



RIMS Los Angeles Chapter Quarterly Highlights

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Chapter Hosts Networking Event at Fox Studios

The Los Angeles Chapter held an evening networking event on July 16 at Fox Studios for local risk management professionals. Chapter members had the opportunity to meet others across a wide array of industries in a relaxed and historic setting. Representative industries included agriculture and food distribution, banking, charities, entertainment, financial, government and public entities, aerospace, grocery, homebuilding, housing, manufacturing, media, museum, newspaper, ports, real estate, restaurants, retail, and schools.

Special guests were members of the California Emergency Mobile Patrol (CEMP) organization which is a non-profit all-volunteer Search & Rescue team based in the San Fernando Valley. CEMP provides regular emergency response for area agencies and is a primary resource in times of unusual occurrences and in times of disaster.



At the Fox event, pictured from left to right are Greg Kildare, Chief Risk Officer, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Steve Nyblom, Manager, County of Los Angeles, Risk Management Branch.

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Pictured from left to right are Paul Burleigh, Art Rocha, Greg Fry, and Rick Nemick, with CEMP at the Fox Event. Paul presented the Chapter with an award of appreciation for a recent donation the Chapter made to CEMP.

Los Angeles Chapter Board Member Wendy Macy Attends RIMS on the Hill



Every June, the Risk and Insurance Management Society convenes its legislative conference, known as "RIMS on the Hill" in Washington, D.C. to lobby members of Congress. This year, L.A. Chapter Board member Wendy Macy, Personnel Director, Los Angeles Unified School District, attended along with roughly forty other risk managers.

This year's event focused on the critical issues of Surplus Lines, Optional Federal Charter, the Risk Retention Act expansion, and the Office of Insurance Information Act. The first day of the RIMS on the Hill program was focused on educating attendees on the issues and how to effectively communicate the issues and lobby their members of Congress. The two panel sessions allowed members to gain insight into the political situation surrounding RIMS' issues from the viewpoints of congressional staffers as well as industry representatives. During the second day, attendees spent time on Capitol Hill meeting with elected officials and their staffs discussing issues of importance to risk managers. Highlights included:

- Eleanor Clift, an editor for Newsweek Magazine, a contributor to the McLaughlin Group, and a political analyst for Fox News, delivered the keynote luncheon address. Her discussion was focused on the political climate surrounding the November presidential election.
- Panel session made of bipartisan senior staffers from the House and Senate on Surplus Lines, the Optional Federal Charter, the Office of Insurance Information Act, and the expansion of the Risk Retention Act.

- Panel session consisting of lobbyists and representatives from the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers, American Bankers Insurance Association, the National Association of Surplus Lines Organizations, and a staffer for Congressman Dennis Moore (D-KS) discussed the political climate surrounding the pieces of legislation that RIMS is the most interested in.
- Beginner and advanced instructional sessions were given by RIMS staff members on how to lobby effectively and what to do/not do while on Capitol Hill.
- Lobbying delegation strategy session.

Wendy has also been working with representatives from the other California chapters in forming the RIMS California Legislative Delegation. The California Legislative Delegation is a coalition of seven RIMS chapters throughout California, representing risk management professionals, with the purpose of promoting education, communication and positions on current state legislation to our membership, and acting as an industry resource for our elected legislators. The Delegation is planning a similar event in Sacramento for January 2009.

Wendy holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a B.A. degree from Harvard College. She serves on the RIMS External Affairs Committee. For additional information on RIMS on the Hill or the California Legislative Delegation, please contact Wendy at wendy.macy@lausd.net.

Upcoming Events

View the event schedule at www.larims.org for additional information and registration

- **Evening of Baseball, Dodger Stadium, August 16, 2008**
- **Generational Differences, September 17, 2008, Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens**
- **Safety Symposium, Oct. 15, 2008, Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens**
- **J. Patrick Gallagher, President, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Nov. 19, 2008**

President's Message



Becky Smith
2008 President
Los Angeles Chapter
Board of Directors

The Chapter held an evening of baseball on August 16 at Dodger Stadium in the right field pavilion, and a great time was had by all. While the Dodgers lost to the Brewers in the tenth, it was a very exciting game with perfect weather.

Our September luncheon breaks away from traditional risk/insurance topics to: Changing Environments/Changing Workforce: generational differences in the workplace. The retirement of the baby boomers has initiated a generational shift in today's workplace. It is vital that both employers and employees are aware of this shift and make the necessary adjustments to reach optimum productivity and to grow their organizations into the future.

Please join us on September 17, 2008 for this very dynamic presentation from The Jacobson Group, the professional and human capital services firm dedicated to the insurance and financial services industries.

Meet the Board

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Aon's Client World Sweepstakes Winner Announced

The Grand Prize Winner of Aon's Client World Sweepstakes at the RIMS 2008 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego is Los Angeles RIMS Chapter President Becky Smith. Becky is the Manager of Risk Management at Castle & Cooke/Dole Food Company. She was awarded a two-year lease on a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid that she has been enjoying tremendously since driving it off the lot in June. The sweepstakes was conducted by Marden Kane, a third-party awards organization.



Pictured from left to right are John Barrett, Resident Managing Director of Aon Los Angeles, Becky Smith, and Alan Boring with Aon Los Angeles.