



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chicago Chapter RIMS Members:

Fellow chapter members, **LET'S MAKE CHICAGO RIMS GREAT AGAIN!** Now that I have your attention, I'd like to thank each of you for your continued support of the chapter and our many initiatives. Without sounding like a politician, each of you should know that your voices and opinions matter. We are continuously seeking ways to improve the programing and content shared with our members. If you know of a great presenter or stumble upon an interesting article, please pass it along to the board or share it on our "Chicago RIMS" LinkedIn page. We strive to enhance the risk management community around us, and while we all feel our chapter is something to be proud of, 2017 can be our best year yet.

As we look back on the success of 2016, special recognition should be given to a few key achievements. The 2nd Annual Chicagoland Risk Forum exceeded chapter goals by increasing overall attendance by 30% and expanding the content offering with double the number of education sessions in 2016. Our committee is already working on enhancements for the 3rd annual CRF to be held from October 9th and 10th.

The education committee was responsible for oversight of scholarship and education grants amounting to over \$25,000 all used to support college students at 5 different Midwest universities. Our job shadow event gathered 20 students downtown to be paired with industry professionals for a half day of real world experience. We appreciate the support of our sponsors and volunteers.

If you have yet to make (or break) a new year's resolution, why not add one more to the list? Challenge yourself to attend more events, read more, expand your network and utilize the Chicago RIMS chapter. Our board and executive members are happy to help you along the way. We look forward to seeing you in the months to come.

Jason Mezyk
Chicago Chapter RIMS President

Upcoming Events:

[Annual "View from the Top"](#)

March 6, 2017

University Club, Chicago, IL

Register Now!

[2017 Annual Hines Symposium](#)

May 11, 2017

Union League Club, Chicago, IL

Register Now!

[Chicago RIMS June Chapter Breakfast Meeting](#)

June 20, 2017

FM Global – Park Ridge, IL

[Chicago RIMS Annual Golf Outing](#)

July 17, 2017

White Eagle Golf Club, Naperville, IL

[2017 Chicagoland Risk Forum](#)

October 9-10, 2017

Marriott Chicago Downtown
Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL

Register Now!

November 16, 2016 – Chicago RIMS Sponsor Thank You Event

The financial obligations of the Chicago RIMS chapter are supported by risk manager membership dues and our sponsorship partners in the insurance community. Without these two groups, the programming, scholarship, and educational content provided each year would not be possible. This is particularly true with respect to some of our flagship events like the Chicagoland Risk Forum, the annual golf outing, Hines Symposium, and our annual holiday party. Each year the chapter hosts an event to recognize our sponsor partners and to say thanks for their continued support. This year's event was held on November 16th at the Mid America Club on the 80th floor of the Aon Center. We had a great turnout, and thank you to all the members and sponsors who attended!

December 14, 2016 – Chicago RIMS Annual Chapter Meeting

Chicago RIMS hosted its annual chapter meeting, and "Duty of Care" presentation at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Guest Speakers Julie Sullivan from International SOS and Mike Kelly from AHT Insurance presented on how to define duty of care, ensure human capital protection, financial protection, and offered practical solutions for a proactive approach in mitigating travel risk for employees. In addition, the annual meeting was held, and elected a new slate of officers for 2017. The Chicago RIMS board of directors includes:

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Jason Mezyk – President
Paul Brandel – Vice President
Kevin Lehmann – Treasurer
Jonathan Falco – Past President
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Directors (2017-19)

Laura Meade
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Directors (2016-18)

Mary Friedl
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Judy Silverman

January 24, 2017 – Chicago RIMS Annual Holiday Party

Chicago RIMS celebrated our annual presentation and holiday party at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. Jim Foster, Partner at Cassidy Schade and Sean McDaniel, Manager of Claims for Waste Management, presented "Advanced Techniques for Effective Mediations." Foster and McDaniel discussed empathetic approaches to settle cases pre-suit; mediator selection; decision as to whether the defense apologizes for the accident; obstacles to mediation; and the coordination between the company and its insurance carriers. After the celebration, Chicago RIMS members and guests enjoyed hor d'oeuvres and cocktails to celebrate the holidays and New Year.

Welcome to our new risk managers, and our risk managers with new opportunities!

Adrien Robinson

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Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA

Kelly Hulsman

KapStone Paper & Packaging Corp.

Kimberly Jeschke

Sterling Bay

Want to be more involved with helping our chapter?

Does your company have an excellent presentation or the ability to host meetings of 100 people or more?

Chicago RIMS Programming Committee is in need of future meeting venues for our 2017-2018 monthly chapter meetings. Please contact Jason Mezyk our Chapter President (jmezyk@firstindustrial.com), or Mary Friedl, our Programming Chair (Mary.Friedl@Pacebus.com) to discuss opportunities.