



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

RIMS National in New Orleans is almost upon us. The conference begins on April 26th and goes through April 29th. Along with all of the educational and networking events available at the conference, remember to attend the Houston Chapter sponsored industry session on Wednesday morning, April 29th, at 9:00 a.m., **Risk Management in the Oil Patch**.

As many of us prepare to travel to New Orleans, we want to share some tips on having a better flight. These are from a flight attendant whose favorite hobby is passenger-watching. Below are some tips that may make the difference between a "horrible" and a "not so bad" trip.

1. Earplugs – no more crying babies or annoying seat chatter.
2. Lavender lotion – A small dab of lavender lotion under your nose will be your saving grace from in-flight body odors swirling around.
3. Check-in baggage – Medications, priceless jewelry, passports should not be checked in. Being reunited with your bags is not always an immediate guarantee.
4. BYOA – Bring your own amenities. Since airlines are no longer offering amenities in economy, you may want to bring your own food, magazines, antacid, etc.
5. Be a pessimistic optimist – Don't expect every detail to go as planned. Delays, cancellations, and lost luggage are just some of the hassles associated with flying.
6. Cover your laptop– When any form of liquid passes near or over your PC, close the cover and avoid accidents, clumsy flight attendants, and turbulence.
7. Talk to your seat neighbors– They could surprise you and be quite interesting. You never know who you will meet.

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8. Carry on – Be considerate. A perfect-sized rolling suitcase is one that fits in the overhead bin wheels first and slides to the back.
9. Gadgetize yourself – Bring an iPad, tablet, or other digital device to keep you distracted.
10. Check your mental baggage – Carry your sense of humor.
11. Give airline employees a break – They're busy and frustrated, too. It takes a big person to put the shoe on the other foot.
12. Airport parking – If you drive to and park at the airport, make a note of where you park your car. A few days in New Orleans could make one forget that very important information.

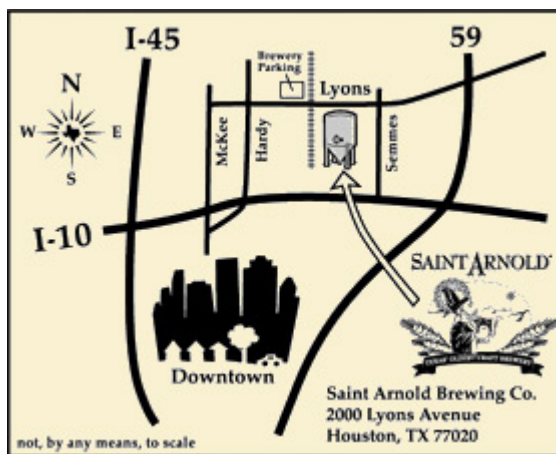
Be safe wherever your travels take you! Talk to you soon.

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

Spring Social – April 16th

Our Spring Social is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 200 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020. This is a Houston Chapter sponsored event with no charge to our guests. RSVP to cvickers@eeslp.com.



Houston Chapter May Meeting



Please join us for our May monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, May 20th. We will host Christina Bell, Senior Business Analyst in the Risk Management Consulting group at Liberty Mutual. Christina brings value to brokers and customers by providing insight and solutions based on data made actionable through targeted analyses.

RIMS Houston Chapter

Upcoming Events

February Meeting

The Houston Chapter
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America www.aicpcu.org

Chartered 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/HoustonChapter/Home/>

Ms. Bell's topic for May is "Financial Risk Management Principles – Loss Development". This session will educate participants on the concepts of loss development, what drives loss values to change and "develop" over time. A detailed discussion provides understanding of underlying assumptions that lead to loss development including IBNR. A section is dedicated to understanding how loss triangles are employed in the calculation of development to ultimate factors, including how they are derived and used in calculating ultimate loss including methods employed.

This session is approved for one (1) hour of CE credit.

Monthly Drawings

The next **Speaker Evaluation drawing** will be at our **May 20th meeting** and the **pot is now \$120**. We will pull from the completed evaluation forms we collected at the February meeting.



Please remember to complete the speaker evaluation at each meeting and RSVP for each meeting to be placed in the drawing to win cash and/or prizes.

Save the Date – Fall Conference

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 19th for our annual Fall Conference, Golf Tournament, and Spa Event. This year's theme is **"Integrated Care for Your Most Important Assets – Your Employees"**. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this popular event. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering, please contact any board member.



16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095

RIMS National Events

RIMS 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition – April 26-29, 2015 –
New Orleans, Louisiana

Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. Houston Chapter Mission Statement

The Houston Chapter of RIMS serves its members and the greater Houston community by focusing on the highest quality service, education and information to manage all forms of business risk and to promote the risk management profession.



RIMS is going back to New Orleans for RIMS '15. In addition to the more than 160 sessions, amazing keynotes and an energetic Exhibit Hall, there is lots of NEW planned:

- VIP Experience
- International Lounge
- RIMS and Business Insurance Present: BI Risk Manager of the Year Award and State-of-the-Industry Panel
- Spencer 5K Fun Run Presented by Sedgwick
- Spencer-RIMS Risk Management Challenge
- FREE Wi-Fi in session rooms and common areas of the convention center*
- Enhanced technology in educational sessions
- Special Rising Risk Professional (RRP) Track
- Special Student Track
- Speed Networking
- Expanded satellite registration and members-only hotels

Discover New Knowledge, New Innovations and New Encounters at
RIMS 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition!

Register today at www.rims.org

March Government Affairs Update

For additional information on the following topics, [see www.RIMS.org](http://www.RIMS.org).

TRIA Interim Guidance and Request for Comment on Certification

On March 6, RIMS submitted its comments to the Department of Treasury relating to changes to the TRIA certification process. The comments call for a 60 to 90 day deadline for certification of a terrorist event as well as suggestions for expediting and streamlining communication and estimates of losses.

California RIMS on the Mall Legislative Event

The 7th Annual RIMS on the Mall event was held in Sacramento, CA on March 17-18th. Nearly 20 RIMS members attended the two day event which featured speakers such as California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, legislative staff, and CA Director of Industrial Relations Christine Baker. Attendees then met with their legislators to discuss legislative issues of importance to risk managers.

Cybersecurity Legislation

On March 17, the Senate Intelligence Committee passed the Cyber Information Sharing Act of 2015. The legislation offers liability protections to private companies who participate in a cyber threat information sharing framework. The RIMS External Affairs Committee continues to monitor and study this issue and more information will be forthcoming.

NAIC Cybersecurity Guidelines

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners newly formed Cybersecurity Task Force has released its draft of "Principles for Effective Cybersecurity Insurance Regulatory Guidance." This document will be the guiding document going forward for all of the NAICs efforts on cybersecurity. The draft is open to comment until April 10. If you do have comments you would like RIMS to consider, please send to nbacchus@rims.org.

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Outstanding Chapter
Programming

Outstanding Chapter
Member Services



Legislative &
Governmental Award -
2011

Texas State Legislative Conference

The Texas RIMS Legislative Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th in Austin, TX. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nate Bacchus, RIMS Sr. Government Affairs Manager, at nbacchus@rims.org.

2015 RIMS Legislative Summit

The 2015 RIMS Legislative Summit has been scheduled for June 8-9, 2015 in Washington D.C. This year's event will be held at the Capitol Visitor's Center directly on Capitol Hill. For more information, please contact nbacchus@rims.org or visit the Legislative Summit site.

RISK PAC Annual Report

The 2014 RISK PAC annual report has now been released.

RISK PAC Reception

The annual RISK PAC reception will be held on Monday, April 27 at 5:15 pm CT in the Rivergate Room of the convention center. This year's featured guest will be Louisiana Insurance Commissioner, and former NAIC President, James Donelon. If you are interested in attending the reception, please RSVP to nbacchus@rims.org by April 13th.

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

Claims Adjuster - METRO – Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/7025200/claims-adjuster>

Insurance Manager – Confidential Houston Energy Company
Contact: Kari A. Blythe, kblythe@lunastaffing.net

Central, Texas

Director of Risk Management – Confidential Employer

<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobseekers/apply/index.cfm>

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Risk Management Analyst 1, 2 or 3 (2 positions) – Louisiana State University

<https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1429128709225>

The Houston Chapter of RIMS will post available job opportunities on our website, however, we do not guarantee that any of the posted positions have not been filled or are still available. If you have or know of an open position and would like to share the information, please contact Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

Houston Chapter Board Positions

The Houston Chapter is searching for candidates to fill board positions. There are several positions available for the 2016 board. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter, please



As the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management, RIMS, the risk management society™, is a global not-for-profit organization representing more than 3,500 industrial, service, nonprofit, charitable and government entities throughout the world. Founded in 1950, RIMS brings networking, professional development and education opportunities to its membership of more than 11,000 risk management professionals who are located in more than 60 countries. For more information on RIMS, visit www.RIMS.org.

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contact any board member. Join us in helping to make our chapter even better for our members.



Opportunity to Donate

If your organization is interested in donating door prizes for monthly meetings and/or Fall Conference, the Houston Chapter would be very appreciative and would recognize your organization in our monthly newsletter. For donation opportunities, please contact any Board member.

Name Badges

Please be advised that the colors of the name badges at our meetings have meaning.

- Green – Board Members
- Blue – Deputy Members
- Yellow – Associate Members
- Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Pamela Chavez (pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com) if you need changes to your badge.

Houston Chapter Membership Directory

Please make sure your information is up to date in the Houston Chapter website Membership Directory.

(<http://community.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Community/ChapterMemberDirectory>)

If you have any changes to your information, please leave a business card at the registration desk with the applicable changes and we will update our records.

The Houston Chapter makes every attempt to protect the information in this Directory and it is distributed only to paying members. Please be considerate of other members and do not use the information contained in the Directory, including

member email addresses, for any purpose(s) not sanctioned by the Houston Chapter of RIMS Board of Directors.

Newsletter Submission Requests

We are looking for submissions for our monthly newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit for publication in our newsletter, please send it to Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

The Chapter is on Facebook & LinkedIn

The National Risk and Insurance Management Society and the RIMS Houston Chapter are both on Facebook and LinkedIn. "Like" our page (Facebook) and/or "follow" us (LinkedIn) to receive updates. We are in need of content, so please join.

Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for volunteers to assist with Chapter events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any board member. This is a great way to get involved with the Chapter and help shape the future of the risk management profession.

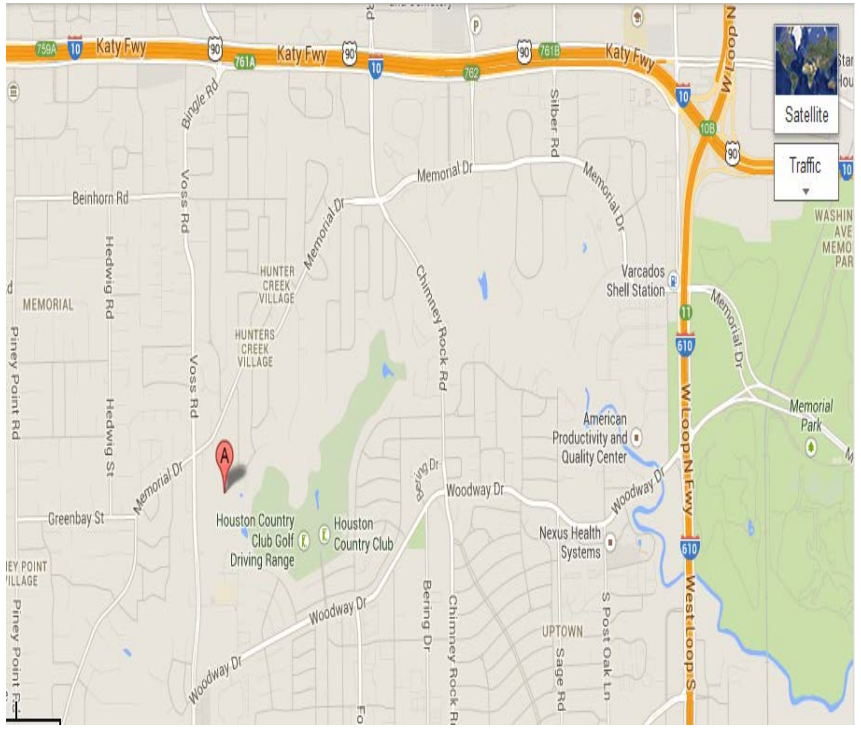
Calling All Service Providers

The Houston Chapter is adding a page to our Newsletter. This page will feature the logos of the service providers/sponsors that are active in our Chapter. If you would like your logo to appear in our Newsletter, please send a pdf file of your logo to Cindi Vickers at cvickers@eeslp.com.

Monthly Meeting Place

The Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024
713-464-4811
www.houstonracquetclub.com

Parking is provided.



2015 RIMS HOUSTON CHAPTER CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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1/1 New Year's Day
 1/21 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 1/19 Martin Luther King Day

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7/04 Independence Day
 7/15 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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2/14 Valentine's Day
 2/16 President's Day
 2/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting

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8/19 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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3/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting/Joint Meeting with CPCU - Lakeside Country Club

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9/07 Labor Day
 9/16 RIMS Monthly Meeting

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4/3 Good Friday
 4/5 Easter Sunday
 4/16 RIMS Evening Social - St. Arnold's Brewery
 4/26-4/29 RIMS National Conference in New Orleans
 4/26 RIMS TEXAS Chapter Reception - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Bourbon St.

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10/12 Columbus Day
 10/19 RIMS Fall Conference
 10/31 Halloween

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5/10 Mother's Day
 5/20 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 5/25 Memorial Day

NOVEMBER						
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11/11 Veterans Day
 11/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 11/26 Thanksgiving Day

JUNE						
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6/14 Father's Day
 6/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER						
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12/16 RIMS Evening Meeting - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 12/25 Christmas Day

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