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THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Advancing the Risk Management Profession

**RIMS Houston Chapter
Fall Conference - October 25, 2004
Northgate Country Club**

An Opportunity for YOU!



I See Risk In Dead People!!!

By Pam Chavez

For those who chose not to play golf, our programming group provided an unusual yet interesting afternoon activity. Approximately 17 individuals attended a two hour behind the scenes guided tour of the National Museum of Funeral History and Funeral Director University. Upon conclusion of the tour, we returned to the Northgate Country Club to listen to a presentation prepared by Ray Waguespack, Risk Manager, Carriage Services, Inc. and Charles Philpott of Aon Risk Services. Both Ray and Charles gave the group a wonderful presentation filled with clever quotes, humor and very interesting examples on the risks/exposures that are seen in the death care industry. Thanks to both of our speakers for participating in this educational session.

The Houston Chapter of RIMS needs your help. We are looking for a few committed people to serve as Directors for the 2005 Year.

Why should I help?

You can assure that the Chapter continues to provide quality speakers and programs for the membership.

What positions are available?

There are various positions on the board that need to be filled. Most positions have at least a primary and an associate board member so no one has to do everything by themselves.

How often does the Board meet?

The Board meets 8 to 12 times each year – once each month prior to each luncheon meeting (except in April and October) and a one-day planning meeting held in the beginning of the year.

What are the benefits of being on the Board?

Not only will you have the opportunity to get to know your fellow board members better but also

- the monthly luncheon fees are waived
- you will receive one free registration to attend the Fall Conference (effective October, 2004)
- the annual one-day planning meeting includes all expenses paid for you and your family at a local resort

Who do I contact to get more information?

Any of the following:

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email: ccummings@hanoverco.com
- Julia Kovach - 713-362-7607
email: Julia.kovach@chron.com
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Now is the time to let us know of your desire to make sure that the Houston Chapter of RIMS remains the award-winning Chapter it has always been.

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From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone,

As usual, The Fall Conference was a huge success! I'd like to thank our sponsors – one more time – WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

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We have had several fundraising and charity events this year. We thank all of the members that have participated by donating either time or money.

In keeping with our tradition of our annual charity party – we are sponsoring the Wellsprings children again this year. The party will start at noon on December 4, 2004. We need your time and energy!!!! Please talk to fellow RIMS members that have participated in the past – it is a wonderful experience and the children's response make it all so worthwhile.

Colleen

New Members

We are pleased to announce the following new members that joined our chapter last month:

*Terry Turon - Crawford and Company
Charles Anderson - ESIS
Keith Hodges – ESIS
Tina Pence - ESIS
Darlene Riley – ESIS
Blair Sisson - ESIS
Karl Killian - LECG
Peggy Lucas - McDermott International
Sharon Messa - Metropolitan Transit Authority
John Mannion - Quanex
James Nguyen - U.S. Filter*





Education Corner

At our November we honored the most recent recipients of the ARM designation:

| NAME | COMPANY |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Robert G. Bush | Halliburton Energy Services |
| Connie L. Ledger | Cooper Industries Inc |
| Deborah L. Stacey | Halliburton Company |
| Emmett C. Sullivan | University of Houston |
| Deborah K. Marth | Weatherford International Inc |

Please email Virgil Mead (virgil.mead@nabors.com) for information on RIMS education programs.

Door Prize & Speaker Evaluation Winners...

Door Prize Drawing – ROBERT COVINGTON of Jacobs Engineering Group.

Speaker Evaluation Drawing – ROBERT COVINGTON of Jacobs Engineering Group won \$60.00!!! December's drawing will be for \$20.

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. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org. Associates & Non-Members should contact Ginny Penzell.

Houston Area Job Links for November 2004

Company: Piper-Morgan Associates
Location: Houston, TX
Position Title: Assistant Risk Manager

Company: Shell Finance Services
Location: Houston, TX
Position Title: Workers Compensation Administrator

Listing descriptions and contact information 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 (832)351-7149

[email:marsha.d.phillips@jacobs.com](mailto:marsha.d.phillips@jacobs.com)

For information regarding RIMS Society listings, contact Jennifer Berman in New York at (212) 286-9292

[email: jberman@rims.org](mailto: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 at:

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classified>

or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site:

<http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds>



RIMS Society News

2004 - 2005 Schedule of RIMS Workshops and Courses ***Update Your Knowledge - Keep Competitive. REGISTER NOW!***

| DATE | COURSE | LOCATION |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Dec. 2-3* | <i>Disaster Planning/Business Continuity Planning & Mgmt.</i> | <i>San Francisco, CA</i> |
| Feb 3-4 | <i>Techniques of Risk Management</i> | <i>Memphis, TN</i> |
| Feb 7-8* | <i>Workers' Compensation Management</i> | <i>Denver, CO</i> |
| Feb 10-11* | <i>Alternative Risk Financing Techniques</i> | <i>Houston, TX</i> |
| Feb 24-25* | <i>Enterprise Risk Management</i> | <i>Atlanta, GA</i> |
| Feb 28 - Mar 1 | <i>Fundamentals of Insurance</i> | <i>San Jose, CA</i> |

* Credit towards the RIMS Fellow designation

For details about any of the above workshop or courses, visit:

<http://www.rims.org/education>

For details about the RIMS Fellow designation, visit:

<http://www.rims.org/aboutrf>

For Information about the On-line Crisis Readiness Courses, visit:

<http://www.rims.org/onlinecourses>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

2004

December 15, 2004
Holiday Topic

2005

January 19, 2005
Risk Manager of the Year

February 16, 2005
Past President Meeting
Presentation by Risk Manager of the Year

March 16, 2005
Joint RIMS/CPCU Meeting

April 17-21, 2005
RIMS Annual Conference - Philadelphia
(No Local Chapter Meeting)

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

December Reservation Deadline

Friday, December 10, 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 available 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

The Hilton University of Houston

University Drive - Entrance One, Suite 207
Phone #713.741.2447

- Parking is is being provided by the Houston Chapter of RIMS.
- Be sure to pick up your token at the registration desk so you can get out of the parking garage free of charge.

