



THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

If you were unable to attend the July 21st monthly meeting, you missed an outstanding presentation by Simon Sole of Exclusive Analysis on an Introduction to Modeling and Strategic Trends Analysis.

This month in lieu of a meeting, we will have an evening social in conjunction with the CPCU Society at Berryhill Baja Grill located at 1717 Post Oak Boulevard (at San Felipe) from 5:30 to 7:30 on August 17th. Please plan on attending and bring any of your co-workers and friends who might be interested in joining RIMS. Be sure to watch for your E-vite.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the RIMS Houston Chapter Fall Conference at The Woodlands Resort on October 22, 2010. If you are interested in helping to organize this event or provide a donation you can contact one of the Chapter Officers and Directors. Again this year we will also have vendor exhibitors, although space is limited. Registration forms will be distributed shortly and will soon be available on the website. Profits from this conference 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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Evening Social

Tuesday, August 17, 2010
5:30pm-7:30

Topic

Networking Time

Presentation Key Points

On Tuesday August 17th the Houston Chapter of RIMS along with CPCU will have an Evening Social at which you can socialize and network with friends and peers. The Social will be at Berryhill Baja Grill located at 1717 Post Oak Blvd. from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

You should have received an Evite by now, but if not then please send an email to Sondra.k.faul@uth.tmc.edu.

Welcome New/Renewed Members

Linda Metcalf-Impact Risk Solutions

Education Update

Contributed by Sharon Guillory, Education

The Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) will be sponsoring an ARM 54 class this Fall. This course is part of a three semester specialty program leading to the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Designation. The course is open to the general public, including all risk management, insurance and safety professionals.

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ARM 54 – RISK ASSESSMENT

CLASS LOCATION: Bowen, Miclette & Britt
1111 North Loop West, Suite 400, Houston, Texas

CLASS START DATE: **Tuesday Evenings–Starting August 17, 2010, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** (ends – mid November 2010).

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make checks payable to: **Houston Chapter of RIMS**

Please mail your check **and** enrollment form to:

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Fall Conference

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

Meeting Dates for 2010



August 17, 2010
Evening Social
Joint social with CPCU

September 15, 2010
Education

October 22, 2010
Fall Conference

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



CPCU Back to School Drive

Contributed by Bradley K Harms

The Houston Chapter of the CPCU Society has supported Bruce Music Magnet Elementary School for several years as a corporate partner. The school is located at 510 Jensen in Houston's historic Fifth Ward. Their new building is a state-of-the-art music education facility. The main focus at Bruce Elementary School is academic growth, development, and achievement. Program requirements are acceptable conduct and excellent attendance. Each student is provided with a musical instrument at no cost.

CPCU has supplied a number of musical instruments over the years in addition to providing Thanksgiving dinners and holiday goodie bags. Each August we sponsor a school supply drive and also assist in providing school uniforms for those in need.

In 2009 we raised over \$1,000 for back to school items. This year the need is greater than ever. Please bring school supplies to the joint RIMS/CPCU social event on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Berryhill's on Post Oak. Your donations by cash or check are also most welcome. If you cannot attend in person, please consider mailing your donation to:

Houston Chapter of the Society of CPCU
P. O. Box 56428
Houston, TX 77256-6428

For further information on Bruce Elementary and other CPCU Good

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.

Please see our Chapter Website for additional information:

WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON

or

WWW.RIMS.ORG – Chapters – Houston

[The Houston Chapter RIMS mailing address is](#)

Works projects contact Marie Lee at 409-457-1366 or b369ml@yahoo.com.

CPCU Fall Classes

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/>>

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

Detailed Course Description is available on CPCU Society Website
www.aicpcu.org



Name Badges

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.

**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/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>

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.

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

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 High Quality Risk Assessment](#) (ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.)

August 2-31, 2010

[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

**Credit towards RIMS Fellow designation given.*

Job Postings

Houston Area – Local Chapter Posting:

No new posting.

Websites

www.workintexas.com and www.greatinsurancejob.com

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

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