



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

December 2014

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

We hope your holidays were happy and joyful and filled with family and friends. Your Houston Chapter had a very good year and we wish to thank each and every one of you who have been such wonderful contributors to and supporters of the Chapter. We are expecting 2015 to be even better as our Chapter continues to build on the transformation we began in 2014.

We hope to see a big crowd for our first meeting of 2015 on January 21st. We are hosting Mr. Robin K. Olson, CPCU, ARM, ARP, MLIS, CRIS. Mr. Olson is a Senior Research Analyst—International Risk Management Institute, Inc. and an Adjunct Lecturer—Southern Methodist University. The topic of this meeting is "**The World in 2035: Risk Management and Insurance Implications**". This cutting edge session will explore the rapid development of computer software and hardware and the trends that we might see in the next 20 years. Included will be an analysis of how these transformations may impact the risk management and insurance industry. The highly interactive session will examine three key revolutionary areas of technology--nanotechnology, robotics, and artificial intelligence. The main focus of the session will be to apply these trends in these key areas to various industries, such as energy, transportation, manufacturing, construction, and housing. One hour of CE Credit is approved for this session. Save the date and watch your email for a meeting notice the first week of January. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

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Houston Chapter December Meeting

Our December speaker was Mark D. Hansen, CSP, PE, CPE, CPEA, CPSA VP, HSE with FTS International in Ft. Worth, TX. Mr. Hansen's presentation was "The Lost Art of Negotiation". The presentation was lively, informative and, as we've come to expect from him, full of humor. It was a great night and we thank those who were able to attend our evening meeting.



Also joining us at our December meeting was Sr. Capt. Ruy Lozano, an 18 year veteran of the Houston Fire Department and Division Leader for the Community Outreach Division that organizes the Toy Drive. Sr. Capt. Lozano accepted a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the Houston Fire Department. The funds donated by our Chapter will go the Houston Fire Department "Get Alarmed! Houston" program. The "Get Alarmed! Houston" program has been challenging companies to donate and help with installing smoke alarms since 2001. With the goal of possibly eliminating fire related accidents and deaths due to the lack of working smoke detectors, the HFD believes they can make Houston the safest City in the World as it pertains to fire related incidents.



RIMS Houston Chapter

Upcoming Events

January Meeting

The Houston Chapter
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EDUCATIONAL & ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

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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/>

ARM 54 Class Scheduled

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ARM 54 – RISK MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND TREATMENT

CLASS LOCATION: Bowen, Milette & Britt
1111 North Loop West, Suite 400,
Houston, Texas 77008

Tuesday Evenings—Starting January 20, 2015, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

(ends April 28, 2015)

COURSE LEADER: Jim Drew, ARM, CIC
Office Phone: (713) 880-7172
E-mail: jdrew@bmb-inc.com

EXAM DATES: April 15 – June 15 testing window at Sylvan Testing Centers by appointment
<https://www.theinstitutes.org/guide/find-exam>

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students will learn about the nature, purposes and steps in risk management; identify and analyze the loss exposures of individuals and organizations; and develop and apply decision rules for choosing risk management techniques in specific situations.

See attached flyer for additional information.

TRIA Update

December 17, 2014

The U.S. Senate failed to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) currently set to expire on December 31, 2014.

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA), which created a federal reinsurance backstop for losses stemming from acts of terrorism, has been an unqualified success in stabilizing the insurance markets by allowing insurers to provide much-needed terrorism coverage to consumers at prices they are able to afford. TRIA became law on November 26, 2002 and has since been extended and modified twice: in December 2005 and again in December 2007. The Act is set to expire on December 31, 2014.

**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.

Monthly Drawings

Mary Womack with EOG Resources won the blue ticket drawing at the December meeting.

The winner of the Speaker Evaluation drawing from November was not present so the drawing will be for \$80 at the January 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.

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.

RIMS National Events

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

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

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Chapter of Distinction

Outstanding Chapter
Programming

Outstanding Chapter
Member Services



Legislative &
Governmental Award -
2011

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

Regional Safety Manager – Sunbelt Rentals
<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/6609471/regional-safety-manager>

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.

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.



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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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.

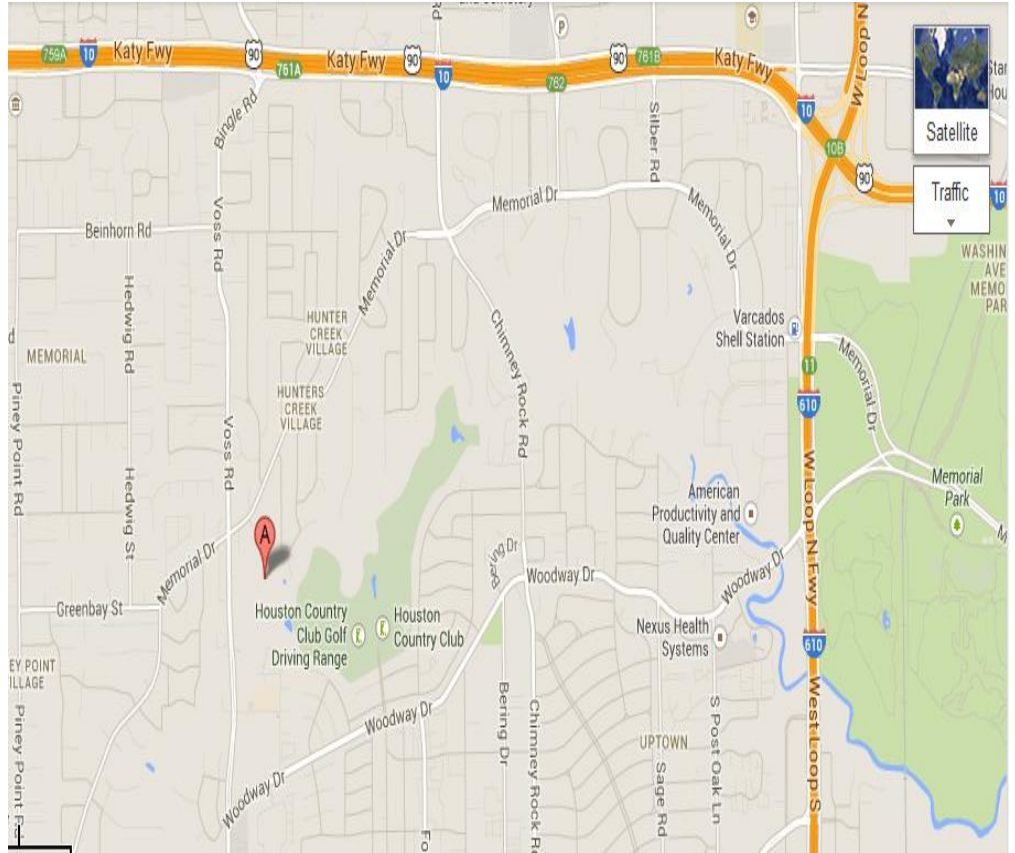
Calling All Service Providers

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

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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 & Past President's Appreciation Day

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8/19 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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3/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting/Joint Meeting with CPCU

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9/07 Labor Day
9/16 RIMS Monthly Meeting

APRIL						
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4/3 Good Friday
4/5 Easter Sunday
TBD - RIMS Evening Social
4/26-4/29 RIMS National Conference in New Orleans

OCTOBER						
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10/12 Columbus Day
TBD - 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

ARM
(ASSOCIATE IN RISK MANAGEMENT)
Classes Sponsored by the Houston Chapter of RIMS
Spring Semester 2015

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TUITION POLICY

The tuition per course, which does NOT include the exam fee or books, is \$110 for RIMS Deputy Members and \$135 for all others (including Associates of the Society). **In the event the student cannot attend the class, tuition will be refunded until the first night of class. After the first class has been held, the student will receive a CREDIT toward any of the ARM classes that may be held during the two semesters (12 months) following the class for which tuition was already paid.**

GRANTS:

Grants are available to those Deputy Members who wish to take an ARM course but are unable to due to financial hardship. Candidates must apply through the Associate Education Director (Sondra Faul), provide a letter from their employer that the course is non-reimbursable, and write a one-page letter indicating why they feel they are deserving of the grant. Recipients of the grants will be notified prior to the second meeting night of class. **The deadline for submitting an application is January 20, 2015.**

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make checks payable to: **Houston Chapter of RIMS**

Please mail your check **and** enrollment form to:

**Sondra Faul
Claims and Insurance Analyst
The University of Texas Health Science Center of Houston
P.O. Box 20036
OCB 1.330
Houston, Texas 77225
Phone: 713-500-8127
E-mail: Sondra.K.Faul@uth.tmc.edu**

Enrollment forms should be completed and returned no later than January 20, 2015. You also have the option of bringing the registration form and check to the first night of class. Please call Sondra Faul or Jim Drew for additional details concerning the class.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (C.E.) CREDIT INFORMATION:

The Texas Department of Insurance has approved this classroom course for 15 C.E. Credit hours. Students must attend at least 90% of the classes in order to qualify. The Insurance Institute of America/CPCU has also received approval for 15 C.E. hours for students who successfully pass the ARM exam. Students must choose **either** the class instruction credits or the exam credits. They may not choose both.

ORDERING BOOKS AND REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM:

Books may be ordered through the Insurance Institute at (800) 644-2101. The cost for books is approximately \$200. You may register for the exam at the same time you order your books. The cost for the exam is \$190 (for early registration). Please refer to the current AICPCU/IIA Key Information Guide for confirmation of test related fees and deadlines. You can request a catalog from the Insurance Institute via the web at <http://www.theinstitutes.org/> via e-mail at customerservice@TheInstitutes.org or via phone at (800) 644-2101.

ARM 54 CLASS ENROLLMENT FORM

(Complete and make a copy to send in for registration.)

Course: **ARM 54 Risk Assessment and Treatment**

Name: _____ **Social Security No.** _____

Company: _____ **Title:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (office): _____ **Phone (home):** _____

Fax No.: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ RIMS Deputy Member: YES _____
NO _____

Is CE credit is needed: **CE License #:** _____

IMPORTANT: ARM courses presume three years of broad-based industry experience or INS21.

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