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THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER
Advancing the Risk Management Profession

50th
Anniversary

The Chapter's 50th Anniversary By Ella Andrews

For those of you that attended the captioned event, you know that we had a wonderful time. On December 10, 2003, the members and supporters of the Houston Chapter of RIMS were invited to a celebration at the Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel that began at 5:30p.m. and ended around 8:30p.m. The Houston Chapter sponsored this event and its purpose was to celebrate 50 years as a formal insurance organization in the Houston area. The National Society will recognize our 50th year in 2005. You may find the history of our local chapter by visiting the Houston Chapter web site. [\(continues on page 4\)](#)



“What is the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas (SLSOT); How Does it Affect You?”

Philip R. Ballinger, Jr. CPCU, ASLI,
General Manager, Surplus Lines Stamping
Office of Texas

The purpose of the Surplus Lines Stamping Office is to assist the Texas Department of Insurance in the regulation of surplus lines insurance. It also encourages compliance by surplus lines agents and insurers with the surplus lines laws and regulations of the state. Although the Stamping Office performs many functions, its principle responsibilities fall under three main categories: evaluation of surplus lines insurers for eligibility to write in Texas; review of all surplus lines insurance policies procured by Texas licensed surplus lines agents; and education. Over the years, as the Texas surplus lines industry has grown to serve the second largest market in the US, with annual state premiums now exceeding \$2.5 billion. Please join Philip Ballinger, General Manager of the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas for an overview of the organization and how it affects your organization.



The nominations are in. The Risk Manager of the year for the Houston Chapter will be announced during the January meeting.

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From the President's Desk



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am so very pleased and honored to have been elected as the 2004 President of The Houston Chapter of Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. I originally got involved with RIMS to network and learn more about Risk Management since we are rumored to be such a close-knit group. However, since my first RIMS meeting, I have been fortunate enough to meet outstanding professionals and have learned so much in our much-misunderstood field of insurance and risk mitigation.

My goal this year is to expand the field of Risk Management through education, socialization and fun! Anyone who knows me, knows that I refuse to be bored or to not have fun! I would appreciate all of you stopping by to introduce yourself (possibly for the second or third time) to me and your other board members. Talk to strangers! And help us make 2004 the most exciting, loudest, biggest year ever!!!!

Thanks so much for your continued support

Colleen



Colleen Cummings (L) 2004 President, Pam Chavez (R) outgoing 2003 President.

Education Corner

The Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) will be sponsoring an ARM 56 class beginning January 27, 2004. This course is part of a three-semester specialty program leading to the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Designation. The course is open to risk management, insurance and safety professionals. See the attached registration form for all the details.

Attention all Deputy Members! Do you have a child attending college or technical school in the Spring 2004 semester? The Houston RIMS Chapter is proud to announce the creation of the RIMS Member Children's Scholarship. Please see the attached RIMS Member Children's Scholarship application for instructions and scholarship details.

The Houston Chapter would also like to congratulate the following recent ARM completers:

Ross Goering
Donna Harshman
Mack Rogers
Lucy Starbranch

Door Prize & Speaker Evaluation Winner...

A \$20 Lowe's gift certificate was won by Pam Chavez as the door prize.

The \$20.00 for the speaker evaluation was won by Michele Mosher. You have to be present to win.

Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now sent out by **e-mail**. If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Victor Pivetta, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Monica Olis. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org.

Houston Area Job(s) Listing for January 2004

Company: Roofing Supply Ltd.
Position: Corporate Risk Manager
Location: Austin or Dallas, Texas

Company: EOG Resources
Position: Risk Management Assistant
Location: Houston, Texas

Company: ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. (www.expressjet.com)
Position: Sr. Manager – Risk Management
Location: Houston, Texas

- ❖ Any job listing descriptions, contacts, etc. can be found at The Houston RIMS website: <http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CID=328>
- ❖ For further information regarding positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Marsha Phillips, Director - Job Placement, via email at marsha.d.phillips@jacobs.com or by telephone at (832) 351-7149.
- ❖ For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Jennifer Berman at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292 or email: jberman@rims.org.
- ❖ Also, look online at the Houston Chronicle's classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management: www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site: www.houstonpress.com/classifieds

(50th Anniversary continues)

The atmosphere at the anniversary event was festive. The food selection was delicious, the company was great as well as the beverages of choice. Everyone in attendance took home a souvenir, a tape measure that has the Chapter's name, logo and years of existence affixed to it. The 2003 Houston Board wishes to thank all those who attended the Chapter's 50 Anniversary celebration as well as those who weren't able to attend, but continue to support the Chapter. A special "Shout Out" of thanks goes to Carol Barnes who chaired the event as well as the individuals on the Past President's Committee that helped her in the planning.



**The Houston Chapter
of the Risk & Insurance
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2004 Board**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

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January 21, 2004

“What is the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas? How Does it Affect You?”

**2003 Risk Manager
of the Year Announced**

**February 18, 2004
March 17, 2004**

April
No meeting due to
Annual RIMS Conference
in San Diego, CA

**May 19, 2004
June 16, 2004
July 21 2004
August 18, 2004
September 15, 2004**

October
Houston Chapter RIMS Fall Conference

**November 17, 2004
December 15, 2004**

Check the web Site: www.rims.org >chapters
>chapter web sites > Houston.
Watch for event information.

Reservation Deadline

is **Friday, January 16, 2004 at 4pm.**
Please send your response by e-mail to
jlyon@contactpsc.com or fax the notice
to 713.625.7087.

The Luncheon Registration form is avail-
able on the chapter web site at
www.rims.org

choose “chapters” then “chapter web
sites” then “Houston” look for the
“Monthly Meeting Notice” on the list to
the left.

MEETING PLACE

Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel.
6701 Main @ Holcomb, Houston, TX 77030.
Phone # 713.797.1110

Parking is available in the hotel garage for \$3.00.
Bring your parking ticket to the registration table
for a validation sticker.

Parking is also available on the surface
lot to the south of the hotel

