



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Hello, RIMS Community!

Our Chapter had another very good meeting this month. We were honored to share our meeting with the Houston Chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters [CPCU].

Lee Wertz, Partner at Harrison Bettis in Houston was our speaker and his topic was Risk Shifting, Insurance, Indemnity and Risk Management in the Energy Industry. Lee did a great job of presenting the topic using relevant case law and examples. Lee will be introducing this topic in greater detail in Denver at the Energy Session of the RIMS Conference. Lee will be presenting in Denver with a panel including Cindi Vickers with Express Energy Services, and Joseph Seeger and Graham Farebrother with Willis.

The 2014 RIMS National Conference in Denver is getting closer and we encourage attendance as this year's program contains many informative education sessions and the chance to exchange ideas and network with other risk management professionals. RIMS National has decided there will be no reserved Chapter tables at the Opening Session or the Award Session this year, however, your Houston Chapter Board along with Lee Wertz and Harrison Bettis will be sponsoring tables that should be easy to locate with Texas-themed décor. Please look for us at these sessions and join us for networking. Let's show RIMS the involvement and commitment from our Houston Chapter!

The attendance at our meetings this year has been very good and we are happy to see each and every one of you. Please remember that RSVP to our luncheons is greatly appreciated. We always want to ensure that the Club has plenty of seating room and food for all of our attendees.

As always, your Houston RIMS Board members are available to answer any of your questions – we are here for you!

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board of Directors

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Joint Meeting with CPCU

We were joined this month at our meeting and luncheon by the Houston Chapter of CPCU. We welcome this opportunity every year to network with CPCU and engage with others who share common interests and goals. Houston Chapter CPCU President, Lorie Cardoni-Haymes, presented an award to Immediate Past President, Bradley Harmes.

Fall Conference – Save the Date

Fall Conference is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, October 27th at Sterling Country Club**. In addition to the annual golf tournament, we will offer outstanding educational opportunities relevant to the risk management community. Sponsor and volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering, please contact any Board member.

Welcome New and Renewed Members

Name	Company
Erin O'Brien Link	CGG
Jonathan Miller	CGG
Kerri Larson	Marathon Oil Company
Beau Harrison	Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Cory Allen Wilkinson	Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Helaine Rumaner	City of Houston
Kim Smith	City of Houston
Lucia Cantu	Schlumberger
Robert M. Overbey Jr.	BondPro, Inc.
Elizabeth Elizalde	Direct Energy
Mike Florez	Direct Energy
Hon. Gilbert Jalomo, Jr.	Fort Bend County, Texas

RIMS Houston Chapter **Upcoming Events**

**Monthly Luncheon -
February is Past Presidents
Appreciation Month**

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EDUCATIONAL & ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

American Institute for CPCU
and Insurance Institute of
America www.aicpcu.org

Charter 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/>

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. For donation opportunities, please contact any Board member.

National RIMS Conference 2014



Registration is open for the RIMS 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibition. The Conference will be held April 27-30, 2014 in Denver, Colorado.

New for RIMS '14

- 163 sessions – that's 60% more than in 2013!
- Revamped education levels and categories
- Daily events in the Exhibit Hall
- RIMS TV, sponsored by Liberty Mutual
- An updated housing policy, with members-only hotels

Register online:

<http://www.rims.org/RIMS14/Register/Pages?default.aspx>

Schedule at a Glance:

<http://www.rims.org/RIMS/Register/Page/ScheduleataGlance.aspx>

Continuing Education credits are offered in this program for a non-refundable application fee of US \$99 for RIMS members and US \$149 for non-members. This single fee covers all license types inclusively. Details are available at www.RIMS.org/CeCredits.

**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.

Keynote Speakers Set for RIMS '14

"The Wolf of Wall Street" Jordan Belfort to deliver the opening address at the RIMS 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibition in Denver at the General Session on Monday, April 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Bonnie St. John, Author, Olympic Medalist, Leadership Consultant is the will speak at the Award Luncheon on Monday, April 28th at 12:15 p.m.

Ben Stein, Actor & Author is the Keynote Speaker at the Conference Finale on Wednesday, April 30th at 3:15 p.m.

"HOT TOPIC SESSIONS" Announced for RIMS '14

RIMS has announced six "Hot Topic Sessions" scheduled for RIMS 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibition. The "Hot Topic Sessions" are selected by RIMS Annual Conference Programming Committee and include educational presentations that explore some of the most pressing issues facing risk professionals. This year's "Hot Topic Sessions" are:

Avoiding Cyber Liability Pitfalls-Lessons Learned From Risk Managers, Legal and Forensic Experts

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

Global Warming – Science and Exploration

How Will the Legalization of Marijuana Affect Your Employment Policies?

Lessons Learned From the Colorado Fire and Floods

TRIA: If a Tree Falls in the Woods...

For a complete description of these "Hot Topic Sessions", visit **www.RIMS.org/Hot_Topics**.

About RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition

Launched in 1963, RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition attracts some 10,000 risk and insurance professionals at all experience levels, business executives with risk management interests, brokers, insurers and service providers for the ultimate educational and networking experience. The four-day event offers more than 160 educational sessions, keynote presentations, special events and an expansive Exhibit hall with approximately 400 exhibitors. Following Denver, the event will be hosted in New Orleans in 2015.

THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chapter of Distinction

Outstanding Chapter Programming

Outstanding Chapter Member Services



Houston Chapter at RIMS National

If you're attending RIMS National, we want to know. Lee Wertz has volunteered to organize a list of Houston attendees. Please send Lee an email at lee.wertz@harrisonbettis.com if you are planning to attend.

RIMS Professional Development

RIMS educational workshops help you solve today's challenges and anticipate those of tomorrow. Through case studies, group discussions and best practices, our workshops will show you common pitfalls to avoid and provide solutions you can use immediately.

As part of its ongoing Professional Development initiative, RIMS will present the following educational offerings in the month of March.

WORKSHOP: FUNDAMENTALS OF INSURANCE

March 24-25, 2014

The Metropolitan Club – Chicago

WORKSHOP: RISK MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES: GAINING THE RISK ADVANTAGE

March 26-27, 2014

The Metropolitan Club – Chicago

LIVE WEBCAST: THE SUN SETS ON TRIA – A RISK MANAGER'S NIGHTMARE

April 3, 2014 1:00-2:00 pm ET

Available education opportunities are listed at www.rims.org under the **Education** tab.

RIMS News

RIMS presented 30 college students with a 2014 Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program grant. The program recognizes the achievements of outstanding undergraduate and graduate risk management students, providing them with airfare, hotel expenses, registration fees and a meal stipend to attend [RIMS 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#). Congratulations to all 30 recipients!

Texas recipients are:

- Angela Beebe, University of North Texas
- Alisa Callaway, University of North Texas



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.

In an official comment letter submitted to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), RIMS voiced its disapproval of a proposed rule that would require organizations to electronically divulge statistics regarding employee injuries and change the current reporting system. Inaccurate safety ratings and reporting redundancies top Society's concerns.

As proposed by OSHA, the rule would also force risk practitioners to duplicate their recordkeeping and data submission responsibilities. In its letter, RIMS proposes that an effort should be made to accept data submitted through the current Electronic Data Interchange system.

The official comment letter can be read at:

www.rims.org/Documents/Letter%20to%20OSHA%20on%20ereporting%20of%20injuries.pdf

To ensure risk practitioners have access to the resources and services they need to successfully manage their organization's risk programs, RIMS launched RIMS Marketplace, an online network of the world's leading industry solution providers. To date, the platform features more than 350 company profiles that are organized into 225 searchable risk management categories. RIMS Marketplace will take the place of the RIMS Buyer's Guide.

RIMS Marketplace is free to access for both RIMS members and nonmembers. To experience this resource, visit **www.RIMS.org/Marketplace**.

Monthly Drawings

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.

March Meeting Winners

The winner of the RSVP drawing for March received a crisp \$20 bill as did the winner of the ticket drawing.

The \$20 prize for the speaker evaluation was not claimed so the amount for the speaker evaluation drawing will be \$40 in April.

Name Badges

Please be advised that the colors of the badges 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 any changes to your badge.

Houston Chapter Membership Directories

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

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

Newsletter Submissions

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

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

New Business Analyst – Aon Risk Solutions U.S.
jobs.aon.com/aon/new-business-analyst

Claim Specialist - Loomis
https://access.iprospectcheck.com/MVP-APP/index.cfm?fuseaction=career_center.job&jobid=776

Insurance Manager – Downtown Houston area
Contact: Laura Leno @ Bradsby Group, 281-617-5681

Director (RN) – Risk Management – Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
(Webster, TX)
Monster.usresources@jobdiva.com, Job Ref 14-00231

Executive Underwriter – Ace Group
Contact: Larissa.rea@acegroup.com

Insurance Coordinator – The Hanover Company
Posted on Monster.com, Job Ref 84

Spec Risk Management – Texas Children’s Hospital
Jobs.texaschildrens.org

Risk Management – Claims Specialist – Greystar
Jobs.ziprecruiter.com

Senior Consultant – Pozmantier Williams Insurance Consulting LLC
Contact Joe L. Williams @ 713-275-4003 or
joe@pozmantierwilliams.com

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.

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.

25th Annual Hurricane Symposium

What: Learn the latest hurricane forecasting technologies, business continuity strategies and incident management best practices to prepare your business for hurricane season.

When: Thursday, May 15, 2014

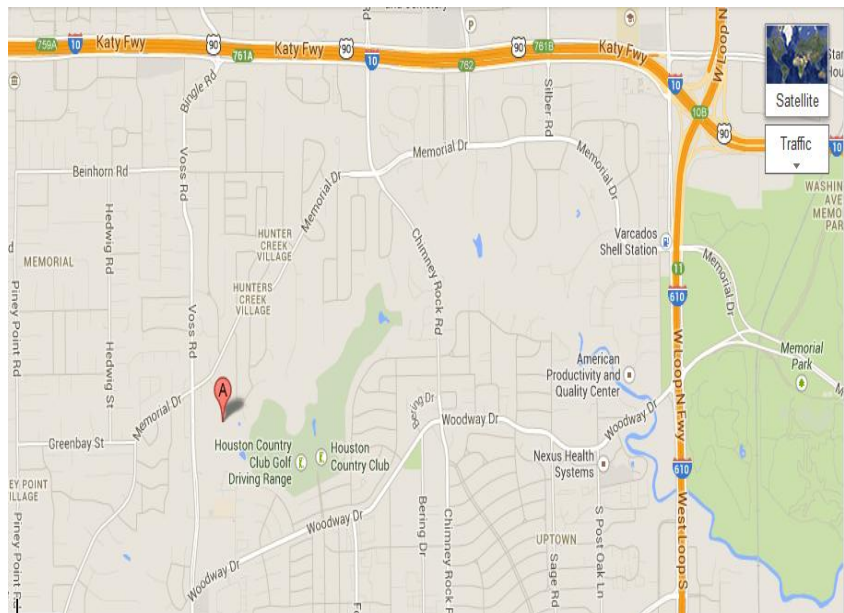
Where: Stafford Centre – Stafford, Texas

Use discount code **RIMS** for 10% off at HurricaneSymposium.com.

Luncheon Meeting Place

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

Parking is provided.



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2014 RIMS HOUSTON CHAPTER CALENDAR

JANUARY

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1/1 New Years Day
1/15 RIMS Monthly Meeting
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

JULY

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7/04 Independence Day
7/17 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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2/14 Veteran's Day
2/17 President's Day
2/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting & Past President's Appreciation Day

AUGUST

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8/20 – RIMS Monthly Meeting

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3/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting - Joint Meeting with CPCU –

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9/01 Labor Day
9/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting

APRIL

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4/9 RIMS Evening Social – Cottonwood Bar, Houston – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
4/16 – UHD's RM in Residence
4/18 Good Friday
4/20 Easter Sunday
4/27-4/30 RIMS National Conference in Denver

OCTOBER

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10/13 Columbus Day
10/27 RIMS Fall Conference
10/31 Halloween

MAY

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5/11 Mother's Day
5/21 RIMS Monthly Meeting
5/26 Memorial Day

NOVEMBER

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11/11 Veterans Day
11/27 Thanksgiving Day
11/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting

JUNE

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6/15 Father's Day
6/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

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12/17 RIMS Evening Meeting – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
12/25 Christmas Day

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