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# RIMS NEWS

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Advancing the Risk Management Profession

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

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Has your organization been affected by a catastrophic event?

Were you (or would you be) prepared to manage a catastrophic claim?

This month, Connie Foland (a deputy member and Past President of the Chapter), will share her organizations' experience with a 4-alarm warehouse fire that significantly impacted their operations.

Come join us and take away something that you can implement within your Risk Management department and organization.

**2006 FALL CONFERENCE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th – THE WOODLANDS RESORT**

What's in your Risk Management future?

Is ERM pure fluff or is it an idea that will change the culture of your organization?

Can your organization survive the next Katrina-type storm? How bad would it have been to your organization if Katrina hit Houston? Would you have been prepared for the storm and the resulting claim process?

Join us at this year's conference to gain knowledge and help answer these questions for your department and organization.

Sign up by Friday, October 6th and receive the early bird rate!

Reminder: We are dedicating 100% of the profits of this year's Fall Conference to create a permanent scholarship for Risk Management and Insurance students at the University of Houston.

See you at the meeting!

Virgil

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## Scholarship News

The Education Committee received several applications from members' children who wished to participate in the scholarship program sponsored by the Houston Chapter of RIMS. Each student was required to complete and submit an application and supporting documentation. The committee then held personal interviews with each applicant. All of the applicants displayed a positive attitude about their future educational possibilities. The extra effort made by each applicant involved with the scholarship process was very admirable. While the choice was extremely difficult, the top four were chosen and will receive a one-time \$1,000. scholarship. All of the applicants have been invited to join us at the September luncheon.

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## Meeting Notice

Please join us on September 20, 2006  
Speaker: Connie Foland, ARM, CPCU, MS

See attached Meeting Notice for details and registration information

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## Fall Conference

The Houston Chapter of RIMS Fall Conference will be held Friday, October 27, 2006 at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center.

Profits from the conference will go towards an endowment to fund a permanent scholarship for Risk Management and Insurance students at the University of Houston.

Please join us in supporting this important cause and enjoy a day of education, fellowship, and fun.

The registration form is attached and is available on our Chapter website.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Cindi

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## Featured Article

Please see Red Flags attached for an informative article from Sonya Sledge Chandler regarding fraud and workers compensation coverage.

Marsha

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## Houston Job Postings

Manager Contracts Administration

Business Continuity Coordinator

See chapter website for details.

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## Welcome New/Renewed Members

W. Christian Shumate  
EPS Settlements Group

**Mack Wade**  
**John L. Wortham**

**Mr. Ryk Holden**  
**Legacy Energy Management Solutions**

**Mr. John Elder**  
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**Please also see our Chapter Website for additional information:**  
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