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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring has arrived, the days are getting longer and the National RIM's 39th Annual Conference & Exhibition has been completed. The conference started on Sunday April 29th and ended on May 3rd and was held in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference had 150 educational sessions, over 30 industry sessions and more than 400 suppliers of risk-related products and services.

On Monday morning, the Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Georgia World Congress Center to look upon the past year and examine the future of the Society. It also honored the outgoing RIMS president, Roger Andrews, and incoming RIMS president, David Mair. The membership meeting inspired me to look at our membership statistic which identified some interesting developments.

Since 1997, we have averaged approximately 120 Company Members, 200 Deputies and approximately 70 Friends of RIMS. The Los Angeles Chapter is one of the largest Chapters within the Society with an annual budget of approximately \$100,000. The dues of our membership is a large portion of our revenue base which is used to support our activities and membership. Even though it is quite an accomplishment to be one of the largest Chapters, our membership has not grown significantly in the last four years. As a result, Barbara Smith, our Membership Director, has established a membership drive program that, during the next several years, will concentrate on growing our membership. I will keep you posted on our progress.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Michael Carlin
RIMS-LA President

CHAPTER CLIPS

GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 11th

Have you signed up? Better hurry, you don't want to be left out! Take advantage of our online registration...http://www.larims.org/golf_reg.html. The deadline to register is May 28, 2001. The tournament will be held at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. We are asking that you bring your business cards to qualify for the prize raffle. Can't miss this event...sign up now!

VOLUNTEERS AND PRIZES

Would you like to help out at the annual golf tournament? Would your company like to donate a prize for the evening's raffle? How about a small item for the golfers golf bags? Contact the L.A. RIMS office at 818.842.6096 if interested.

SPONSORS

What better way to advertise than by sponsoring a hold at the annual golf tournament? The cost is \$1,000 per hole, which includes a sign boldly displayed on the course to let other individuals and businesses know that you are helping support our local RIMS chapter. In addition, your company will be recognized in the program at the event and on our website, www.larims.org. Or how about co-sponsoring the tournament for \$5,000? For more information, contact the L.A. RIMS office at 818.842.6096.

EDUCATION DAY FALL CONFERENCE

Wednesday October 17, 2001, is our 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 e-mail www.byanderson@mwd.dst.ca.us. Team meetings occur 10:30a.m. at the New Otani Hotel right before the monthly RIMS Luncheons.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Alzheimer's and Driving Safety Resource

Gerontologists with the Hartford Financial Services Group and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Age Lab have developed a comprehensive guide for helping people with dementia and their caregivers make decisions about driving safety. This resource, titled *At the Crossroads: A Guide to Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, and Driving*, is available free at www.thehartford.com/alzheimers.

June 24-30, 2001 Is Workplace Safety Week

Injuries in the workplace cost the nation \$122.6 billion in 1999. That figure exceeds the combined profits of the top 17 Fortune 500 companies. Costs include lost wages and worker productivity, medical expenses, administrative expenses, motor vehicle damage, fire loss and other costs to employers.

Even greater costs from worker injuries and deaths, however, result from accidents in the home and community. That's why during Workplace Safety Week, June 24-30, the National Safety Council strongly advises employers to institute off-the-job safety training programs for their employees. While approximately 5,100 people died in 1999 from workplace injuries, an estimated 40,600 workers were killed in the home and community. Off-the-job injuries and deaths take a tremendous toll on employers in terms of insurance and medical costs, efficiency and productivity.

"The true cost to the nation, to employers and to families from accidental deaths and injuries was a staggering \$469 billion in 1999," said Alan McMillan, Council president. "In addition to the tragic cost in human suffering to individuals and families, there is a monumental cost in both human and economic capital that we cannot ignore." The Council recommends that every organization implement a strict seat-belt policy that requires all employees to buckle up on the job, and encourages them to buckle up off the job as well. Companies should also adopt a comprehensive code of safety and health ethics and institute programs that can help prevent workplace violence.

Workplace Safety Week is part of National Safety Month in June. Other weeks focus on home and community safety, environment and public health, and teen driving safety. For a comprehensive list of National Safety Month activities and safety tips, visit the NSC website at www.nsc.org.

The National Safety Council is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental, international public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health. The NSC estimates that 4.2 million lives have been saved through improved safety practices since the Council was established in 1913.

ABIH Exams to be held at Congress

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene will offer its Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist (CAIH) examinations at the NSC Congress & Expo on Sunday, September 23rd. The new CAIH is geared toward professional level practitioners who have industrial hygiene responsibilities, but who do not practice IH a majority of their total work time. The application deadline for the September 23rd exams is June 1, 2001. For more information, check the ABIH web site at www.abih.org or contact the office at (517) 321-2638 or E-mail: abih@abih.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Los Angeles invites you to apply for the position of Risk Manager. This position administers a comprehensive risk management program for a City department which may include planning, organizing and directing the work of professional and clerical employees engaged in identifying and measuring risk exposure; developing methods for controlling risks and preventing losses; collecting and analyzing data and recommending risk financing techniques.

Minimum Requirements

Graduation from a recognized four-year college or university and two years of full-time paid experience involving responsibility for two or more of the following areas:

- risk determination and evaluation
- risk financing or risk transfer
- risk control including safety and property loss prevention
- self insurance administration or owner-controlled insurance (wrap-up) program administration
- insurance underwriting or brokerage
- claims management, adjustment or investigation

Possession of a valid Associate in Risk Management or Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter or Workers Compensation Claim Professional or Registered Professional Adjuster or Certified Risk Manager or Fellow in Risk Management or Certified Insurance Counselor designation may be substituted for a maximum of one year of experience.

Filing Requirements

In addition to the City application, a supplement is required. Please call the Personnel Department at 213.847.9240 for a bulletin and application, or you may obtain a bulletin and application from our web site at www.cityofla.org/per. You can also obtain a City application at the Personnel Department Building at 700 E. Temple Street in Los Angeles in Room 100.

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