



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

It's almost time for the RIMS National Conference in New Orleans. This year's conference is from April 26th through April 29th. New Orleans is a great venue for the conference. We hope to see many of our members in attendance.

At the National Conference, The Houston Chapter is sponsoring an industry session on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. (April 29th) entitled **Risk Management in the Oil Patch**. The oil and gas business has many moving parts. Companies spend billions of dollars finding, producing and transporting oil and gas and each stage of this process has its own peculiar risks and hazards. There is no one-size-fits-all solution. The risks and hazards of upstream (exploration and production) and midstream (shipping, storage and pipelines) markets require different, specialized risk management strategies. Likewise, oilfield services companies have their own risk management concerns. In any area of the industry, you must understand the legal and legislative landscape in which you work before you can be confident that your risk strategies will be effective in meeting your goals.

Speakers are:

- Lee Wertz, Shareholder, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr P.C.
- Michelle Wilkerson, Director, Insurable Risk, Direct Energy
- Roy Hock, Insurance & Claims Manager, Pacific Drilling S.A.
- Cindi Vickers, Director, Risk & Insurance, Express Energy Services

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Come out and support your fellow Houston Chapter members as they share their experiences and lessons learned.

You can find more information at
www.rims.org/RIMS15/attendee/Pages/Sessions.aspx

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

Houston Chapter March Meeting

Our March meeting was our annual joint meeting with CPCU held at The Lakeside Country Club. This is always a great opportunity to network with our friends at CPCU and we appreciate their hosting of the event this year.

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.

MMSEA MSP Seminar

MGU Specialty Risk Services and Norton Rose Fulbright will be hosting an educational seminar on MMSEA compliance and registration is open. This is a symposium on the exposures involved with Medicare Reporting Liability and how it relates to the False Claims Act of 1863. Three (3) hours of CE credit for the State of Texas and the State of Florida have been applied for by your hosts, MGU. Evidence of Completion will be provided to those needing CLE credits. Breakfast buffet will be served.

Seminar Title: MMSEA, MSP: The Consequences of Non-Compliance

When: Tuesday, April 7th, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

RIMS Houston Chapter

Upcoming Events

February Meeting

The Houston Chapter
RIMS mailing address is

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EDUCATIONAL & ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

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
Information, please visit the
Chapter website at:

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

Where: The H.E.S.S. Club at 5430 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX
77005

RSVP Email to: Seminar@MGUSpecialtyRiskServices.com

RSVP by: April 2nd

Who Should Attend: Risk and Claims Managers, General Counsel, CFO

Speakers: John Scott, George Foley and Glenn Simpson of MGU
Specialty Risk Services and Randall Richardson of Norton Rose Fulbright

Texas Legislative Summit

Texas Legislative Summit

April 8, 2015
Austin, TX

Registration is Open!

The RIMS Texas Legislative
Delegation invites you to
participate in the third Bi-Annual
Texas Legislative Summit, putting
you front and center for current Texas legislative issues.



As a participant in the **Texas Legislative Summit**, you will be an important part of this intensive experience. You will learn and experience:

- The keys to effective lobbying
- Talking points relating to challenges critical to the risk management community
- The importance of effective risk management to the economy of Texas
- Communicating and sharing insights with fellow risk managers

Meetings with State legislators and key staff will give you the chance to represent your Chapter and voice positions on issues important to the risk management community.

There is no charge to attend; participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

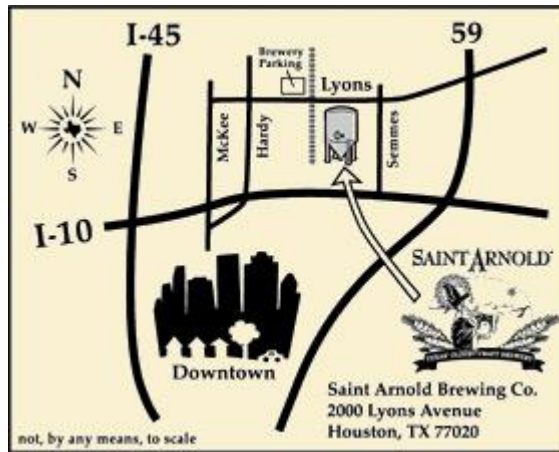
To register, contact Nathan Bacchus, RIMS Senior Government Affairs Manager, at nbacchus@rims.org.

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. We will be sending out invitations in the next week so watch your email or check our website at Houston.rims.org.

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.



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

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

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Programming

Outstanding Chapter
Member Services



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2011

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

Register today at www.rims.org

February Government Affairs Update

TRIA Interim Guidance and Request for Comment on Certification

On February 6, the Department of the Treasury released interim guidance addressing certain provisions and ambiguities of TRIA's 2015 reauthorization. The Department also released a request for comment on ways to improve TRIA's certification process as required by the 2015 reauthorization. We are in the process of submitting comments on behalf of RIMS by the March 6 deadline and welcome input from any interested parties.

Study Released on Discriminatory Reinsurance Tax

On February 18, the nonpartisan Tax Foundation released a study highlighting problems with several recent tax proposals that would eliminate the deduction for reinsurance premiums paid to foreign subsidiaries. The study found that for every dollar collected by the government over the long term, the private sector as a whole would lose \$4.07. RIMS, as a member of the Coalition for Competitive Insurance Rates, has consistently opposed these proposals and will continue to do so going forward.

RCC Meeting with Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators

On January 28, a delegation from the RIMS Canada Council met with CCIR in Toronto to discuss issues of interest to Canadian risk managers. Property insurance policy wording was one of many issues discussed, and one which the RCC will be following up on going forward.

Senate Cybersecurity Legislation

On February 11, Senator Thomas Carper (D-Del.) introduced S.456, the Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Act. The bill, which was introduced on behalf of the Obama administration, would give companies legal liability protection when sharing cyber threat data with the Department of Homeland Security's cyber info hub. Cyber security is quickly becoming a hot topic on Capitol Hill and more legislation is expected. RIMS is seeking members with a specific interest/experience with cyber risk to assist the RIMS External Affairs Committee on this topic. If interested, please contact Nathan Bacchus, RIMS Sr. Government Affairs Manager, at nbacchus@rims.org.

State Legislative Conferences

Initial planning has begun for state legislative conferences in California, Florida, and Texas. The California RIMS on the Mall event is scheduled for March 16-17; the Florida event is scheduled for March 12; while the Texas dates are TBD. If you are a member based in one of these states and interested in assisting with planning or attending the event, please contact Nathan Bacchus, RIMS Sr. Government Affairs Manager, at nbacchus@rims.org.

RISK PAC

RISK PAC is hosting its annual reception in New Orleans at 5:15 pm on Monday, April 27. Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon will be in attendance to meet with attendees. Commissioner Donelon has served in that position since 2006 and is a former President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. If you are a member of RIMS, and interested in attending, please RSVP to Nathan Bacchus at nbacchus@rims.org.



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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Job Postings

Plano, Texas

Assistant Risk Manager - Ericsson

<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobseekers/apply/?job=6911756>

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 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/ChapterMembershipDirectory>)

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

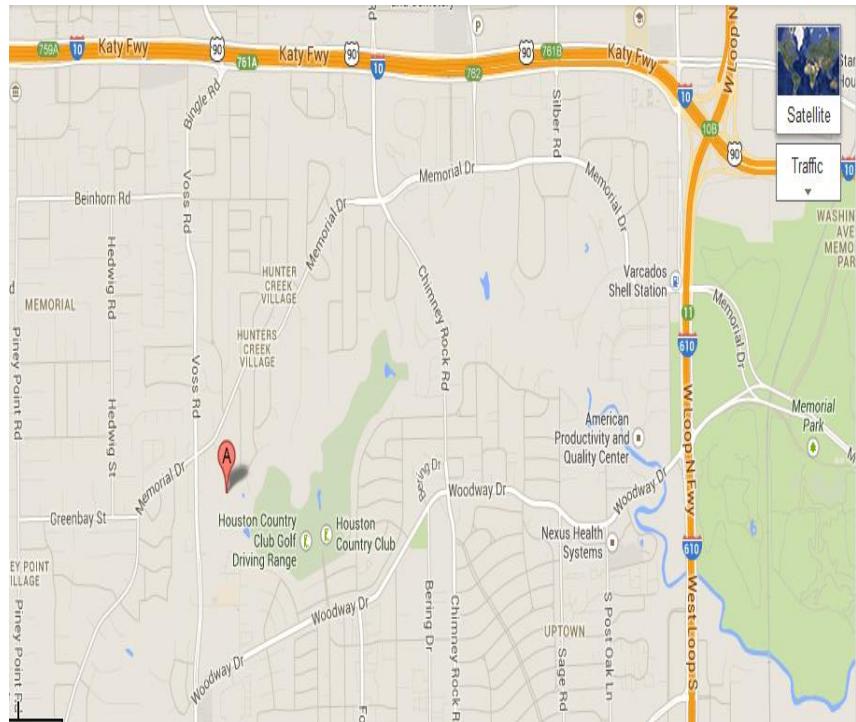
The Houston Chapter is adding a page to our Newsletter. This page will feature the logos of the service providers/sponsors that are active in our

Chapter. If you would like your logo to appear in our Newsletter, please send a pdf file of your logo to Cindi Vickers at cwickers@eeslp.com.

Monthly Meeting Place

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

Parking is provided.



Next monthly meeting is May 20th. Join us for the April Social!

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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8/19 - 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

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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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