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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems impossible but the year is almost over. The holidays are quickly approaching, and because this year has been filled with such tragedy, I will be extra thankful for the opportunity to spend time with my friends and family.

November is also the month that we issue our board ballot and hold our Annual Meeting. I encourage everyone to take just a few minutes to complete and return the ballot - this is an important part of being a member of LA RIMS. I also welcome and encourage our members to attend our Annual Meeting on November 28th at The New Otani Hotel.

Finally, on a social note, we again will have our Holiday event at the Jonathan Club on December 12th - mark your calendar.

Michael Carlin
LA RIMS President

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FRIENDS OF RIMS RELIEF FUND

Our Friends of RIMS, AON and Marsh have established relief funds to assist the family members of their employees who fell victim to the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The Los Angeles Chapter of RIMS has donated to these relief funds and are passing this information on to our members who may wish to do the same. AON has established the AON Employee and Family Assistance Fund to aid the families of AON employees who were injured or lost. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund should call 877.542.3301 or 312.381.3559. Marsh has started the Victims' Relief Fund and anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may send contributions to: MMC Victims' Relief Fund, C/O MMC Public Affairs, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 4th Floor,

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New York, New York 10036. On behalf of our Friends of RIMS, the L.A. Chapter thanks each and every one of our members for your generous support. Again, our deepest condolences to the family and friends of all victims of the WTC terrorist attack.

The following article was excerpted from TERRORIST ATTACKS CREATE MAJOR PROPERTY CONCERNS, (Compliments of Marsh, Inc.) and may be found in its entirety on our website.

CIVIL AUTHORITY

An extension commonly found under most business interruption and other time element forms is known as civil authority.

Generally, this extension covers the actual business interruption or other time element loss caused by the action of a civil authority that prohibits access to the covered premises due to direct physical loss or damage to property other than at the described premises by a covered peril. Restrictions may apply, such as a maximum time recovery of four weeks.

Certain policy forms may limit the "scope" of coverage to a specified distance from where the damage occurred. In addition, a sublimit may also be applicable. All policies need to be reviewed to ascertain any of these limitations.

In New York City, civil authorities prohibited access to all of lower Manhattan below Canal Street immediately following the attack on the WTC. Some businesses in lower Manhattan resumed business on Monday, September 17, 2001. Many businesses located below Canal Street did not sustain direct damage, but suffered an interruption of business. They may be able to

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make claims under their business interruption or other time element coverage.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also shut down the entire air space within the United States immediately following the attack. This suspension lasted two days, except in New York and Washington D.C., where the shutdown was longer.

Many businesses suffered losses as a result of this aviation shutdown and will look to the civil authority extension under their business interruption/time element coverage to collect their loss. Unless the insured sustained an interruption of business as a result of actions of a civil authority at or within the vicinity of the WTC, policies are unlikely to respond to this financial loss.

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OUR MONTHLY & ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2001 TO NOVEMBER 28, 2001 DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES RIMS CHAPTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16, 2002 AT THE NEW OTANI HOTEL

Please mark your calendar. The theme is "Survivor Skills for the Risk Manager." We recognize our lives have been changed since September 2001. We will have personal stories of how we are handling these changes. For more information, please contact Education Conference Chair, Barbara Y. Anderson at 213.217.5782 or e-mail: byanderson@mwdh2o.com

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The LA RIMS Chapter will now recognize all risk managers who have received their ARM, CRM, FRM, or CPCU during the last year at the January 16th Education Conference. LA RIMS provides a \$\$\$

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award. Please contact our Education Director, Leo Constantino at MTA, 213.922.4620 or e-mail: constantinoL@mta.net identifying what designation you received for what year. Please plan to attend the luncheon January 16th, 2002 at The New Otani Hotel.

RISK MANAGEMENT ON THE INTERNET

Need to contact a state's insurance department? The following provides the websites for insurance departments by state:

Alabama - www.dir.state.al.us/wcinsur.htm
Alaska - www.dced.state.ak.us/insurance
Arizona - www.state.az.us/id
Arkansas - www.state.ar.us/insurance
California - www.insurance.ca.gov
Colorado - www.dora.state.co.us/insurance
Connecticut - www.state.ct.us/cid
Delaware - www.state.de.us/inscom/
Florida - www.doi.state.fl.us
Georgia - www.inscomm.state.ga.us
Hawaii - www.state.hi.us/dcca/ins
Idaho - www.doi.state.id.us
Illinois - www.state.il.us/ins
Indiana - www.state.in.us/idoi
Iowa - www.iid.state.ia.us
Kansas - www.ksinsurance.org
Kentucky - www.doi.state.ky.us
Louisiana - www.lidi.state.la.us
Maine - www.state.me.us/pfr/ins/ins_index.htm
Maryland - www.mdinsurance.state.md.us
Massachusetts www.state.ma.us/consumer/Info/insur.htm
Michigan - www.cis.state.mi.us/ofis
Minnesota - www.commerce.state.mn.us
Mississippi - www.doi.state.ms.us
Missouri - www.insurance.state.mo.us
Montana - www.discoveringmontana.com/sao
Nebraska - www.doc.state.ne.us/insure
Nevada - <http://doi.state.nv.us>
New Hampshire - www.state.nh.us/insurance
New Jersey - www.naic.org/nj/NJHOME.PG.HTML
New Mexico - www.state.nm.us/wca
New York - www.ins.state.ny.us
North Carolina - www.ncdoi.com
North Dakota - www.state.nd.us/ndins
Ohio - www.ohioinsurance.gov
Oklahoma - www.oid.state.ok.us
Oregon - www.cbs.state.or.us/external/ins
Pennsylvania - www.insurance.state.pa.us

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Rhode Island – www.state.ri.us
South Carolina – www.state.sc.us/doi
South Dakota – www.state.sd.us/insurance
Tennessee – www.state.tn.us/commerce
Texas – www.texas.gov/agency/454.html
Utah – www.insurance.state.ut.us
Vermont – www.bishca.state.vt.us
Virginia – www.vwc.state.va.us
Washington – www.insurance.wa.gov
West Virginia – www.state.wv.us/Brim
Wisconsin – <http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/oci/>
Wyoming – <http://insurance.state.wy.us>

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

FLASH REPORT: DAVIS VETOES BENEFITS BILL

As expected, Gov. Gray Davis vetoed Senate Bill 71 and its companion bill, AB 1176, late Sunday night.

In his veto message, Davis said he believes it is time to increase benefits for injured workers, but the legislative package approved by Democratic lawmakers does not meet his goal of promoting injured workers' return to work, controlling medical costs and targeting benefit dollars to achieve the best outcomes.

"I am concerned about the net economic impact of SB 71 and AB 1176 in these shaky economic times," Davis said.

Even advocates predicted that Davis would veto the sweeping benefits-increase bill, but Davis waited until just before a constitutional deadline that requires him to take action on end-of-session bills within 30 days of adjournment.

The Governor added that he believes his staff and the Legislature should work together to craft pass another benefits bill before the beginning of the 2002 session in January.

The Oct. 24 edition of the Advisor will contain a full report on the veto and the reaction within the workers' comp industry.

TIP OF THE MONTH

The Key To Productive Meetings

Unclog meeting bottlenecks so that you advance swiftly. Here are some pointers:

• **Use the action plan** from your last meeting as the starting point for the current one. Review the status of each item. *Example:* If you assigned an aide to draft a letter, confirm that he's done it to your satisfaction.

• **Address mishaps** from assignments given in the last meeting focus on learning from mistakes, developing skills and discovering new dimensions to a challenge. *Example:* A manager who tried to contact customers found that many of them had moved. So he devised better data-management strategies

Excerpted from October 2001 Communication Briefings

2001-2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2001


28th Annual Meeting & Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

December 2001

12th Holiday Event
Jonathan Club

January 2002

16th Education Day
The New Otani Hotel



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