ABOUT RIMS

The Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) serves its member entities by proactively providing the highest quality products, services and information to manage all forms of business risk. Founded in 1950, RIMS represents over 3,800 industrial, service, nonprofit, charitable and governmental entities. The Society serves over 9,400 risk management professionals around the world.

Palmetto Chapter

Mission Statement
The Palmetto Chapter’s mission is to serve its members by proactively providing the highest quality products, services and information to manage risk effectively.

History
The Palmetto Chapter was formed in May 1982. This was the result of increased involvement by Risk Managers in South Carolina who at the time were traveling to Charlotte, NC, the nearest RIMS chapter. Our chapter covers the Central and Eastern part of the state, from Columbia to Charleston and up the coast to Myrtle Beach. Our members represent a wide range of industries, as well as a broad spectrum of risk-management and related fields.

Our Website
http://palmetto.rims.org

Who should attend

Risk managers, human resource professionals, brokers and attorneys. As well as anyone who may have responsibility for employment practices, property and casualty exposures or employee benefits.

Benefits of RIMS Membership

* indicates benefits to local members who join National RIMS

- Annual Conference & Exhibition (reduced cost for National members)
- Buyer’s Guide *
- Member lists
- Cost of Risk Survey *
- Committees
- Legislative/Regulatory Information *
- Professional Development
- Risk Management magazine *
- Compensation & Benefits survey *
- Books & publications *
- RIMS website
- Job Bank *
- Networking with Peers
- Continuing Education

Sampling of Member Companies
Membership/Cost

**Local Membership**
Membership to the Palmetto chapter is $50. A membership to National RIMS is not required in order to join our local chapter. To inquire about membership, please contact Jennifer Wadford at jwadford@santeecooper.com.

**National Membership**
Current dues for National membership range from $50 - $485 depending on the type of membership purchased. For a description of the various memberships available and the latest membership dues, please visit national RIMS website at www.rims.org.

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* Officers will next be appointed in May 2013 for the 2013-2014 RIMS year. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact one of the current officers.

Chapter Activities

**Monthly Meetings**
The Palmetto Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month, (September through May, with the exception of December). The lunch meetings are held at Seawell's banquet facilities on the State Fairgrounds in Columbia, SC. We begin with a social and networking time followed by lunch and a speaker. The cost is $10.

**Southeastern Regional Education Conference**
The Palmetto Chapter along with The Carolinas, Piedmont and Western Carolinas Chapter rotate responsibilities of hosting the Southeastern Regional Education Conference. The conference is usually held in September/October.

The purpose of the conference is to advance the knowledge and experience of RIMS deputy members in the fulfillment of their risk management responsibilities. Participating chapters utilize the conference proceeds to fund other educational activities (i.e. scholarships, general chapter expenses, seminars, etc.).

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