



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

As we continue to feel the heat of summer, October may feel very far away. In reality, it is just around the corner. Your Houston Chapter Board is already working on our Fall Conference Education, Golf Tournament and Spa Event and we want to share some of the plans with you.

Monday, October 19th, Sterling Country Club is the place to be!



Our educational focus this year will be on the health and well-being of employees. We're lining up the speaker panel and we will be applying for CE credits with the Texas Department of Insurance. The education session will be in the morning.

The afternoon will kick off with our annual golf tournament. We'll have registration and lunch at the golf course prior to tee time. The popular Leaderboard is back thanks to a very generous sponsor.

Sponsorships are already being requested and filled. We'll be sending out official Sponsor Forms soon. In the meantime, if your company wants to get on the list, please contact any board member.

For the non-golfers, we have a mani-pedi event planned along with refreshments. Gossip & Co. Nail Salon was a hit last year and we've reserved space there again this year.

Stay tuned for updates! Contact any board member with questions.

Stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

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Houston Chapter Summer Social

Thursday, August 27th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Join the Houston Chapter as our guest at Saint Arnold Brewing Company for a tour of the facility and a chance to see the risks inherent in operating a brewery. We'll enjoy refreshments, appetizers and networking along with the tour. Come join your fellow risk management and insurance professionals at this interesting venue. Hope to see you there!

SAINT ARNOLD BREWING COMPANY
2000 LYONS AVENUE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77020
713-686-9494

NOTE: We will not have a luncheon meeting in August. Our next monthly luncheon meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2016 at the Houston Racquet Club.

Houston Chapter September Meeting & Past Presidents' Appreciation Luncheon

At our monthly luncheon on September 16th, we will be honoring the Past Presidents of our Chapter. Please join us as we recognize those who have led our Chapter through the years.

Houston Chapter July Meeting

Chad Rosenberg, Principal, Rosenberg & Parker, gave a very interesting presentation at our July meeting. His topic was "**Navigating Surety – Smooth Sailing Ahead? Learning From the Past to Anticipate the Future and What You Need to Know For Your Own Program**". We took a few pictures. The audience was very engaged. Chad is the author of *Commercial Surety for Dummies* and *International Surety for Dummies*.



RIMS Houston Chapter

Upcoming Events

**ARM 55 Class – August 11,
2015**

**Summer Social – August
27, 2015**

**Past Presidents'
Appreciation – September
16, 2015**

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**American Institute for CPCU
and Insurance Institute of
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**

ARM 55 Class – Starts August 11th

ARM 55 – Risk Assessment and Treatment Class starts Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The class will be held at the offices of Bowen, Miclette & Britt, 1111 North Loop West, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77008, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through November 24, 2015. The course leader is Jim Drew, ARM, CIC. It is not too late to register. If you'd like more information, contact Sondra Faul at Sondra.K.Faul@uth.tmc.edu or 713-500-8127. Tuition for the course, which does not include exam fee(s) or books, is \$110 for RIMS Professional Members and \$135 for all others.

Monthly Drawings

The next Speaker Evaluation drawing will be at our September 16th meeting and the pot is \$40. We will pull from the completed evaluation forms we collected at the July meeting. You must be present to win.

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.

July Government Affairs Update

For additional information on the following topics, see www.RIMS.org.

NAIC Cybersecurity Bill of Rights

On Monday, July 27, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners released its draft **Cybersecurity Bill of Rights**. The document lays out the general rights that insurance consumers should have as it relates to cybersecurity, and more specifically, data breaches. The NAIC Cybersecurity Task Force will be accepting comments on the draft until August 10. In March, RIMS had submitted comments to the task force regarding the NAIC's guiding principles. If you have any comments on the proposed Bill of Rights, please pass them along to Nathan Bacchus, RIMS Senior Government Affairs Manager, at nbacchus@rims.org.

Modernization of International Insurance Regulation

RIMS, along with several other interested parties, is in the very early stages of studying international insurance regulation with the goal of finding targeted ways to make the current system more efficient and effective for global companies and their risk managers. We are looking for personal stories from risk managers who have direct experiences they would be willing to share that may shed light on some of the current inefficiencies with the current international regulatory structure. Any information relating to your personal name, company, etc. will be kept confidential; however, this will help us build a solid base of knowledge and to find the areas that could be most improved. Please send your stories and/or experiences to Intlmodernization@rims.org.

Information, please visit the
Chapter website at:

<http://houston.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Home/>

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.



Laffer Study on Discriminatory Reinsurance Tax

In late May, policy co-chairman of the Free Enterprise Fund and former member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board Arther Laffer released a study showing the negative impact that discriminatory reinsurance tax legislation would have on the nation's economy. The study finds that the tax proposal would have several unintended consequences including the loss of many of the benefits that global reinsurance provides as the cost of that reinsurance would become prohibitive for US based companies. This tax proposal was most recently included in President Obama's 2016 budget proposal but has been introduced in legislative form several times of the years. RIMS has worked very closely with the Coalition for Competitive Insurance Rates to oppose these proposals and will continue to do so. A one-page summary of Mr. Laffer's study can be found [here](#).

RISK PAC Activities

On July 29, RIMS staff will be representing RISK PAC at the Potomac RIMS Chapter's "Member Appreciation Happy Hour and Vendor Showcase." To learn more about RISK PAC, or to make a contribution, please visit the RISK PAC website [here](#). Remember that a contribution of just \$25 can go a long way toward allowing us to meet our legislative/regulatory goals. <https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/RISKPAC/Pages/Default.aspx>

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

Director, Property & Casualty Claim Services – Insperty
<http://ejob.bz/ATS/jb.do?reqGK=958503&refresh=true&portalGK=1643>

Corporate Insurance Underwriting Analyst – Phillips 66
<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/7394637>

Risk Manager - Gilbane
<https://gilbane-building-hr.silkroad.com/>

Risk Analyst - AIG
https://careers.peopleclick.com/careerscp/client_aig

Manager, Risk Management - KBR
<https://kbr.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=475145>

Account Specialist I – Aon
<http://jobs.aon.com/aon/account-specialist-i-7?src=indeed>

Senior Analyst – Risk Management - HP
<https://hp.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=3197225&src=JB-12042>

Insurance Specialist - Marsh
<https://mmc.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=HOU001HY&src=JB-12460>

THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chapter of Distinction

Outstanding Chapter Programming

Outstanding Chapter Member Services



Legislative & Governmental Award - 2011

Insurance Specialist – Capstone Associated Services, Ltd.
<http://www.indeed.com/cmp/capstone-associated-services,-ltd/jobs/Insurance-Specialist>

Insurance Coordinator - Greystar
<http://www.glassdoor.com/partner/insurancecoordinator>

Senior Client Service Specialist - Willis
https://willis.secure.force.com/careers/ts2_JobDetails?jobId=a0xE000000DoK3eIAF&tSource=a16E0000001CuBJIA0

Risk Management Analyst – Parker Drilling Management Services, Inc.
<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/parkerdrilling>

San Antonio, Texas

Risk Management Advisor – Whataburger
<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/7367822/risk-management-advisor>

Mgr, Claims Management – Petco Animal Supplies, Inc.
<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/7326607/mgr-claims-management>

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 accepting nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors. We still have a vacancy for the Chapter Vice President/Secretary position. In order to qualify for a board position, you must be a professional member of the Houston Chapter. If you are interested in the position or know of anyone we should consider, please contact a Nominating Committee Member for more information

Nominating Committee Members

Cindi Vickers - cvickers@eeslp.com
Pam Chavez - pamela.chavez@us.loomis.com
Patti Carroll - patti.carroll@total.com

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.



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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Name Badges

Please contact Pamela Chavez (pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com) for changes to your meeting 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.

got news?

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.



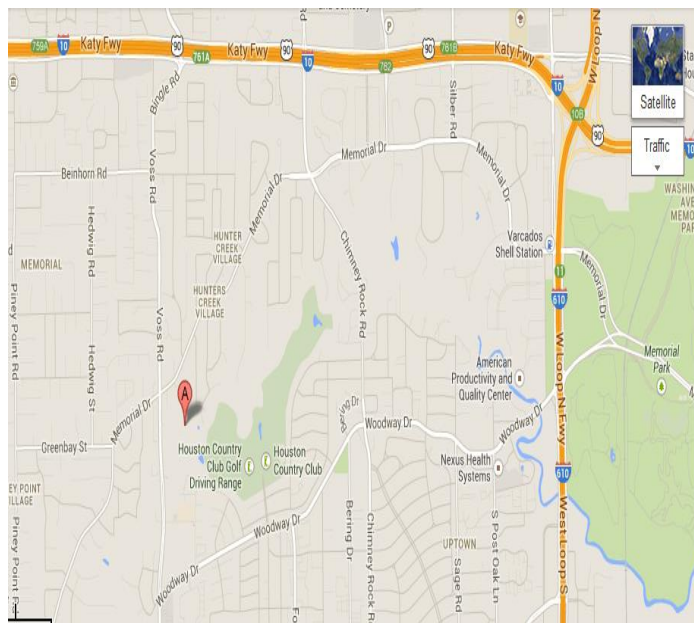
Calling All Service Providers

The Houston Chapter has a sponsor page on 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 JPEG 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

JULY						
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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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8/27 – RIMS Social – 3-5 p.m. - St. Arnold Brewing Company

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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 – Past President's Appreciation

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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.

OCTOBER						
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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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