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## RIMS on the Mall a Smashing Success

### Five California RIMS chapters represented

The inaugural California RIMS on the Mall Legislative Conference was held on January 28-29 in Sacramento, Calif. Nearly 20 members—representing five of the seven California RIMS chapters—united to present the message that RIMS members can be valuable non-partisan “subject matter experts” for matters affecting organizations in the State.

The delegates interacted with state legislature representatives and the Insurance Commissioner's Office staff to introduce the Society, provide education on the risk management profession and discuss the policy issues of insurance contract certainty and

workers' compensation reform.

Speakers at the event included Manolo Platin, director at the Office of the Insurance Advisor; Lori Kammerer, principal of Kammerer and Co.; and John Benton, principal of Government Strategies, Inc.



### Legislators Visited

- Senate: Corbett (D-10)  
 Cox (R-1)  
 Harman (R-35)  
 Hollingsworth (R-36)  
 Walters (R-33)  
 Wiggins (D-2)
- Assembly: Ammiano (D-13)  
 Anderson (R-77)  
 DeVore (R-70)  
 Hagman (R-60)  
 Hayashi (D-18)  
 Huber (D-10)  
 Perez (D-46)  
 Silva (R-67)  
 Tran (R-68)

## Our Mission

We are a coalition of the California Chapters of RIMS representing thousands of risk management professionals with the purpose of promoting education, communication and positions on current legislation to our membership and acting as an industry resource for our public officials.

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## Attend LEG202 in Orlando

**“Speak Up! Ignite Your  
Legislative Voice”**

Tuesday, April 21  
9:00 – 10:30 am

Sponsored by RIMS  
External Affairs  
Committee

This session will provide an in-depth view of the most pressing legislative issues facing the industry and learn how you can get involved and make a difference.

Know what RIMS is doing to represent the interests of the risk management community at the

Federal, state and local levels.

Learn about the experiences of RIMS California Legislative Delegation, a coalition formed by the seven California chapters, as it coordinated an effective voice for legislation and regulation at the state level.

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.

*Aristotle*

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## Regulatory Issue: Insurance Contract Certainty

New York Insurance Superintendent Eric R. Dinallo issued Circular Letter No. 20 (2008) on October 16, 2008, calling for all terms of an insurance policy to be complete and finalized, memorialized, executed, and provided to the insured within 30 days of inception. The New York circular applies to all property/casualty insurance policies and all reinsurance contracts, and gives insurers twelve months come into compliance.

RIMS supports New York’s circular letter. Lack of contract certainty is at the heart of customer service deficiencies, and insureds do not know what coverage they have actually obtained, or assume coverage where there is none. This uncertainty leads to increased litigation for insureds and insurers, and excessive and unnecessary delays for organizations trying to resume operations, as seen in the case of the World Trade Center.

California RIMS members are encouraged to ask State legislators to send a letter to Commissioner Poizner in support of a regulation on insurance contract certainty, using language similar language to NY Circular Letter No. 20 (2008). For details, contact your Chapter’s Legislative Chair.

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## California Starts a Trend

The four RIMS Texas chapters hosted their first Texas Legislative Conference on March 2-3 in Austin.

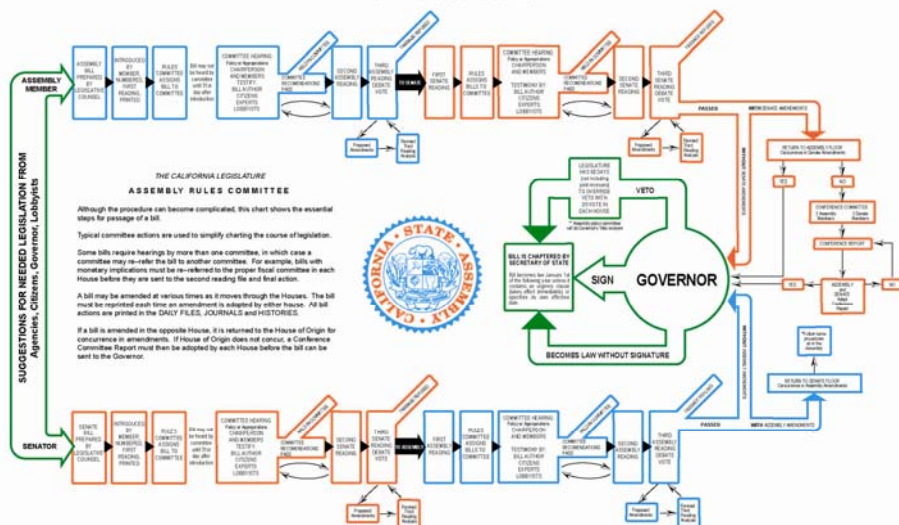
The delegates focused on workers compensation concerns, Texas State Department of Insurance issues, and how to effectively communicate with legislators and their staff.

**Are you interested in holding a Legislative Conference in your state?** Contact [Nathan Bacchus](#), RIMS State and Regulatory Affairs Associate, at 212-655-6215 for more details.



# From Idea into Law

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Looks simple, doesn't it?

Democracy means decision by those concerned.

- Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker

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