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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 18, 2020

What an interesting and monumental year it has been!

Like all of you, I've been focused on the COVID-19 pandemic for months and more recently on the social upheaval that has changed our local, national and global viewpoint. We are each individually affected by these ongoing events, on so many levels, that is nearly impossible to view any aspect of our lives independently of them. Instead, we tend to look at everything on the continuum of before, during and after.

BEFORE

It seems like much longer than 10 months ago that I succeeded to the Chapter Presidency. We'd just rolled through another successful year as a Chapter under the capable and seemingly effortless leadership of Mollie Smith. While she made it look effortless, I knew better then and know even better now. Mollie is the latest in a line of amazing leaders that I've been blessed to serve under and learn from during my time on the RMA Kansas Chapter Board including Evan Funk ('13-'14), Steve Schoenecker ('15-'16), Ian Worrell ('16-'17) and Andy Watkins ('17-'18). They have all demonstrated the passion, knowledge and dedication that makes this the most effective and impactful board on which I've had the privilege to serve.

Whoa, I got sidetracked there. Those of you who know me won't find that too shocking. So anyway...we'd just finished another Platinum Level year in August 2019, and I was so excited about the 2019 – 2020 RMA year. We had a great blend of new and experienced board members, and a strong plan to continue providing the benefits and programming our members have come to expect, and focus on my theme of helping to build the next generation of bankers.

We kicked-off with a great tour of the Union Station Campus followed with a mingle at PourHouse. Through the fall and early winter, we hosted programs and events that were well attended and, we believe, of value to our members. There were the usual popular programs, like an IT Roundtable, Lending Horror Stories, Open Enrollment Courses and a Member Appreciation Event at Sabor. We hosted a joint program on Data Analytics with Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance and the Institute of Management Accountants. We also participated in the Professional Edge program designed to provide personal growth and development skills to business students at WSU.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS UPDATE & ASSISTANCE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

The RMA Kansas Chapter-Women in Business group reluctantly cancelled the annual Women in Business Breakfast, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and imposed gathering limitations. The group was incredibly excited to welcome Dr. Sheree Utash, President of WSU Tech, as our featured presenter. Although this event is on hold for the foreseeable future, we are working on a special event for the Women in Business group...stay tuned!

THE GOOD NEWS: We are incredibly excited to announce that we will move forward with our fundraiser and supply drive to benefit the Assistance League of Wichita's 'Bear Hugs' program! This year, the group *won't* be accepting the plush teddy bears (health concerns), but is absolutely in need of the following items:

- *Monetary donations (All monies go toward Bear Hugs program)*
- *Colored Pencils (12-pack sharpened preferred)*
- *Non-spiral bound journals (Hard or soft-back accepted)*
- *New or like-new tote bags (Please, no larger than 14"x15")*

Ways to GIVE:

♥ **Donate online:**

<https://www.assistanceleague.org/wichita/donate/donate-online-now/>

- *Select 'Bear Hugs' to designate funds*
 - *Select 'Risk Management Association' so we can track our progress!*
- (Debit, Credit and PayPal accepted)*

♥ **Mail checks to:**

*Assistance League of Wichita
PO Box 8072
Wichita, KS 67208
Memo: Bear Hugs from RMA*

♥ **Donate Supplies:**

The AL storefront is not yet open due to Covid concerns. If you wish to donate supplies, please contact Mollie Smith directly: Mollie.Smith@IntrustBank.com or 316-383-1728.



AL "Bear Hugs" Program—Distributes teddy bears and other selected items to area hospitals. The RMA Kansas Chapter Women in Business group has proudly supported the Bear Hugs program for 8+ years!



Mission: Assistance League of Wichita, a chapter of National Assistance League, is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to transform the lives of children and adults through community-based philanthropic programs that address the needs of the Wichita Community.

TIME WELL SPENT

If reading The RMA Journal is not part of your routine, you should make it one. Written by risk practitioners for risk practitioners, the award-winning magazine provides news and practical ideas regarding all risk disciplines, plus updates on regulatory matters to help professionals stay abreast of industry changes and trends.





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KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT? KANSAS CHAPTER ANNOUNCES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

The RMA-Kansas Chapter commits to engage students in RMA and spread awareness about careers in Banking!

The RMA Kansas Chapter Scholarship award for the 2020-2021 academic year is a one-time award of \$1,000!

The **RMA Kansas Scholarship** will be awarded through a comprehensive process, based on applicants' career ambitions, character, communication skills, leadership and scholastic achievement.

Please visit our Chapter website for updates, details and links to apply:

<https://community.rmahq.org/kansas/home>

The **RMA Kansas Scholarship** pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. The scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria. The **Risk Management Association Kansas Chapter** is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Please contact Academic Chair, Wendy Kabler, for any scholarship-related questions: Wendy.Kabler@IntrustBank.com

INTERESTED IN ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Students are encouraged to apply for the National RMA Foundation Scholarship at

<http://www.rmahq.org/src/scholarships>

The RMA Foundation awards over \$200,000 annually in scholarships ranging from \$1,500 - \$5,000. The application window for the 2020-2021 academic year opens in September 2020.

MEMBER SURVEY - COVID CONSIDERATIONS

As we embrace new means of communication and create ways to stay connected during the Covid-19 pandemic, the RMA-Kansas Chapter board would like to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete this quick, 10 question survey. Your input will be valuable as we begin to plan our agenda, events, and education opportunities for the upcoming RMA year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2LP7LVW>

RMA-HQ CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE CENTER





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UPCOMING CONFERENCES



RMA's Governance Compliance and Operational Risk (GCOR) Virtual Conference
July 14, 2020

GCOR is **FREE** this year and will consist of three keynote sessions with speakers engaging you in real-time, using a live Q&A chat feature, as well as nine on-demand breakout sessions, all focused on emerging operational risk and best practices in governance compliance.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

2020 RMA ANNUAL
RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 8-10, 2020
BOSTON, MA
BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE

Join us for RMA's Annual Risk Management Conference! RMA's premier event of the year offers the opportunity to connect with and hear from top professionals in the financial services industry.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Whether from a bank, securities trading firm, investment bank or asset management firm, you will leave the event with valuable take-away that you can apply immediately in your current role.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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DURING

Then everything came to a screeching halt! Everyone had to focus on how to best slow the spread of COVID-19. Your Board tried to find creative ways to keep providing valuable benefits, but it became clear that this pandemic would demand our collective attention for quite a while. By enlarge we, and RMA National, made the decision to cancel programming and focus on crisis management. Because we are the Risk Management Association, the national organization has stepped up to provide excellent information and resources to its members. I hope you have been able to utilize those resources and continue to do so.

AFTER

There really isn't an after; definitely not yet. Your KS Chapter Board has continued to meet virtually and evaluate when and how we can resume some normalcy. We are planning a virtual Credit Roundtable in July. We ask you to please participate in the recent survey so we can know when you will be ready to attend in-person events. We won't have our normal Annual Meeting, but we ask that you respond to vote on the upcoming Board and Officers so that we can continue to serve you seamlessly into the next fiscal year according to our Bylaws.

I **won't** take up space to talk of regrets. We've all had to refocus our energy and resources in dealing with our rapidly changing world. I **will** conclude by saying that I am very proud of the work your Board has done this year and I hope that you are as well. One achievement that I am most thrilled about is the establishment of a Kansas Chapter Scholarship Program. Please read about this program in the newsletter and spread the word. I want to give special thanks to Wendy Kabler, Academic Chair, for taking my theme for the year to heart. She started with the work Steve Schoenecker began and has taken the lead to bring it to fruition. We do have a lot to deal with, but it seems clear to me that the next generation of bankers will have even more. I hope that we as a Chapter will continue to focus on recruiting, encouraging and supporting the best and brightest to pursue a career in Banking.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for affording me the honor and privilege to serve you this year.

John Trowbridge, President

RMA Kansas Chapter 2019-2020



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RMA'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

I attended my first march protesting racial injustice in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2014. This was following the death of Eric Garner, whose life was ended by a police officer despite the repeated plea, "I can't breathe." Garner's words haunted me, while the resulting protests and activism provided hope that, at long last, there would be change.

Recently we have seen, however, that *nothing* has changed. The murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd bring to light the systemic bias and racism that has disenfranchised Black Americans for over 400 years. It is difficult to fathom that we live in a society where racism still destroys the dreams of countless Black Americans. We must acknowledge this disheartening truth, and do everything in our power to oppose racism wherever we encounter it.

I had felt hopeless about our nation's commitment to change until the outpouring of support for the Black community from corporate and civic leaders, and ordinary citizens of every age and demographic, in the past week.

NOW is the time for true and lasting change. I pledge to do my part and encourage you to do your part as well, to eradicate systemic racism.

Together, let's end it now.

Nancy J. Foster
President & CEO, The Risk Management Association



Did you know?

The RMA-Kansas Chapter is a proud member of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce!

BECOME AN RMA MEMBER!

RMA Membership types are based on your role and your institution's affiliation with RMA. Find the membership that's right for you, and join today. Being a member of RMA is being a part of a community of like-minded professionals. It's having a network to turn to through every stage of your career when you have a question or need advice, and knowing you have access to different perspectives right at your fingertips. Simply put, it makes professionals better at their jobs.

At just \$75/year, the Associate membership is the most common and is one of the lowest-cost professional association memberships available.

REGISTER NOW

Please contact Membership Chair, Ben Renn, for any membership-related questions: BRenn@EmpriseBank.com.



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UPCOMING KANSAS CHAPTER EVENTS

Virtual Credit Manager Roundtable

Friday, July 24, 2020
2:00pm-4:30pm
FREE registration!

REGISTER NOW



Virtual IT Presentation & Roundtable

Details to Come!

Women in Business Special Event: Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage

Details to Come!

Your support and involvement in the local Kansas Chapter is essential to our success!

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