



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The summer is upon us again, and as we turn our focus to vacations and spending time with family and friends, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy vacation season. This is also the time of year when we start reviewing our Board composition and determine any open positions.

As my efforts concentrate on the 2002 Board, I would first like to extend my sincere appreciation to the existing Board Members. One of the things I like about my position is having the opportunity to talk about our organization. I enjoy communicating to our Board Members, LA RIMS Members and our Friends of RIMS and noting the good people we have on the Board, the good work we do, and the results of our efforts. This is all possible, in part, because of the dedication and commitment of the Board Members. We service over 200 members, 200 Associate Members and almost 100 Friends of RIMS - that is why it is so important each year to select individuals willing to participate and move the organization forward.

As 2001 turns into 2002, I would like to share the commitment of being a Board Member of the LA RIMS Chapter:

- + Attend an evening Board meeting the first Wednesday of each month
- + Attend the monthly luncheon meetings
- + Perform the specific duties of the Board position

The time commitment varies between Board positions, but at a minimum requires 4 to 5 hours a month. I have been on the Board for many years and it is my opinion, the time and energy spent developing our organization is very rewarding. This is always an exciting time as we try to determine the course of the organization over the next several years and construct a Board to accomplish our goals and objectives.

So exactly where is our organization heading? No one can say with certainty, of course, but our current direction gives us a few clues. In the near term, we'll likely 1) continue development of our committees; 2) continue to concentrate on growing our membership 3) continue to

financially strengthen the resources of the organization
4) establish a permanent education fund.

If you are interested in participating and joining the Board of Directors for 2002, please contact me for further details as soon as possible. Position descriptions can be e-mailed to those interested. Again, being on the Board is a very rewarding experience and has allowed me to develop many meaningful relationships within our community.

Thank you

MICHAEL CARLIN
LA RIMS PRESIDENT

FRIENDS OF RIMS CORNER

Contractor's Professional Liability: Who Needs It?

The following article was excerpted from The Bridge, a publication of Willis Construction. To assist you in determining the need for Professional Liability coverage, listed below are some exposures, design driven as well as non-design driven. If you answer "yes" to any of the exposures below, you should obtain a quotation for Contractors Professional Liability Insurance.

Design Related Exposures:

- Entering into a contract where the contractor will be responsible for hiring the design
 - Partnering with a design firm in a Joint Venture
 - Hiring an in-house design professional
- Remember, contractors and designers are responsible for all actions of their sub-contractors and sub-consultants.

Non Design Related Exposures

- Construction means and methods
- Construction Management
- Cost Overruns
- Delays

Typically cost overruns and delays are covered under economic loss damages if those damages are the result

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of a negligent act, error or omission. Statistics show that over 60% of professional liability claims are for economic loss damages.

Remember to review these exposures each year at renewal to determine whether your firm is in need of professional liability coverage, or if your limit of liability should be increased.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

RISK MANAGER

Location: Marin, CA

Company: County of Marin

The ideal candidate will be an experienced risk management professional with a significant background in a similar or larger, full service public agency. This knowledgeable, enthusiastic, collaborative and results-oriented leader will be a critical thinker with outstanding visionary, communication, and problem solving qualities. At least five years of progressively responsible experience in a risk management, safety, loss control or general liability insurance program preferably in local government, including a minimum of two years in a management role, is expected, Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, Accounting or related field is required. Master's degree is desirable. To be considered for this exceptional career opportunity, submit your resume, three work-related references and current salary by Friday August 17, 2001.

Job Specifications: Position: Full-Time; Department: County; Salary Range: \$70,491-\$85,280; Job requirements: Education Bachelor Degree; Minimum Experience: 5 years

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RISK MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Salary: \$4,554-\$5,551 Monthly

Summary: Requires at least 5 years of increasingly responsible professional experience in risk management and insurance. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college in business administration or a closely related field, including course work in risk management and technical insurance administration, possession of a certification in General Insurance (INS 21, 22 & 23), or equivalent, is desirable. Must have knowledge of principles and practices of risk management, loss prevention, safety and emergency preparedness programs, insurance terminology, claims administration, et al. Must be skilled in contract review and have knowledge of various insurance forms, policies, processes and procedures. Must be able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Excellent benefits. Please contact Pat Diaz, Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, by e-mail at: pdiaz@cra.ci.la.ca.us.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Here are three new bills introduced in the Assembly this term addressing the increasingly publicized issue of toxic molds.

AB 284

Introduced by Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)

The bill establishes a program that requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish a mold surveillance, monitoring and education program.

Status: Passed in the Assembly and is currently being heard in the Senate.

SB 732

Introduced by Senator Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacramento)

Enacts the Toxic Mold Protection Act, this bill amends the substandard housing code to include the presence of molds as a condition that may render a building substandard. Sellers and lessors of commercial, industrial and residential real property, including public entities, who know or have reasonable cause to believe that mold is or has been present in their building, heating system or appurtenant structures, would be required to provide written notice to prospective purchasers or tenants if the presence of mold exceeds the standard or guidelines to be developed pursuant to this act. A seller or lessor of such property shall be exempt from these disclosure provisions so long as the presence of mold was remediated according to the standards or guidelines to be developed pursuant to the act.

The bill seeks feasible standards for exposure, identification and remediation of molds and authorizes public health enforcement of such standards.

Status: Passed in the Senate and currently being heard in the Assembly.

AB 178

Introduced by Assemblymember Dave Cox (R-Fair Oaks)

Provides that landlords provide tenants and prospective tenants of notice of the existence of dangerous mold contamination within their units if it "endangers the life, limb, health, property safety or welfare." This bill would provide local code enforcement officials with the tools necessary to deal with toxic mold issues.

Status: Read twice in the Assembly and referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

CHAPTER CLIPS

RISK MANAGEMENT ON THE INTERNET

Some Californians would say that this warm weather is "earthquake weather"; officially, however, this is fire season in Southern California. But a disaster of any type can happen at anytime. To prepare and assist you with various emergency, safety, hazard, and disaster preparedness issues, following is a list of recommended websites, in alphabetical order:

- Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety (www.ccohs.ca) – Lots of good information and related links.
- Crisis Management International, Inc. (www.cmiatl.com) – Works on the "people side" of corporate crises such as armed robberies, shootings, threats of violence, major accidents and natural disasters.
- Disaster-Resource.com (www.disaster-resource.com) – Online guide and comprehensive resource for crisis/emergency management and business continuity information.
- Disaster Information Network (www.disaster.net) – Provides up-to-date info on current disasters, archive of past disasters, and links to other disaster info websites.
- Disaster Recovery International (www.dr.org) – Base for contingency planning, administers global certification for business continuity and disaster recovery planners, and provides training and education.
- EQE International (www.eqe.com) – Offers news on earthquakes and other natural disasters. Services include retrofitting to prepare for disasters.
- Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (www.hwysafety.org) – State laws, facts, news and information.
- Internet Safety Resource (www.christie.ab.ca/safelist) - Listing of over 1,800 health and safety Internet based resources.
- Life Link (www.clickit.com/touch/lifelink.htm) – A missing persons locator service.
- NHTSA – National Highway Safety Administration (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) – Information from U.S. Department of Transportation on air bags, child passenger safety, crash tests, recalls and more.
- NIOSH – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (www.cdc.gov/niosh/about.html) – Federal agency that conducts research and makes recommendations to prevent work-related disease and injury.
- National Safety Council (www.nsc.org) – Safety and health basics to assist in the development of your safety program.
- North American Center for Emergency Communications (www.naces.org) - Provides a centralized point for the high speed exchange of disaster victim and displaced person information, so organizations, agencies and family members can quickly locate and re-unite displaced families. Includes a volunteer management information system.
- Risk Management Safety (www.rmsafety.com) – Assists a safety director, ergonomist, industrial hygienist, fleet

manager, loss control specialist or safety professional in finding the latest in products, services and safety management techniques.

- Safety Online (www.safetyonline.net) – Information resource for the Occupational Safety and Health industry.
- TERA – Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (www.tera.org) - Toxicity data for risk assessment.

Look for more Risk Management on the Internet in next month's newsletter.

EDUCATION DAY FALL CONFERENCE

Wednesday October 17, 2001. Education Day Fall Conference "Survival of Risk Managers". Join others who are surviving the challenges of litigation, product recall, reorganization, difficult insurance renewals, et al. Your vote will tell us who really is the best survivor this year. Better yet, be a part of the team putting this reality program in action and contact Barbara Anderson at 213.217.5782 or email www.byanderson@mwd.dst.ca.us. Team meetings occur 10:30a.m. at the New Otani Hotel right before the monthly RIMS Luncheons.

2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2001

15th Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

September 2001

17th Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

October 2001

17th Education Day Fall Conference
The New Otani Hotel

November 2001

21st Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

December 2001

Holiday Event
Location TBD

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