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THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Advancing the Risk Management Profession

**RIMS Houston Chapter
Fall Conference
October 25, 2004**

It is still not too late to sign up for this great event! This year it is being held at the Northgate Country Club. Conference details are in Colleen's letter on Page Two, and a registration form has been included on Page Three. There is something for everyone. It is sure to be a fun time for all!



An Opportunity for YOU!

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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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 most of you know, the 2004 Fall Conference – “The Known, The Unknown, and The Foreign” is Monday, October 25th at Northgate Country Club. We’re very excited about it!

This year we are offering 2 morning sessions – “Cash in the Closet” and “We Bought What, Where?” At your request, we now offer several options for the afternoon sessions; our session topic, “I see Risk in Dead People” focuses on the funeral business industry. Ray Waguespack, Risk Manager for Carriage Services, Inc. will present with Charles Philpott, of Aon Risk Services. Part of this session includes an off site visit to the National Museum of Funeral History. Very Interesting!

If that’s not your cup-of-tea, we’re offering a round of golf and have a golf clinic class for those of you that would like to learn to golf but don’t know how. There are tennis courts and a croquet course if you prefer something completely different!

As usual, we have a cocktail party beginning at 5:30 and dinner. There will be door prizes and awards for Golf Teams, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, Women’s/Men’s Longest Drive, and Women’s/ Men’s Closest-to-the-Hole. There is something for everyone!

So, get your registration in and plan on having a good time! Take care and I’ll see you soon,

Colleen

New Members

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

Chet Fenner - BMC Software

Bruce Shuman - Transocean

Dustin Geasland - Link Staffing

Jason Lawrence - Delloitte and Touche

John Maguire - Affiliate Member

Education Corner

Join us in November as we honor the most recent recipients of the ARM designation.

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

Door Prize & Speaker Evaluation Winners...

Door Prize Drawing – John Ledbetter of Liberty Mutual.

Speaker Evaluation Drawing – No winner since the person whose name was drawn was not present. November's drawing will be for \$60.00!!!

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 October 2004

Company: 5th largest brokerage firm in the world
Location: Houston, TX
Position Title: Account Executive

Company: Ernst & Young
Location: Houston, TX
Position Title: US-TX-Houston-Business Risk Services Manager

Company: Deloitte
Location: Houston
Position Title: Houston Business Process and IT Risk and Control Manager

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

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

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
Oct. 20-21*	<i>Client and Insurance Broker Relations</i>	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
Oct. 28-29	<i>Techniques of Risk Management</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
Nov. 4-5	<i>Fundamentals of Insurance</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>
Nov. 8-9*	<i>Developing and Implementing A Captive Insurance Company</i>	<i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>
Nov. 15-16*	<i>Corporate Governance and Risk Management</i>	<i>Vancouver, BC</i>
Nov. 18-19*	<i>Developing A Risk Mgmt. Program For Your Organization</i>	<i>Kansas City, MO</i>
Nov. 18-19	<i>Minimizing Insurance and Claims Costs</i>	<i>W. Palm Beach, FL</i>
Dec. 2-3*	<i>Disaster Planning/Business Continuity Planning & Mgmt.</i>	<i>San Francisco, 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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Houston Chapter of RIMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

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October 25, 2004

Houston Chapter RIMS Fall Conference

November 17, 2004

Honarium of ARM Recipients

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

November Reservation Deadline

Friday, November 12, 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.



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