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2002 BOARD RETREAT

The Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter of RIMS has had an annual planning meeting for several years. Last year, the Board under the leadership of Sheryl Bittick decided to expand the planning process to a weekend retreat. To ensure the attendance of board members, spouses and families were invited to attend also. The families enjoyed various recreations while board members met to discuss the activities and business of the Chapter.

Because of the Chapter's success in 2001 (The Houston Chapter of RIMS won awards in all four categories of the Chapter Recognition Program!), the Board decided to plan another retreat. On the weekend of June 14, 15 and 16th, the Board of Directors met for the 2nd Annual Retreat at the Columbia Lakes Resort. On Friday evening, the Board members and their families gathered for a poolside dinner of fajitas and

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Reservation Deadline

is Monday July 15, 2002 at 4pm.

Please send your response, by e-mail to julie.jackson@dynegy.com or fax the notice to her, at 713.767.6242. The meeting notice is available on the website, see page 4 for the address. If your plans change at the last minute call if possible, but by all means come to the meeting.

Reservations are necessary to make sure there are seats and food for all.

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July Luncheon Meeting

Property Recovery Process Planning

In June we took a look back at Tropical Storm Allison and the lessons we have learned. Many of us took valuable information back to our offices to help us to improve and clarify our current flood policies. We were urged to be prepared through disaster planning. This month, we are taking disaster recovery planning one step further. Michael D. Stall, MSCE, PE of Managed Response, Inc. will discuss how business continuity planning can incorporate the property recovery puzzle for rapid and cost effective recovery.

Michael's presentation will highlight how businesses of every size can prepare for the actual response, restoration and reconstruction part of the disaster recovery process. The presentation will emphasize how to minimize unrecoverable costs and how to maximize any possible benefits of such a disaster. Actual photos, specific recovery examples and case studies will be presented that will illustrate lessons learned from varying types of losses.

Mr. Stall has a Masters of Science in Civil/Construction Engineering from Stanford University, a Bachelors of Science in Architectural/Structural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, TX, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas. He is a licensed contractor in several states including California and Florida. He is President of Managed Response, Inc., a firm that specializes in disaster preparedness planning, loss recovery management, and reconstruc

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From the President's Desk

"The Houston Chapter of RIMS serves its members and the greater Houston community by focusing on the highest quality services, education and information to manage all forms of business risk and to promote the risk management profession." What you have just read is the mission statement of our chapter that was created by the Board at our planning retreat last month. If you would like a copy of the Mission Statement cards that were passed out at last month's meeting, let me know and we'll be sure that you receive one.

Please keep in mind the following: Effective immediately, one deputy member who is attending the monthly meetings throughout the end of the year will be eligible for a random drawing to attend the board's planning retreat next year. The winner's family members will also be invited to attend the retreat.

I am pleased to announce that Susan Sanders of PSC has agreed to fill the vacant Associate Director/Legislation position on the 2002 Board. A special "Shout Out" goes to Susan for her desire to get more involved with the chapter.

For those folks that attended last month's meeting and completed a speaker evaluation form, don't miss out on an opportunity to win big. The value of the speaker evaluation drawing for July is \$100. I'm still hoping we have a winner! See y'all at the meeting.

Sincerely, *Ella*

Houston Risk Management Jobs July - 2002

- Enterprise Risk Manager - Sterling Bank (07/10/02)
- Project Manager, Insurance and Employee Benefits - Ft. Bend ISD (05/13/02)
- Manager, Risk Management - Houston ISD (04/01/02)
- Senior Risk Analyst - SYSCO (02/22/02)
- Account Manager - GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)
- Risk Manager - Willbros USA, Inc. (02/22/02)
- Client Review Underwriter - Administaff (02/21/02)
- Risk Management Specialist, Houston - Texas Children's Hospital (09/24/01)
- Insurance Manager, Houston - Methodist Health Care System (08/31/01)
- Safety Auditor, Houston - ABS (Associated Building Services) (08/10/01)

v Above job listing descriptions, contacts, etc. can be found at The Houston RIMS website: <http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CID=328>

v For further information regarding the above positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Bob Milkint, Director - Job Placement, via email at bmilkint@thewoodlands.com or by telephone at (281) 719-6339

v For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Kamy Persaud at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292, extension 242.

v 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: www.houstonpress.com/classifieds

PROMOTIONS

The Risk Management Department of Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is pleased to announce the promotion of Jennifer Howard and Portia Schwehr to the positions of Assistant Risk Manager and Michelle Love to Risk Management Specialist II. Each of them have exhibited the "spirit" of The Blood Center and are deserving of their new positions. The Risk Management Department is proud to have Jennifer, Portia, and Michelle as a part of the team.

Announcement
SIIA Southwest Regional Division Seminar
Legislative Regulatory Issues to Keep You
in Compliance
August 1, 2002
Embassy Suites, Austin, TX
Contact for more informaton 512.281.4709

Property Recovery

tion management. He and his company have responded to numerous disasters to help manage the response, recovery, restoration, audit and insurance settlement process. Mr. Stall has presented lectures and workshops on construction management and disaster recovery to groups such as Disaster Recovery World 2002, The Red Cross, The Project Management Institute, the Pulp and Paper Safety Society and others.

During the past 12 years Mr. Stall has consulted, managed or worked as the general contractor for over \$800 million worth of losses from Hawaii to Belgium. He has provided damage assessment, scope of repair development, emergency services and engineering evaluation, organizational development and management, design management, re-design and evaluation for production improvement of manufacturing facilities, planning, scheduling, cost control systems development, training, and a host of other management work to various clients. His loss recovery management experience includes facilities such as resorts, hotels, hospitals, food processing plants, factories, a chemical plant, a power plant explosion, restaurants, golf clubs, a shipyard, large residences, apartments, condominiums and other types of facilities. His loss recovery management experience includes floods, hurricanes, fires, explosions, freezing, tornados and other causes.

Board Retreat

swimming afterward. The Board met on Saturday to discuss the successes of the past year and the goals and objectives of the future. One of the important issues agreed upon was the need for new board members to be mentored by the "old-timers". Other items of interest included the potential involvement of students in a research project, the annual golf tournament and increasing community involvement. On Saturday evening, the board members and their families enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing. The weekend retreat came to an end on Sunday as everyone headed for home.

The Houston Chapter Board of Directors feel that this retreat is important to ensuring the continued success of our chapter. Next year, a deputy member not currently serving on the Board will be invited to attend the retreat. This will help the board to remain focused on the needs of the membership. To be eligible for the drawing to determine the winner, the Chapter members will be chosen from those with the most frequent attendance at monthly meetings.

CPCU Fall Classes and a change in their curriculum ("new" 8 part exams in 2003) all information is on their web site at www.houston.cpcusociety.org

Where is she? Have you seen her recently?



She used to be President of the Houston Chapter of RIMS and we saw her at the meetings every month!

She was President for two years, 1996 & 1997.

Call her and let her know we all miss her and we WANT TO SEE HER AT A MEETING SOON.

Make sure your information is correct by visiting the RIMS website at www.rims.org. The chapter will use that information for the new directory to be published soon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

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July 17, 2002 - **Broker Appreciation**

August 21, 2002

September 18, 2002

MONDAY October 21st

>> Fall Conference & Golf Outing <<

November & December dates changed
November 20, 2002

December 11, 2002

Check the Web Site: www.rims.org >chapters
>chapter web sites >Houston. Get the registration forms for ARM
classes, Monthly Newsletter, and
RIMS MEETING NOTICES.

**Meeting Location is
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 the parking ticket to the
registration table for a validation sticker.
Parking is also available on the surface
lot to the south of the hotel for \$5.00.**

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 Bob Card, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Mike Tawney. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org.