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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our meeting this month is the annual joint meeting of CPCU and RIMS hosted by the Houston Chapter of RIMS. The event is on Tuesday, March 16th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It would be great to see our Chapter well represented at the meeting. Don't forget, this event is being held on Tuesday which is not our usual meeting day of the month.

If you haven't already, it is not too late to register for the Risk and Insurance Management Society's 2010 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Boston the week of April 25th. It promises to be an exciting program full of great workshops, exhibits, and many networking opportunities.

Due to the fact that the Annual Conference is a week after our regular monthly meeting; the Chapter Board of Directors decided this would be the perfect opportunity to have a social event on Tuesday April 20th at the Berryhill Baja Grill. Please mark your calendars and watch for your Evite invitation.

On behalf of the Chapter Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you at the March meeting and the April social event.

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February Meeting Topic and Speaker

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Topic: Property Damage/Business Interruption Policy Experiences
& Issues**

**Speaker: Mark O'Rear, Managing Director for the Houston Office
Of Navigant Consulting**



Today's discussion will focus upon:

The larger policy issues Navigant faced during preparation of property damage and business interruption claims following hurricane Ike. The goal is to inform the audience of some of the coverage and claim issues that existed during the preparation and resolution of Hurricane Ike claims. The purpose of the presentation is not to provide an opinion on the appropriate definition of coverage, but to inform the audience of problem policy language and how various coverages were interpreted by the markets.

This program has been submitted for continuing education credit
toward all general insurance lines as approved by the State of Texas
Department of Insurance

Welcome New/Renewed Members

Jennifer Hayes-American Bureau of Shipping
Robin Martin-Apache Corporation
Dave Cunningham-Hildebrandt Baker Robbins
Dennis McMahon-Montgomery County, TX
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Meeting Dates for 2010

March 16, 2010
Joint CPCU Meeting
(RIMS Hosting)

April TBA 2010
Broker/Service Provider
Appreciation Social

April 25-29, 2010
48th Annual RIMS Conf.
Boston Massachusetts

May 19, 2010

Weather Research Center

Contributed by Jill F. Hasling, CCM

National Flood Workshop, October 24–26, 2010 Houston, Texas

The National Flood Workshop is organized by Weather Research Center (a private, non-profit educational and research center based in Houston, Texas) and its partners. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together various agencies, emergency managers, academia, and professionals from across the nation to encourage dialogue on the various aspects of flooding. This includes the meteorological and hydrological conditions before, during, and after flood events, technological advancements being made in remote data acquisition, flood modeling, and regulations and requirements in flood mitigation and floodplain management. The goal is to establish an annual national workshop to discuss flooding topics, provide education and training, and most importantly to help reduce loss of life and property damage from floods.

Track 1: Meteorology and Hydrology: Flood Event Case Studies, Flood Forecasting, Flood Monitoring Systems (ALERT, USGS), Flooding Basics, Media, Public Warning, Awareness, & Education, and Storm Surge Events.

Track 2: Modeling and Inundation, Data Assessment, Digital Elevation Models, GIS, Rainfall Predictive Models, and Hydrology and Hydraulic Models.

Track 3: Floodplain Management, Flood Impacts, Infrastructure, Insurance and Loss Mitigation, Mitigation: Legal Issues - Post Disaster, Response and Recovery, and Watershed Management.

Track 4: Environmental Impacts, Hazards, Land Use and Development Impacts, and Water Quality.

OTHER TOPICS: Preparing for Future Floods and Global Events.

Abstracts are being sought for oral presentations and posters covering a wide range of topics. To be considered for placement in the program, please submit your abstract to wrc@wxresearch.org or upload at <http://www.wxresearch.com/nfw/call.html> on or before **28 April 2010**. All conference presenters are required to pay the appropriate conference registration fee. For abstract submission details or other information, please reference the conference Website at: <http://www.nationalfloodworkshop.net>.

Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Day

The Houston Chapter RIMS mailing address is

5090 Richmond Ave. #86
Houston, TX 77056-7402

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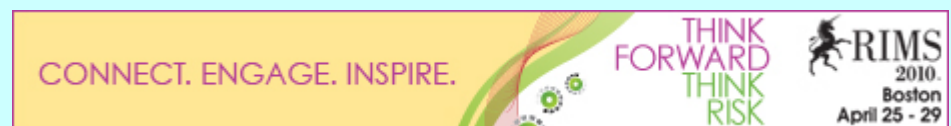
Effective January 1, 2008, the RIMS Society has changed their method of collecting Local Chapter Dues. In the past there were two deputies included with the membership, then a charge for each additional deputy added. Under the new structure they will begin collecting chapter dues on a per deputy member 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.

Scholarships

The Houston Chapter of RIMS is happy to announce that two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year for children of RIMS members. If you are a current Houston RIMS Chapter Deputy member and have a high school senior who will be attending college in the Fall or have a child currently attending college, he or she is qualified to apply for one of these scholarships. Please see the Chapter website for qualifications and the application form, which must be completed and returned no later than April 15, 2010. Further information can be obtained through:

Houston Chapter of RIMS Scholarship Committee
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National RIMS Conference 2010



Podcast Series

Preview RIMS 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition with this podcasts series! These recordings are approximately 5 minutes each and provide quick and helpful insights and practical, easy to implement ideas on various topics and issues important to risk managers.

<http://www.rims.org/annualconference/RIMS2010/Sessions/Pages/RIMS2010PodcastSeries.aspx>

Please see our Chapter Website
for
additional information:

WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON

or

WWW.RIMS.ORG – Chapters –
Houston



- Nancy Stucky, RIMS President presents \$20,000 award to Dr. Wendall Braniff, IRM Center Director and students Adrian Hopkins, Scott Long, and Isabel Vaquera and Mary Sias, IRM Office Administrator

Registration

Registration for **RIMS 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition**, April 25-29 in Boston, Massachusetts at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center opened Monday, November 9, 2009!

Here is some key information on RIMS 2010 to keep you and your chapter members connected:

November 9, 2009: Registration Opens

February 26, 2010: Early Bird Registration Cut-off

March 26, 2010: Registration Cut-off

To register visit www.RIMS.org/RIMS2010. Registration fees for RIMS 2010 are listed below.

	<u>Early Bird</u> Through 2/26/2009	<u>Regular</u> Through 3/26/2009	<u>On-Site</u>
<u>Member</u>			
Full Conference Pass	\$ 850.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,100.00
Corporate 3rd Member	\$ 600.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 775.00
One Day Pass	\$ 400.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 500.00
<u>Non-Member</u>			
Full Conference Pass	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,425.00
One Day Pass	\$ 475.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 575.00
Affiliate Member	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Retired Member	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Educational Member	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Student Member	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Student Non-Member	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

Don't forget to book your housing now for the most availability at the best rates!



RIMS National Celebrates 60 Years

Thank you...

to our members for your patronage and support;
without you this Society does not exist

to our board members, past and present, for your
leadership and encouragement; you've brought us to
where we are today

to our volunteers for the gift of your time and
guidance; we greatly value your insight

to our exhibitors for their support both at the Annual
Conference & Exhibition and the various projects on
which we partner

to our speakers for their dedication to education;
sharing knowledge is a pay-it-forward act spurring
stimulating thoughts and dialogue

We could not do it without you!

We want all our members and friends to share their
memories of RIMS: Each month we will ask you to reminisce
on a different subject, so please contribute your experiences
over the past years as often as you'd like! For March, finish
the following thought and **send in your response (go to
RIMS.org)**:

"I've been involved with my local chapter..."

2009 - 2010

Houston Chapter Membership Directories

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

Educational and Associations Websites:

**American Institute for CPCU
and Insurance Institute of
America www.aicpcu.org**

**Charter Property Casualty
Underwriters Society
www.cpcusociety.org**

**Institutional Risk
Management Institute
www.irmi.org**

**The National Alliance
www.scic.com**

**Construction Risk and
Insurance Specialist
www.cris-ce.com**

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

<http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CID=328>

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.

Professional Development - National

[How to Conduct a High Quality Risk Assessment](#)

March 1-26, Online Course

[Risk Analysis Tools for Effective Risk Management](#)

March 18-19, Las Vegas, CA

[Fundamentals of Insurance](#)

March 22-23, Seattle, WA

[Enterprise-Wide Risk Management: Developing and Implementing](#)

March 24-26, New York, NY

[Work Smarter, Not Harder: Risk Management, Safety Workflow & Business Rules](#)

March 25, 2010, Webinar

Job Postings

[Houston Area – Local Chapter Posting:](#)

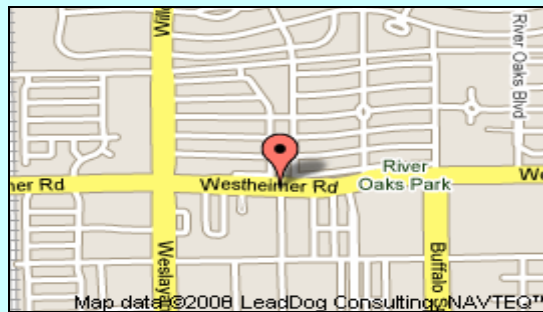
Claims & Risk Management Administrator

**See the website for details

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Place

**The Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane
Houston, Texas 77027**

Telephone: (713) 622-3667



Directions to The Briar Club

The Briar Club is located at 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027. It is on the corner of Westheimer and Timmons Lane between the north - south streets of Edloe and Wesleyan.

Border Streets

Between Wesleyan and Buffalo Speedway (N-S) and West Alabama and Westheimer (E-W)
» East of Galleria towards downtown
» West of Kirby and Shepherd

From George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

Go South on US-59/Eastex Freeway
Exit Buffalo Speedway and turn RIGHT/North
Turn LEFT on Westheimer
Turn LEFT on Timmons Lane @ WhataBurger

From William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)

Go North on I-45/Gulf Freeway
Exit US-59 South toward Victoria
Exit at Buffalo Speedway and turn RIGHT/North
Turn LEFT on Westheimer
Turn LEFT on Timmons Lane @ WhataBurger

From Sugar Land

Go North on US-59/Eastex Freeway
Exit at Buffalo Speedway and turn LEFT under the Freeway
Turn LEFT on Westheimer
Turn LEFT on Timmons Lane @ WhataBurger

From 290/Northwest

Go East on 290/Northwest Freeway
Take 610 South
Exit at Westheimer and turn LEFT under the Freeway
Turn RIGHT on Timmons Lane @ WhataBurger

From Katy

Go East on I-10 (Katy Freeway)
Take 610 South
Exit at Westheimer and turn LEFT under the Freeway
Turn RIGHT on Timmons Lane @ WhataBurger

From Kingwood

Go South on US-59/Eastex Freeway
Exit at Buffalo Speedway and turn RIGHT/North
To Westheimer
turn LEFT on Timmons Lane @ Whataburger

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

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