



Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 28, 2026

Time	8:30 - 10:00 a.m. (called to order at 8:33 a.m.)	Location	Microsoft Teams
Called by	Peggi Miller, President	Minutes by	Taneal Pickles

Attendance

Board Member	Status	Board Member	Status
Emily Bloedel	Absent	Neil Colclough	Present
Peggi Miller	Present	Tammy Widhalm	Present
Matt Friend	Present	Amy Jones Fraiser	Present
Renee Pettinato Mosley	Present	Taneal Pickles	Present
Chris Stephens	Present	Aaron Zaske	Present
Ezel Masih	Present	Emily Buckley	Present

Guests: Ondrea Matthews (Society and Community Service updates)

Quorum: Confirmed

Call to Order

- President Peggi Miller called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Meeting reviewed: June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Motion made; mover was not identified in the recording.

Second: Not identified in the recording.

Outcome: Approved without objection.

Chapter / Governance

- The Board Retreat is scheduled for September 11-12 in Breckenridge. New board members begin September 1 and will attend their first meeting at the retreat.
- Chris Stephens will participate virtually if able; the chapter will provide the Owl and laptop connection.
- Cindy Baroway's retirement celebration is September 10, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Venture X offices in downtown Denver. Event information was redistributed to the board.
- Board members should send retreat agenda requests to Peggi before she finalizes and distributes the agenda.
- Chapter polo shirts will be distributed at the retreat and worn for the group photo.

Society Updates

- Ondrea Matthews provided a high-level update on Society governance, strategic planning, nominations, membership initiatives, upcoming conferences, RiskWorld planning, and the RIMS Foundation for Risk Management.
- The Board discussed affordability for public-entity members. Ondrea will continue raising the possibility of a government conference rate with Society leadership.

Finance and Budget

Chair: Tammy Widhalm

Committee Members: Robert Glasser, Aaron Zaske

- Financial statements through July were reviewed. No red flags or material concerns were identified, and the chapter remains in a strong financial position.
- Dues revenue is approximately 50% of budget, consistent with the timing of renewals and the expectation that most revenue is received in the fourth quarter.
- The professional membership renewal amount still showed \$85. Peggi will confirm with Society whether it has been changed to \$100 before the budget assumption is updated.
- Golf results will be substantially finalized in the August financials. Sponsorship payments exceeded previously committed amounts.
- Expenses are under budget in nearly all categories. Approximately \$170,000 remains in the bank after golf payments.
- Interest income is ahead of budget. Funds-management options will be discussed at the retreat.
- The activity-by-class report will provide clearer event-level profitability and support future board decisions.
- The Educational Forum team is pursuing additional sponsorships with the goal of making the event revenue-positive.

Community Service

Chair: Ondrea Matthews

Committee Members: Chris Stephens, Alivia Fox, Liz Stryker, Stephen Weingold, Liz Pendelton, Brett Seibel, Lorie Libby, Esther Becker

- The September event with We Don't Waste and RRP remains pending while dates are coordinated.
- The Brothers Redevelopment fundraiser is September 18; the membership communication was approved and distributed.
- Coloring for a Cause with IICF is scheduled for October 20 and is family-friendly.
- No November event is planned.
- A December toy drive is being explored in coordination with the recognition event. The recognition event is tentatively expected December 8 or 10, subject to calendar review.

Programming Committee

Chair: Emily Buckley

Committee Members: Matt Friend, Neil Colclough, Amy Jones, Stephen Weingold, Peggi Miller

- Emily is developing a programming playbook that more closely connects annual sponsorship selections with hosting and chapter-programming opportunities.
- The Educational Forum at Ball Arena is booked. Three of four sessions and their speakers are confirmed. The theme is New Frontier and Innovation in Risk Management and Insurance.
- A Ball Arena tour will be offered at the end of the Forum. The team will explore sponsorship to cover the \$7.50 per-person tour cost.
- The Recognition Party and a joint RRP social/community-service happy hour are being planned for December.
- Planning for the RiskWorld New Orleans chapter reception should begin soon, with the goal of collaborating with additional chapters.
- Board Retreat dinner reservations are finalized for approximately 31 attendees, including family members.

RRP Chapter Committee

Chair: Austin Trimbur

Committee Members: Amy Jones, Fernanda, Emily Bloedel, Alyssa M., Ezel Masih

- A speed-networking event at CU Denver is targeted for November 5, approximately 5:30-8:30 p.m., subject to room confirmation.
- The committee is considering a repeat of last year's pizza-party format and is recruiting broker and underwriter panelists.
- Taneal will provide potential Lockton and Zurich contacts and explore event-level sponsorship.

Sponsorship

Chair: Taneal Pickles

Committee Members: Emily Buckley, Bri McGuire, John Westcot

- Educational Forum and RRP sponsorship opportunities are in progress.
- Topgolf planning and related sponsorship outreach need to be restarted. Taneal, Amy, and Austin will meet before the retreat to identify dates and next steps.
- The Board will discuss the Connections sponsorship structure and 2027 event cadence at the retreat.

Communication

Chair: Taneal Pickles

Committee Members: Emily Bloedel, Emily Buckley, Ondrea Matthews

- No committee updates were reported. Peggi suggested revisiting chapter communications at the Board Retreat, including the newsletter approach and whether evolving technology and social media could provide additional ways to communicate with members.

Membership

Chair: Gary Rimler

Committee Members: Nick Holstein, Shadia Ahmad, Charles Perkins

- The membership report showed only one or two members had not renewed as of July. Peggi sent the report to Gary for review and retention outreach.
- The committee is drafting outreach to Denver-area risk managers who are not chapter members and may invite prospects to attend an event, such as the Forum, at no charge.
- The report should be reviewed annually after most renewals have been processed.

Golf

Chair: Peter Hallez

Committee Members: Emily Buckley, Dan Burseth, Bri McGuire, Aaron Zaske

- The 30th-anniversary tournament was successful and received positive feedback regarding organization, operations, food, and committee transition.
- The committee is collecting event photos and will consider a sponsored photographer or video recap for future tournaments.
- Follow-up surveys were sent to golfers, volunteers, and sponsors. Results are expected before the retreat.
- The Board recognized the current and former committee members for a smooth leadership transition and strong execution.

DEI Committee

Chair: Renee Boss

Committee Members: Shadia Ahmad, Heather Gutierrez-Strong, Neil Colclough

- Project/Time to Breakthrough will be invited to present a stand-alone virtual chapter session, tentatively in October, focused on its organization and volunteer opportunities.
- The committee is exploring a local networking event with insurance affinity organizations and potential sponsorship from Sampo.
- Heather Gutierrez-Strong will be removed from the committee roster following unsuccessful outreach after her job change. Additional committee volunteers are needed.
- The chapter will consider a broader in-person DEI program in the first quarter of 2027, potentially using a RiskWorld session or speaker that is not selected for the conference.

Professional Development

Chair: Chris Stephens; Co-chair: Peggi Miller

Committee Members: Emily Bloedel, Emily Buckley, Stephen Weingold, Brett Seibel

- The committee is exploring chapter support for the Colorado CPCU Chapter and the Asian American Insurance Network, including future co-sponsored events.
- The virtual RIMS-CRMP preparation course is confirmed for November 4-5. Members will receive a 25% discount, and the chapter will not be charged if minimum enrollment is not met.

- The exam is included when taken within 120 days. The chapter will explore using professional-development scholarships for eligible members.
- Chris and Neil will coordinate promotion to students and Western Regional Conference attendees.

Scholarship Committee

Chair: Radu Demian

Committee Members: Tammy Widhalm

- Fall scholarship applications are scheduled to be released September 8.
- Fall CU Denver scholarship payments will be processed in the coming weeks.
- The budget includes \$3,000 for CU Denver student attendance at the Western Regional Conference. Neil will confirm the appropriate recipient and payment instructions so Tammy can process the funding with Peggi's approval.
- Neil will share the list of lower-cost Seattle hotel options with the board and participating schools.
- A board representative's fall visit to New Mexico State University will be discussed at the retreat.

Legislative

Chair: Jim Blair

Committee Members: Renee Pettinato Mosley

- Peggi expressed interest in joining the committee and will coordinate with Renee.
- The committee will continue monitoring significant verdicts and Colorado workers' compensation legislation scheduled to take effect in 2028.

Recognition

Chair: Matt Friend

Committee Members: Ezel Masih, Renee Pettinato Mosley, Emily Buckley

- Matt will schedule a committee meeting to identify the December honoree and begin planning for a future chair transition.

Nominating

Chair: Matt Friend

Committee Members: Ondrea Matthews, Tammy Widhalm

- The incoming board will have 14 members following Jessica Mechtly's withdrawal after the election. The Board agreed to retain 14 members rather than fill the fifteenth seat.
- New member orientation was completed, including expectations for active committee participation.

Chapter Awards

Chair: Peggi Miller

Committee Members: Matt Friend, Emily Bloedel, Emily Buckley

- No current report. The chapter intends to submit for awards again later in the year.

Board Recognition

- The Board thanked outgoing member Matt Friend for his service, leadership, friendship, and continued commitment to chapter committees.

New Business

- The Board reaffirmed the previously discussed position regarding a golf-related sponsorship request. Taneal will send the requester a direct response; the item will be discussed further at the retreat as needed.
- No additional new business was raised.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tammy Widhalm

Second: Seconded; seconder was not identified in the recording.

Outcome: Approved without objection.

Meeting adjourned: Approximately 9:58 a.m.