



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Chicago Chapter RIMS Members:

Hi there!

As Chapter President, I want to reach out to let everyone know the great work that has already been accomplished at the Chicago Chapter of RIMS in 2016. Our chapter was recently recognized by the RIMS Society for Education Achievement – Chapter Programming award for the 2015 Chicagoland Risk Forum (CRF) Conference. The CRF brought over 300 risk professionals together for this annual learning and networking event. We encourage all of our Chapter Members and non-members to join us in October 2016 for our 2nd Annual Chicagoland Risk Forum at the Swissotel in Chicago. We anticipate it being another fantastic event. You can view the video that was played at the awards luncheon and more information can be found at the RIMS website: <https://www.rims.org/aboutRIMS/Awards/Pages/default.aspx>

I also want to recognize the great efforts that are being made by our Membership Committee. There is remarkable success within our chapter's Rising Risk Professional (RRP) group led by Brendan Francis, Analyst-Risk Management & Insurance at the University of Chicago. The group's first meeting in February 2016 had over 120 attendees for a social networking gathering downtown. The RRP's second event in April was held at the Mid-America Club in the Aon Center and featured Pat Ryan. I would encourage those who are looking to take a mentoring role with young professionals to reach out to our membership committee about future openings to get involved with speaking opportunities with this group. In 2016, we have seen increasing attendance at our regular chapter meetings. The purpose of monthly chapter programming meetings is to provide Chicago Risk and Insurance Professionals with enriched programming centered on professional development, networking and fun. Please check our chapter website for more details under meetings and events. We are rotating the meetings between downtown and the suburbs throughout the year. We have lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months that you do not want to miss!

**Jonathan Falco**  
Chicago Chapter RIMS President

### ARE YOU NEW TO RIMS?

If you plan on attending the June 9th Chapter Meeting which will be held at Beam Suntory, Inc. and wish to be paired with an existing Member, please contact:

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## Upcoming Events:

### **FBI Cyber Security Presentation**

June 9, 2016  
Beam Suntory, Inc.  
Deerfield, Illinois

### **RIMS CHICAGO 2016 Golf Outing**

July 18, 2016  
White Eagle Golf Club  
Naperville, IL

### **Kane County Cougars Outing**

August 18, 2016  
Geneva, IL

### **Chicagoland Risk Forum**

October 24 and 25, 2016  
Swissotel  
Chicago, IL

## Welcome to our new RIMS Members!

*Jessica Baker* – The Salvation Army

*Monica Handrick* – WW Grainger

*Sharon Morris* – Marmon

*James Smaga* – Packaging Corp. of America

*Sharon Calhoun* – Hunt Companies

*Rafael Viera-Silva* – Whirlpool Corp.

*Michelle Wersching* – Help At Home, Inc.

*Mary Sams* – Zurich NA

*Dwight Horner* – Tenneco, Inc.

*Julie Barton* – ACCO Brands Corporation

*Christina Birdelbach* – Strack & Van Til

*Roxsann Wilson* – AbbVie, Inc.

*Mark Patton* – Ventas, Inc.

*Betty McPhilimy* – Northwestern University

*Regina Gleyzer* – Northwestern University

*Margaret Annett* – The Art Institute of Chicago

*Brian Qualizza* – True Value Company

*Cecilia Martinez* – Whirlpool Corp.

*Donna Zima* – Veolia North America, Inc.

## ANNUAL JOB SHADOWING

On Friday April 1st, the Chicago RIMS Chapter was pleased to host our annual job shadow program. This year we were able to partner roughly 20 students from the University of Wisconsin and Illinois State University with various insurance professionals for half a day.

Local volunteers from brokerage, claims, risk management and underwriting companies allowed insurance students to select their preference of risk management interest for the program. While each student's experience was unique, the information packed into this type of on-the-job training is unmatched when it comes to helping students identify their own different career paths in the industry. In an email received from Thomas Klingner, a student of The Katie School of Insurance, he shared *"job shadows provide a unique window into the industry, one that just can't be achieved in the classroom."* We want to thank all the students and volunteers who helped make the event a success.



*Job Shadow Participants from UW Madison and Illinois State*



Have you registered yet for the 2015 Chicagoland Risk Forum? Award winning speaker & marketer, Katherine Miracle, has been confirmed as the keynote speaker and will provide her expertise on Building Your Own Strategic Personal Brand. As a thought leader and expert marketer, she serves her clients as a revenue development strategist and motivator. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from Katherine, experience two days of exceptional educational sessions plus talk with exhibitors providing valuable and essential resources. The link to sign up is listed above under "Upcoming Events."

## RECENT EVENTS

On April 4th, the Rising Risk Professionals Group of Chicagoland RIMS hosted Mr. Patrick Ryan for the first installment of the Fireside Chat series. During this event, the insurance stalwart and Aon founder gave a historical overview of insurance innovation as well as his story on how he founded Aon. The event was about entrepreneurship as it pertains to the insurance industry, and was well received by the audience in attendance. Mr. Ryan used his personal life to articulate his success and provided encouragement for all young insurance professionals. Our second speaker hailed from our sponsor of the night, Aon. Ben Von Obstfelder, Vice President at Aon, continued the discussion by exploring the use of machine learning for insurance functions. His work with innovation at Aon has produced valuable new processes for Aon and has brought utility to clients. Overall, the event was attended by over 45 RRP members.

The annual Hines Symposium was held on May 12, attracting over 100 industry professionals. The panel discussion, moderated by Gavin Souter of Business Insurance, touched on the aspects of crisis communication – specifically what to do when your company is thrown unwillingly into the media spotlight. Attendees heard from Andrew Moyer, VP of Crisis and Risk Management in Edelman's Chicago office, Rhonda Barnat, Managing Director, Abernathy MacGregor in New York, and Brian Graves, the Director of Communication and Public Relations at the Oswego School District. Real world examples of both successful and not so successful communications plans were highlighted. Key takeaway – Have a Plan!



## GOLF OUTING

The 2016 golf outing will be held once again at the beautiful White Eagle Country Club in Naperville on Monday, July 18, 2016. You'll find all the same great activities at this event – a putting contest, driving range, prizes for all, group photos, great food, and much more...plus we have some new surprises in store! Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate as a sponsor or silent auction contributor! Sign up today for what promises to be a great day on the links for all that attend.

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*Jonathan Falco, Brendan Francis and Pat Ryan.*

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## Chicago RIMS Student Education Committee Brainstorming Session

**Friday, August 5, 2016 or August 12, 2016**

The Chicago RIMS Student Education Committee has opportunities for growth and continuous improvement. We'd like to take time this summer for the committee to get together for a "brainstorming" session. All chapter members are encouraged to join us as we discuss the current and future state of student education in our industry. Your input is important to ensure that this very important committee is aligned with overall chapter goals and the larger risk management community in general.

Currently, the committee's activities are focused on the following activities (in no particular order of importance):

- Student scholarship awards
- Job Shadow Days
- Student sponsorships to CRF
- Participation in Katie School Advisory Board
- Representation from the chapter at the scholarship award presentations at the various schools, if possible

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***Please join us to help our chapter improve this valuable program for our students in Illinois.***

Want to be more involved with helping our chapter? Does your company have the ability to host meetings of 100 people or more? Chicago RIMS Programming Committee is in need of future meeting venues for our 2016-2017 monthly chapter meetings. Please contact Jonathan Falco our Chapter President and Programming Committee Chair [Jonathan.Falco@us.mcd.com](mailto:Jonathan.Falco@us.mcd.com) if you are interested.