The Puffin Report

RIMS Canada Council (RCC) Update
September 2014 Meeting in Winnipeg

1. **RIMS Canada Council**
   For the term January 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2015, the slate of officers is as follows:
   - Roman Parzei, Ontario CHAIR
   - Darius Delon, Southern Alberta VICE CHAIR
   - Rieneke (Ren) Lips, Ontario TREASURER
   - Lynda Lyttle, Northern Alberta SECRETARY
   - Betty Clarke, Newfoundland & Labrador PAST CHAIR

   The RCC and its three (3) subcommittees continue to work on the strategic goals that were set in 2012 as well as the revised version of these goals from Quebec Winter Planning Meeting in 2014:
   - Attract & Develop effective & engaged volunteer leadership
   - Be the go to resource for Professional Development of Risk Management Practitioners
   - Continue to support retention and growth of membership
   - Demonstrate, communicate & advocate for the value of Risk Management and the Risk Practitioner.

2. **RIMS Update**
   - Nominations for 2015 RIMS Awards are open until January 13, 2015. Information on the various award categories can be found at: [http://www.rims.org/aboutRIMS/Awards/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.rims.org/aboutRIMS/Awards/Pages/default.aspx)
   - Future RIMS conference locations:
     - 2015 – New Orleans, April 26 – 29
     - 2016 – San Diego, April 10 - 13
   - Denver Conference (April 2014) had a record number of students attend; new initiatives included: innovation showcase; live streaming of opening sessions

3. **RIMS Canada Conferences**
   - Congratulations to the Winnipeg Local Organizing Committee for hosting an exceptional conference. The RCC was proud to co-sponsor the Opening Reception in Winnipeg.
   - Mark your calendars for upcoming RIMS Canada Conferences:
     - 2015 – Quebec City, September 27 – 30. Note that this Conference will have a new Gala Experience on Sunday evening instead of Tuesday.
4. **Sub-Committee updates:**

- NCC – RIMS Society will gradually become more involved (providing support) in managing the RIMS Canada Conference over the next two years.
- NEC - Standardized exams will be implemented and candidates will need to pass all three (3) before earning the CRM designation from GRMI.

5. **Standing Sub Committees of the RCC are:**

- **Communications/External Affairs**
  Carrie Green – Chair
  Sasha Alexander – Vice Chair
  Gail Cullen – Secretary
  Betty Clarke – RCC Liaison
  Angela Haywood, Ben McAllister, Sara Mikolich, Stephane Cossette

- **Conference**
  April Savchuk – Chair
  Steve Matterson – Vice Chair
  Ren Lips – RCC Liaison
  Sue Mepham – Secretary
  Bev Duthoit, Julie Chapdelaine, Janet Stein, Dee Vipond

- **Education**
  Vanessa McLean – Chair
  Tony Lackey – Vice Chair
  David Beal - Secretary
  Darius Delon – RCC Liaison
  Bill Baker, Len Cheryk, Annette Bieberstein