



RIMS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

"RIMS is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management, a professional discipline that protects physical, financial and human resources."

The above statement appears on the RIMS National website under "About RIMS". It reminds me of what our chapter should continually focus on when we plan any activity or meeting. When I get asked "What do you do for a living?", I usually say something like, "I'm a corporate insurance manager". This is my response because I'm afraid of how long it will take me to explain what risk management is and what activities I'm involved with. I know I should have a better, more complete answer. What do you say?

I will be working with the 2006 board to focus our attention on answering (through our actions) the question "What does the Houston Chapter of RIMS do?"

Happy New Year

Virgil

A Special Note for Julia Kovach

The 2005 Board of Directors and membership of the Houston Chapter of RIMS would like to thank Julia Kovach for her service as President. We thank her for her leadership, determination and hard work.

2006 Officers and Directors

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January Meeting

The RIMS Benchmark Survey

Speaker: Jeffrey M. Cohen

The RIMS Benchmark Survey is the leading source of market intelligence for risk management decisions. RIMS and Advisen have teamed up to offer risk managers, insurance brokers and underwriters the first and only real-time, interactive window into the commercial insurance market. The Survey captures information on the state of the insurance marketplace for 2003 and 2004 (and prior years). Jeffrey M. Cohen, with Advisen, will provide a presentation focusing on the revised time-saving submission process, privacy/confidentiality concerns, and using the results of the survey for pricing verification, limit/retention analysis, and creating total cost of risk reports. Join us and hear more about this interesting topic.

Meeting Place: The Hilton University of Houston
University Drive – Entrance One, Suite 207
Phone 713 741-2477

The Houston Chapter of RIMS provides free parking to luncheon attendees. Parking tokens are available at the registration desk.

New Classes

RIMS is sponsoring an ARM 54 class beginning January 17th, 2006. This course is part of a three-semester specialty program leading to the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation. The course is open to risk management, insurance and safety professionals.

See the attached ARM 54 class registration form for more information.

Welcome New Members

- Vickey Hutchins and John Conerly - Veritas DGC Land
- Sean Clements - Navigant Consulting
- James Cooper and Stephen Moll - Gardere Wynne Sewell
- James Pessagno - Group 1 Automotive
- Javier Garcia - Weatherford International
- Trent Derr - Syntex Management Systems
- Melinda Gonzalez - Duke Energy
- Alex Mohamed - Cemex
- Gary Maddock, Eric Burns and Pam Mihovil - Marathon Oil
- Tomeka Douglass - Philip Services
- John Lawson - Noble Drilling
- Beliza Stevenson - Oxbow Corporation
- Frank Mallen – STP Nuclear
- Karen Hearin – Stewart & Stevenson
- Associate Member: Madelyn McClatchey – MCMC

Houston Area Job Links

Pride is seeking a Claims Manager

See details attached.

For additional job postings, see Chapter Website at the address posted below.

Please also see our Chapter Website for additional information:

www.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RimsChapter.cfm?CID=328