and Registration details: [www.RIMS.org/education](http://www.RIMS.org/education)**

*\*Credit towards RIMS Fellow designation given.*

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## Job Postings

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**Houston Area – Local Chapter Posting:**

Emergency Preparedness & Risk Management, UT-Health  
Customer Service Representative, American Risk Insurance Company

\*\*See the Houston Chapter RIMS website for details  
<http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>

**Websites**

[www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com) and [www.greatinsurancejob.com](http://www.greatinsurancejob.com)

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