



## THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

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### *FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...*

The month of April promises to be a busy and exciting month for the risk management community! Many of our members will be attending the National Conference in Boston this month. The RIMS Houston Chapter has reserved two tables for the RIMS Annual Conference General Session and the RIMS Awards Luncheon on Monday April 26th. If you are planning to be at both or either of these meetings, please contact Cindi Vickers ([cynthia.vickers@el Paso.com](mailto:cynthia.vickers@el Paso.com)) about sitting at our Chapter's tables (#105 and #106).

On Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> our chapter will have an Evening Social at which you can socialize and network with friends and peers. The Social will be at Berryhill Baja Grill located at 1717 Post Oak Blvd. from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Watch for an E-vite for the invitation to this event.

Last but not least, 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 one of the Chapter Officers and Directors.

Look forward to seeing you at the above events.

*Victor Pivetta  
Chapter President*

## 2010 Houston Chapter Board Members and Advisors

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## February Meeting Topic and Speaker

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Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
5:30pm-7:30pm

Our meeting will be an evening social this month due to the RIMS National Meeting. An E-vite has been sent out to the membership. If you haven't responded, then please do so by the E-vite link. If your work restricts emails of this type, please send Sondra Faul (sondra.k.faul@uth.tmc.edu) an email. Include the fact that you can't receive E-vites at work and how many are in your party.

Location of evening social:

Berryhill Baja Grill  
San Felipe and Post Oak  
1717 Post Oak Blvd  
Houston, TX 77056  
Cost: Free

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## Welcome New/Renewed Members

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Brenda Dillon-OGAICP, Inc.  
Shelley Elliott- McKenzie Risk Solutions  
Joseph Etzler-AON Risk Services  
John Hagan-Jones Day

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## CRM Principles of Risk Management

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*Contributed by The National Alliance*

**Principles of Risk Management, May 19-22, 2010  
Houston, Texas**

The National Alliance offering a CRM Principles of Risk Management in the Houston area in May.

### Associate Director/Education

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This is a great course to take first because it lays a solid foundation in risk management essentials, and give you the tools for identifying exposures.

Cost: \$420

Topics covered:

- \*Risk Management Concepts and Their Effect on the Organization.
- \*Risk Identification Methods
- \*Risk Identification: Logical Classifications
- \*Ethics and Risk Management Process
- \*Financial Concepts for Risk Management
- \*Loss Data Analysis
- \*Risk-Taking Appetite and Ability

For more information concerning the class

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## Meeting Dates for 2010



**April 20, 2010  
Evening Social**

**April 25-29, 2010  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual RIMS Conf.  
Boston Massachusetts**

**May 19, 2010  
Staff/Volunteer  
Appreciation Day**

**June 16, 2010**

**July 21, 2010**

**August TBD, 2010  
Evening Social**



## Scholarships

The Houston Chapter of RIMS is happy to announce that two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year for children of RIMS members. If you are a current Houston RIMS Chapter Deputy member and have a high school senior who will be attending college in the Fall or have a child currently attending college, he or she is qualified to apply for one of these scholarships. Please see the Chapter website for qualifications and the application form, which must be completed and returned no later than April 15, 2010. Further information can be obtained through:

Houston Chapter of RIMS Scholarship Committee  
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Rain CII Carbon, LLC  
2627 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 200  
Kingwood, Texas 77339  
[sguillory@raincii.com](mailto:sguillory@raincii.com)

## Board Annual Planning Meeting

The Board had its annual planning meeting on February 6, 2010. The meeting was held in Galveston. Everyone worked hard planning for this coming year. This is an excellent board and many exciting things are in store for you. Remember that the board can only do so much. We need your participation to excel. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the events scheduled for this next year please let any board member know. We welcome your participation!

## NOTICE:

Effective January 1, 2008, the 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](http://WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON)

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[WWW.RIMS.ORG](http://WWW.RIMS.ORG) – Chapters – Houston

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## New Name Badges

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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

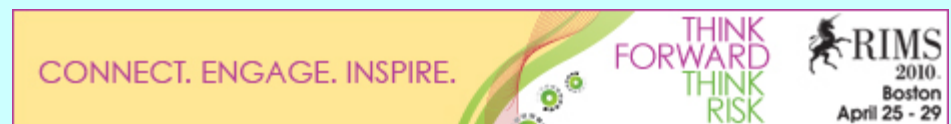
Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

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

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## National RIMS Conference 2010

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### Podcast Series

Preview RIMS 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition with this podcasts series! These recordings are approximately 5 minutes each and provide quick and helpful insights and practical, easy to implement ideas on various topics and issues important to risk managers.

<http://www.rims.org/annualconference/RIMS2010/Sessions/Pages/RIMS2010PodcastSeries.aspx>

### Registration

Registration for **RIMS 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition**, April 25-29 in Boston, Massachusetts at the [Boston Convention & Exhibition Center](#) opened Monday, November 9, 2009!

Here is some key information on RIMS 2010 to keep you and your chapter members connected:

November 9, 2009: Registration Opens

February 26, 2010: Early Bird Registration Cut-off

The Houston Chapter  
RIMS mailing address is

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Educational and  
Associations Websites:

American Institute for CPCU  
and Insurance Institute of  
America [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org)

Charter Property Casualty  
Underwriters Society  
[www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org)

Institutional Risk  
Management Institute  
[www.irmi.org](http://www.irmi.org)

The National Alliance  
[www.scic.com](http://www.scic.com)

Construction Risk and  
Insurance Specialist  
[www.cris-ce.com](http://www.cris-ce.com)

March 26, 2010: Registration Cut-off

To register visit [www.RIMS.org/RIMS2010](http://www.RIMS.org/RIMS2010). Registration fees for RIMS 2010 are listed below.

	<u>Early Bird</u> Through 2/26/2009	<u>Regular</u> Through 3/26/2009	<u>On-Site</u>
<b><u>Member</u></b>			
Full Conference Pass	\$ 850.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,100.00
Corporate 3rd Member	\$ 600.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 775.00
One Day Pass	\$ 400.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 500.00
<b><u>Non-Member</u></b>			
Full Conference Pass	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,425.00
One Day Pass	\$ 475.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 575.00
<b>Affiliate Member</b>	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
<b>Retired Member</b>	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
<b>Educational Member</b>	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
<b>Student Member</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Student Non-Member</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

Don't forget to book your housing now for the most availability at the best rates!




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## RIMS National Celebrates 60 Years

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*Thank you...*

to our members for your patronage and support;  
without you this Society does not exist

to our board members, past and present, for your  
leadership and encouragement; you've brought us to  
where we are today

**For further Educational Opportunities Forms or Information, please visit the Chapter website at:**

<http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSCChapter.cfm?CID=328>

to our volunteers for the gift of your time and guidance; we greatly value your insight to our exhibitors for their support both at the Annual Conference & Exhibition and the various projects on which we partner to our speakers for their dedication to education; sharing knowledge is a pay-it-forward act spurring stimulating thoughts and dialogue

*We could not do it without you!*

We want all our members and friends to share their memories of RIMS: Each month we will ask you to reminisce on a different subject, so please contribute your experiences over the past years as often as you'd like! For March, finish the following thought and **send in your response (go to RIMS.org):**

"I've been involved with my local chapter..."

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## Houston Chapter Membership Directories

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

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## Memberships - National

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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.

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## Professional Development - National

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**Contractual Risk Control**

*April 24-25, Boston, MA*

**Strategic Risk Control**

*April 24-25, Boston, MA*

**RIMS National Conference**

*April 25-29, 2010*

**Finance for the Risk Manager**

*May 13-14, Toronto*

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## Job Postings

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**No job postings for April**

Please see the Local Chapter website and the RIMS.org Jobs Listing for details.

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