



THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

I hope you had a fun and safe July 4th!

It is just unreal to me that the year is speeding by so quickly.

This month's meeting will honor our Past Houston RIMS Chapter Presidents, who all deserve a great deal of appreciation. There is a lot of time and thought that goes into being Chapter President, and we need to let each of them know we appreciate them for the time and effort they gave. A number of them continue to contribute their time and experience and several are still on the Board of Directors. Please be sure to thank each and every one of them at the July meeting.

There will be a joint RIMS/CPCU Evening Social August 17, 5:30-7:30pm at Berryhill on San Felipe instead of a monthly luncheon. It will give us a chance to get to know one another better and meet the new members. It will also be a great opportunity for you to invite your friends who might like to join our Society so they can learn about the many benefits of being a member.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendar for the RIMS Houston Chapter Fall Conference at The Woodlands Resort on October 22, 2010. If you are interested in helping to organize this event or provide a donation you can contact me at pivetta@msn.com or one of the Chapter Officers and Directors. Again this year we will also have vendor exhibitors, although space is limited.

Look forward to seeing you at the above events.

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Advisors to the Board

Meeting Topic and Speaker

Wednesday, July 21, 2010
11:30am-1:30pm

Topic

Introduction to Modelling and Strategic Trends Analysis

Speaker

**Simon Sole, Chief Executive Officer
Exclusive Analysis**

Presentation Key Points

During the presentation, attendees will become familiar with strategic forecasting and the modelling techniques involved with forecasting political and violent risks. Specific applications of strategic modelling, such as catastrophe scenarios and supply chain integrity analysis, will be explored for a number of sectors. The case studies will address how forecasting methodology can inform risk management strategies, with particular reference to threats from terrorism. Attendees will learn how terrorism can be forecast in a systemised way using methodological and technical tools. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

This program should be very informative and we look forward to seeing you.



Exclusive Analysis
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***Monthly door prizes are need. If your company has something to donate please see any boardmember.

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Welcome New/Renewed Members

No new members this month.

Education Update

Contributed by Sharon Guillory, Education

The Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) will be sponsoring an ARM 54 class this Fall. This course is part of a three semester specialty program leading to the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Designation. The course is open to the general public, including all risk management, insurance and safety professionals.

ARM 54 – RISK ASSESSMENT

CLASS LOCATION: Bowen, Miclette & Britt
1111 North Loop West, Suite 400, Houston, Texas

CLASS START DATE: **Tuesday Evenings–Starting August 17, 2010, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** (ends – mid November 2010).

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make checks payable to: **Houston Chapter of RIMS**

Please mail your check **and** enrollment form to:

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See flyer for more details

Meeting Dates for 2010



July 21, 2010
Modelling and Strategic
Trends Analysis

August 17, 2010
Evening Social
Joint social with CPCU

September 15, 2010
Education

October 22, 2010
Fall Conference

November 2, 2010

December 15, 2010
Evening Meeting

NOTICE:

Effective January 1, 2008, the



Fall Conference

Just a reminder that the Fall Conference is just around the corner. Volunteers and give always are needed. See Board Members and Directors.



RIMS on the Hill

Contributed by Nick Kapatos

RIMS on the Hill 2010 Recap

As Congress was in the midst of debating its financial regulatory modernization legislation, more than 40 RIMS members gathered for the 12th annual **RIMS on the Hill** Legislative



RIMS Society has changed their method of collecting Local Chapter Dues. In the past there were two deputies included with the membership, then a charge for each additional deputy added. Under the new structure they will begin collecting chapter dues on a per deputy member basis. The new structure for the Houston Chapter Dues is \$55 per deputy member. The change will be reflected on the renewal invoice. The dues structure for associate membership has not changed.

Please see our Chapter Website for additional information:

WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON

or

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Conference in Washington, D.C. on June 6-8.

On the first day of the program, RIMS legislative priorities were presented to attendees in preparation for lobbying members of Congress. This year's event focused on three legislative priorities: HR 3424, which would deny tax deductions for insurance ceded to foreign affiliates; the Medicare Secondary Payer Enhancement Act (HR 4796); and the risk committee provision included in the Senate's financial regulatory reform package.

Brad Kading of the Association of Bermuda Insurers and Reinsurers joined Christine Vaughn of Vinson and Elkins LLP to discuss the consequences of the controversial tax legislation (HR 3424) introduced by Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA). Currently being debated in the House, it has found opposition from consumer groups, foreign governments and state insurance commissioners. Despite these objections, a similar proposal is included in the Obama Administration's FY 2011 budget.



The Medicare Secondary Payer Enhancement Act was explored in a panel discussion with David Farber, a lawyer and leading expert on Medicare secondary payer laws, and Katie Fox, manager of the Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance and

Resolution Unit for MedInsights, Inc. They presented a case for RIMS' support of this bipartisan legislation to remedy current problems in the implementation of the Medicare Secondary Payer process.

Attendees also enjoyed a luncheon with keynote speaker Charlie Cook, publisher of the "Cook Political Report" and political analyst for the National Journal Group. Cook writes weekly for *National Journal* magazine and *CongressDailyAM*, and is a regular columnist for the *Washington Quarterly*.

On day two, members took action on Capitol Hill. This year, more than 60 meetings were arranged for RIMS members to meet with their legislative representatives. In some cases, members were able to speak directly with their elected officials

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CPCU Back to School Drive

Contributed by Bradley K Harms

The Houston Chapter of the CPCU Society has supported Bruce Music Magnet Elementary School for several years as a corporate partner. The school is located at 510 Jensen in Houston's historic Fifth Ward. Their new building is a state-of-the-art music education facility. The main focus at Bruce Elementary School is academic growth, development, and achievement. Program requirements are acceptable conduct and excellent attendance. Each student is provided with a musical instrument at no cost.

CPCU has supplied a number of musical instruments over the years in addition to providing Thanksgiving dinners and holiday goodie bags. Each August we sponsor a school supply drive and also assist in providing school uniforms for those in need.

In 2009 we raised over \$1,000 for back to school items. This year the need is greater than ever. Please bring school supplies to the joint RIMS/CPCU social event on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Berryhill's on Post Oak. Your donations by cash or check are also most welcome. If you cannot attend in person, please consider mailing your donation to:

Houston Chapter of the Society of CPCU
P. O. Box 56428
Houston, TX 77256-6428

For further information on Bruce Elementary and other CPCU Good Works projects contact Marie Lee at 409-457-1366 or b369ml@yahoo.com.

Honoring Past Presidents

Contributed by Julia Mercer

On behalf of the board and advisers of Risk Insurance Management Houston Chapter we request your presence at the upcoming July 21st meeting at The Briar Club. In an effort to acknowledge your time, guidance and added value with representing Risk Insurance

**Educational and
Associations 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/RIMS/
HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx](http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx)**

Management through local and national advancement; we would be honored with your attendance and wish to recognize each of our past presidents.

Please email Julia with questions: jdmercerc@pscnow.com

University of Houston-Downtown

***Contributed by Dr. Wendall Braniff
Director
Insurance and Risk Management Center
College of Business***

The University of Houston Downtown's Insurance and Risk Management Center has received enthusiastic support from Houston's insurance establishment, resulting in the development of one of the most unique programs in the nation. Texas is among only twenty states that offer the thirty undergraduate degree programs with insurance and risk management majors available in the U.S.

The Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society provided founding support for formation and the launching of the IRM Center in 2009. Houston RIMS and many of its members and affiliates continue to support the program through donations. RIMS members and associates ***Wayne Dauterive, Ginny Penzell, Mike O'Reilly, Matt Sasso, and Allen Wilson*** serve on the Center's Advisory Council.

"The Center represents a unique partnership between academia and the insurance and risk management industry that provides the connection between students and industry professionals," said Dr. ***Wendall Braniff***, Director of the Center. The curriculum is based upon traditional professional designation courses for risk management, property and casualty, life, health, and employee benefits. Students complete designation courses while earning a

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college degree.

The program offers twenty three courses and requires completion of ten IRM courses for the IRM major. Thirteen adjunct faculty members with academic credentials and significant industry experience, many of whom have completed the courses and earned the designation for the course they teach, provide real-world examples and lead discussions with students on relevant industry topics and issues. RIMS members ***Stephanie Dègréve*** and ***Sharon Guillory*** share their industry experience and knowledge with students as faculty in the program.

UHD coordinates with employers to arrange internships to allow students and companies to explore career opportunities. Five students have undertaken the Field Experience course this summer with internships at ***El Paso Corporation, American General Life Insurance Companies, Dean & Draper Insurance Agency, Willis,*** and ***Farmers Insurance Agency.*** “It’s a win-win proposition. Students get to explore different careers in the industry while still in college and employers get to sample the new talent coming into the market,” said Ginny Penzell, Risk Manager, El Paso Corporation.

For more information concerning the UHD IRM program, contact Dr. Wendall Braniff, Director, Insurance and Risk Management Center at 713-226-5552 or braniffw@uhd.edu.

For information concerning admissions to the program and evaluation of college transcripts, contact Dr. Carmen Cuevas, Director, College of Business Advising Office at 713-221-867 or cuevasc@uhd.edu or go to the UHD admissions website at <http://www.uhd.edu/admissions>.



New Name Badges

A big thank you to Cynthia Vickers for all of her hard work in making new badges for the membership. She did a great job. By the way, the colors of the badges have meaning.

Green – Board Members

Blue – Deputy Members

Yellow – Associate Members

Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Cynthia (cynthia.vickers@elpaso.com) if you need any changes to your badge.

2009 – 2010

Houston Chapter Membership Directories

The 2009 – 2010 Houston Chapter Membership Directories are available. The directory may be picked up at the monthly meetings.

***The Houston Chapter Directory is being updated so that the 2010 Edition can be published. Please make sure your information is current.

Memberships - National

Please be advised that with the economic conditions and the number of layoffs that has occurred, RIMS National has announced that the Deputy memberships will not be automatically terminated for up to six months for those members that have been laid off. Please notify the National Membership office if a layoff has occurred.

Professional Development - National

[How to Conduct High Quality Risk Assessment](#) (ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.)

August 2-31, 2010

[Contractual Risk Transfer](#)

September 27-28, Houston, TX

[Developing a Risk Management Program For Your Organization](#)

September 30-October 1, Edmonton, AB

[Enterprise-Wide Risk Management: Developing and Implementing](#)

October 4-6, Atlanta, GA

Information and Registration details: [www. RIMS.org/education](http://www.RIMS.org/education)

**Credit towards RIMS Fellow designation given.*

Job Postings

Houston Area – Local Chapter Posting:

Insurance Coordinator, Kirby, Corporation For more details see:
<http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>

Websites

www.workintexas.com and www.greatinsurancejob.com