



The Puffin Report

RIMS Canada Council Update - January 23 – 24, 2009, Edmonton

1. RCC Update

The RCC Mandate has been reviewed and updated at the request of RIMS. Final approval by RIMS Board of Directors and RCC is expected shortly.

- Subcommittees continue to work on the RCC Strategic Plan.
- RCC agreed to make a \$30,000 donation to the MacGannon Foundation representing \$10,000 for each of 2007, 2008 and 2009. RCC will continue to consider funding to McGannon Foundation on an ad hoc basis.

2. RIMS Update

- Chapter Membership Campaigns - RIMS is supporting chapter membership campaigns with a 4-6 week dues discount window.
- Staff Changes at RIMS include:
 - Annette Homan is the new Deputy Executive Director handling internal operations.
 - Mary Roth stays as Executive Director. She will take on a more public role and become the "face of RIMS".
 - Meggie Duke now manages customer service in the Member and Chapter Services department.
 - Debbie Girard is the new Communications Manager.
 - Emily Holbrook is the new Associate Editor for Risk Management Magazine.
 - Kate Powers is the new Program Manager in the Professional Development department.
- Member Satisfaction Survey - A summary of the results of the survey can be found at <http://www.rims.org/membership/Pages/MemberSatisfaction.aspx>. Canadian data is not separated out. There is an overall 97% member satisfaction rate, and the satisfaction numbers are up significantly from the last survey conducted in 2003.
- Membership Growth Awards - Six Canadian chapters won membership growth awards for 2008.
- A new awards program will be introduced in 2009 for the awards that will be presented in 2010. There was a webinar on February 26 to explain the new awards program and it will be on the agenda for the House of Delegates meeting in Orlando.
- Expanded PERK Program - There are now 26 program topics including 15 new topics. All but a few are available in Canada. There is no cost to chapters for these programs and no limit on the number of programs a chapter can request. The request form with a listing of all the sessions is at <http://www.rims.org/membership/chapterofficertools/Resources/Documents/Final.2009perkssessions.pdf>. Contact Darlene Lebron or Cindy Tiritilli at the RIMS New York office to book a program.
- There is a new social networking platform on the RIMS website. It is accessible from a new button on the left side of the home page that says "Community". Any RIMS member will be

able to form a new group, search for people based on criteria including events attended, and upload documents to the resource library.

- RIMS has reserved two tables for Canadian members at the RIMS Annual Conference Opening Breakfast and Awards Luncheon. All chapter members who will be attending the conference are encouraged to sit at these tables. They are tables 59 and 60.

3. Subcommittee Updates

- RIMS has published its state/local Legislative Handbook and the Communications and External Affairs Committee (CEA) will be working to adapt this for Canadian chapters.
- National Conference Committee (NCC) released an RFP in the fall for a National Event Planner. Evaluations will be completed by end of February and a firm selected for a three year term commencing after the 2009 conference in Newfoundland.
- The National Education Committee (NEC) is planning additional educational offerings to Canadian members in 2009.

4. Other

- Moving on - Bruce Tainsh, Vice Chair of the RCC, has announced his intention to step down from his position on May 20th, 2009.
- Moving up - Tino Brambilla has agreed to become Vice Chair on May 20th, 2009. Discussions are underway to replace Tino as Treasurer.
- The RCC is seeking a Membership "Captain".
- Joe Restoule from the SARIMS chapter commenced his term as RIMS President on Jan 1st, 2009. Joe is the first RIMS President from western Canada.

Remember that the RCC position is an elected Board position. Each of the 10 Canadian chapters chooses an RCC representative to represent them on the Council.

Members of subcommittees are always being sought. The RCC subcommittees are Communications External Affairs, National Conference Committee and the National Education Committee. If you have an interest in any of these committees, please advise your chapter President, RCC representative or our Canadian consultant, bwasser@sympatico.ca.