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RIMS Welcomes New Members

The Houston Chapter has the privilege of welcoming the following new Corporate members:

- Calcasieu Parish School Board
 - o Ron Hayes, Risk Manager
 - o Ben Franklin, Safety Officer, Claims Adjuster
- Centerpulse USA, Inc.
 - o Olivier Balmat, Head Operational Risk Management
- Conoco Phillips
 - o Scott Irwin, Principal Insurance Consultant
- COREStaff Services
 - o Tim O'Neill, Manager of Claims & Risk
- GlobalSantaFE Corp
 - o Janice Dearman, Sr. Claims Adjuster
 - o Susan Green, Claims Administrator
- GPM, Inc.
 - o John Planchard, VP – Administration
 - o Nancy Stucky, Manager of Administration and Legal Affairs
- Jacobs Engineering Group
 - o Marsha Phillips, Coordinator
 - o Robert Covington, Sr. Risk Management Analyst
- Key Energy Services, Inc.
 - o John Lawson, Director, Risk Management
 - o Phil Burch, Vice President & Treasurer
- Quanta Services, Inc.
 - o Stephanie Fisher, Liability Claims Coordinator
 - o Betsy Black, Workers' Comp Coordinator
- Sterling Bancshares, Inc.
 - o Nikolas Kapatatos, VP & Enterprise Risk Manager

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Houston Chapter Risk Manager of the Year 2002

Ms. Ellen Quinn, RN, ARM, FASHRM, CPHRM

Ms. Ellen Quinn, Assistant Director, Risk Management for Texas Children's Hospital has agreed to speak at the Houston RIMS Chapter luncheon on February 19, 2002. Ellen will discuss her beginnings as a nurse investigator and the development of her department into a staff of 6. Her presentation will include remarks on her staff, her program and her view of what has made her program successful.

Ellen is a Board Member of American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM), Past President of Greater Houston Society of Health Care Risk Management (GHSHRM), a Member of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), American Society of Legal Nurse Consultants and the National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention.

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From the President's Desk

February is now upon us. This month we have the pleasure of hearing our 2002 Houston Risk Manager of the Year, Ellen Quinn, present her risk management program to our membership. We are thrilled to be able to spotlight outstanding risk managers through our Houston Risk Manager of the Year program. This past month, Marsh hosted a fabulous dinner for Ellen at the Rainbow Lodge. Now it's your turn to join us in honoring Ellen at this month's meeting.

We will also be honoring our Past Presidents at our luncheon meeting. I've heard we had a very positive response from the group of past presidents, so come join us in honoring those who have given so much of themselves to further the risk management community in Houston. It will be fun to rekindle old friendships and what a great opportunity for all of us to tap into these wonderful resources!

Finally, please give a fellow risk manager a call and invite them to join you at our February meeting. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Sincerely,

PAM



(RIMS Welcomes New Members continues)

- STP Nuclear Operating Company
 - o Ron Hyde, Lead Treasury Analyst
 - o Karen Wheaton, Support Specialist
- The Texas A&M University System
 - o Kevin McGinnis, Director Risk Management

We would also like to welcome our new Associate Members:

- Sandra Wilder, SecureSence, LLC
- Mark O'Rear, Manager, Deloitte & Touche
- Randall Young, Sr. VP/Director, Matthews-Daniel Co.
- Javier Mirabal, Operations Manager, Steege Kingston



[Legislative Update](#)
[2002 Medical Fee Guideline](#)
[Litigation Update](#)

On January 14, 2003, Travis County District Court heard pre-trial, discovery motions in the litigation case challenging the 2002 Medical Fee Guidelines. The judge ruled on the discovery motions, and set the trial on the merits to occur on April 7-8, 2003. He also issued a Temporary Injunction which prohibits the 2002 Medical Fee Guidelines from going into effect; thereby allowing the 1996 Medical Fee Guidelines to remain.

Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now sent out by [e-mail](#). If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Jim Lyon, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Monica Olis. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org.

Houston Area Job(s) Listing for February 2003**Associated Building Services – Regional Safety Manager (2/12/03)**

- ❖ Any job listing descriptions, contacts, etc. can be found at The Houston RIMS website: <http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CID=328>
- ❖ For further information regarding positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact **Toni Green**, Director - Job Placement, via email at toni.green@nli-usa.com or by telephone at (281) 423-3357.
- ❖ For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact **Jennifer Berman** at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292 or email: jberman@rims.org.
- ❖ Also, look online at the Houston Chronicle's classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management: www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site:

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HOUSTON CHAPTER OF RIMS
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UPCOMING EVENTS

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

2003

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

Presentation by 2002

Risk Manager of the Year

Ellen Quinn

Past President Recognition

March 17, 2003

Golf & Awards Dinner at

**The Houstonian, 59 @ The Grand Parkway
(really at FM 1464 & Old Richmond Road)**

Tee Time is 12:30

**March 18, 2003 (CPCU joint meeting)
Meeting at CPCU location**

April 6-10, 2003

RIMS Annual Conference-Chicago

No Chapter Meeting for April

May 21, 2003

June 18, 2003

MEETING PLACE

**Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel.
6701 Main @ Holcomb, Houston, TX 77030.**

Phone # 713.797.1110

**Parking is available in the hotel garage for \$3.00.
Bring your parking ticket to the registration table
for a validation sticker.**

**Parking is also available on the surface
lot to the south of the hotel**

Reservation Deadline

is Friday February 14, 2003 at 4pm.

**Please send your response, by e-mail to
ginny.penzell@elpaso.com or fax the notice
to her, at 713.420.6350 The Luncheon**

**Registration form is available
on the chapter web site at www.rims.org
choose "chapters" then "chapter web sites"
then "Houston" look for the
"Monthly Meeting Notice"
on the list to the left.**

Check the web Site: www.rims.org >chapters
>chapter web sites > Houston.
Watch for event information.