President’s Message
by Diana Rich

The magic of the internet brings you my monthly musings all the way from Germany. This trip hasn’t been all fun and beer. Taking my mom’s ashes back to her birthplace causes me to reflect on the importance of showing our family and friends that we cherish them while we can. A visit to Berlin was a sobering reminder of the many freedoms that we too often take for granted. The Checkpoint Charlie museum was very moving. It’s hard to imagine how horrific life was for the people trapped on the east side of the wall. Over 5,000 people risked death to escape to freedom in West Berlin for a chance at a better life. We’ve heard that bit of history often enough, but we seldom remember that West Berlin (and Germany overall) was shattered and life was bleak, and freedom was still going to be very, very hard. Even in West Germany, my grandmother despaired of a bright future for my mom and scrimped and saved to send her to America in 1951. They didn’t see each other again for 13 years.

On a lighter note, we have the Germans to thank for our workers’ compensation system. Initiated by Otto von Bismarck in the late 19th century, compulsory coverage for employees injured on the job was designed to take the wind out of the sails of the then nascent socialist movement. Sometimes bad intentions do have good outcomes - after all, if it wasn’t for work comp, I would have had to get a real job.

I’ll close out with herzliche wünche for a happy Thanksgiving and a holiday filled with joy and cheer. Kick off the seasonal fun by joining us December 4th for the OCRIMS Holiday Gala at Chapman Crafted Beer for an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, corn-hole competition and a photo booth. Space is limited to 100, so sign up early.

We are looking for sponsors for kegs and more, and encourage everyone to bring raffle prizes to support this year’s charity, Kid’s Chance, a scholarship program for children of workers killed or seriously injured on the job. The following page contains full details of the Holiday Gala, including registration information and how to become a sponsor or a raffle donor. See you there wearing your ugly sweater!

Live long and prosper, Diana Rich

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH:
OCRIMS HOLIDAY GALA
CELEBRATE THE YULETIDE SEASON WITH OCRIMS FRIENDS AND PEERS

Link to register:
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egp1rliy14e8eche&oseq=&c=af59f100-b751-11e6-a815-d4ae528442b5&ch=af7986f0-b751-11e6-a813-d4ae528442b5

See details on the following page
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
OCRIMS Holiday Gala

CELEBRATE THE YULETIDE SEASON WITH OCRIMS FRIENDS AND PEERS

Events: Happy Hour, Entertainment, Dinner, Raffle . . . and an Ugly Sweater Contest
Time: 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour  7:00 p.m. – Dinner  8:30 p.m. – Raffle
Where: Chapman Crafted Beer, 123 North Cypress Street, Orange Circle, Orange, CA 92866
Cost: $25 for members, $50 for nonmembers, $10 for students (must be 21 years of age)
      $50 for late reservations/walk-ins. (Walk-ins are not guaranteed a meal.)

Online registration is now available for Chapter events!
Click the following link to go to the registration page, where you can enter your contact information and select the payment method.
Want to go to the head of the line? Pay online, and bring your receipt.
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07epp1riliy14e8ecbe&oseq=&c=af59f100-b751-11e6-a815-d4ae528442b5

Note: OCRIMS will send a follow-up email regarding registration to addresses pulled from the RIMS Message Center database, and your contact preferences must be set to “Yes” in the database to receive the announcement via email. If you’ve received this newsletter by direct email, you probably have your contact preferences set to “Yes” in the database, but if you want to make sure, follow the simple steps outlined under “OCRIMS Database Management System,” as indicated on the next to last page of the newsletter. Contact Zareen Morrison at (714)376-3756 with any questions regarding the registration process.

Celebrate the holiday season with industry peers and good cheer at the OCRIMS Holiday Gala on December 4th at Chapman Crafted Beer!
Join us for dinner, entertainment, fabulous raffle prizes and an Ugly Sweater Contest!

In the spirit of the holiday season, OCRIMS will be collecting monetary donations for Kids’ Chance California, a nonprofit organization that provides need-based educational scholarships to the children of California workers who have been fatally or seriously injured on the job.

Holiday Gala sponsorship opportunities are available. Send an email to ocrims@outlook.com and someone will follow up immediately. You can also send an email to that address if you would like to donate raffle prizes to be given away at the Holiday Gala.
Items that would make good raffle prizes include gift cards, alcohol, gift baskets, event tickets, movie tickets, and electronics.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in California alone, there are more than 350 work-related fatalities a year. Serious accidents can have a devastating impact on families, especially children, as parents must face the hurdle of funding their children’s education — the key to their future and ours. Together, with your help, Kids’ Chance is making a difference in California. To learn more about the organization, visit http://www.kidschanceca.org, send an email to info@kidschanceca.org, or call (415)877-KIDS.
OCRIMS NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP--
ARE STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS STILL RELEVANT?
by Zareen Morrison

For the last speaker presentation of the year, we invited Michael Zea of Ringler Associates to share his knowledge of structured settlements and their relevance in claims settlements. Mike discussed the use of structured settlements as a negotiation tool to help settle claims through creative case analysis, planning and good communication with the goal of reducing the exposure or, minimally, to work within the existing authority where demand would exceed it.

The presentation addressed the value structured settlements added to the claims settlement process, how settlement consultants could assist claim handlers by approaching settlement discussions from a needs-based approach, and he provided real-cost figures for life-care plans, future loss of income, and home or educational needs, to name a few. Mike explained the benefits claimants could have with structured settlements. These included experienced settlement assistance, payments structured to meet timely needs of the claimant without rapid dissipation of funds, tax-free income, fixed payments, as well as the payments remaining as is, regardless of fluctuations in the market or interest rates.

In addition, Mike discussed how structured settlements could be beneficial to the insurer or the insured. Most importantly, structured settlements could help bridge the gap in settlement negotiations. Such settlements could incorporate medical underwriting to more accurately address life expectancy issues giving savings through the use of “rated age” as opposed to actual age of the claimant. There could also be earlier settlements as a result, thus reducing legal fees and allocated expenses. Further, Mike talked about how structured settlements could protect an insurer from Medicare’s interests more cost effectively and settle claims without risk of adverse trial results.

In concluding his presentation, Mike provided special considerations for structured settlements providing options for a claimant to protect the claimant’s eligibility for social security, Medicaid, as well as Medicare set-asides. Mike discussed the advantage of using structured settlement consultants to help with claims settlements, as well as when it was most beneficial to use structured settlements.

On behalf of OCRIMS, I would like to thank Mike Zea for taking the time to present on a topic that could be applicable across multiple lines of insurance. For information about the presentation or questions regarding structured settlements, please contact Mike Zea at MZea@ringlerassociates.com

The group photo at left includes the participants of a roundtable for risk managers. The activity was held at Edwards Lifesciences in Irvine.
Stay up-to-date on the latest in risk management

Featured Webinar
A View from the Front Lines: How to Get Risk Owners More Engaged
November 20 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pacific Time
Sponsored by Resolver

Without good, accurate data from the business units that own the risks, it’s hard to be confident in the enterprise risk reporting and analysis you are delivering. Last-minute edits, chasing down data to increase confidence, and angry reminders can become an unwelcome part of your practice that distracts from more strategic work.

Participate in this live webinar on November 20th to learn the techniques your peers are using to improve accountability and risk culture throughout their organizations. Resolver and other industry experts will offer practical methods to:

- Deliver better data governance and data collection
- Routinely track risks and risk-associated tasks
- Assign risk owner accountability and ensure they provide regular and detailed action plans to address issues

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https://www.pathlms.com/rims/webinars/6823
California Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new state-wide system, created in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, that will provide California residents with an early warning for coming earthquakes. Part of the system is an emergency messaging system that sends text warnings, similar to those that cell phone users already get for floods and missing persons. The other component of the system is a new app called *MyShake*, which will give people “tens of seconds” advance notice before a quake strikes. If you are in a house, that might be enough time to get to a safe spot away from falling furniture. If you are on the road, it may be enough time to pull off the road or stop before a bridge or tunnel.

According to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, “The system uses ground motion sensors from across the state to detect earthquakes before humans can feel them and will notify Californians so that they can ‘Drop, cover and hold on’ in advance of an earthquake.” A similar app called *ShakeAlertLA* was unveiled in January, but was only available to L.A. residents. Additionally, an early warning system had already been in place in California, but many believed that it was not sensitive enough. This summer, after two major earthquakes hit an area outside of Los Angeles, L.A. residents complained that they had not received any warning because the quake’s distance from the city meant that it was strong enough to set off the sensors in Los Angeles.

Newsom announced the new system on the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake that hit San Francisco in 1989, killing 63 people and causing a reported $6 billion in 1989 dollars (more than $12 billion today) in property damage. A spokesperson for the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services said that if the new system had been in place at the time of Loma Prieta, residents would have gotten a warning 15 to 18 seconds before the earthquake hit.

Shortly after its release, two earthquakes in San Francisco tested the app and it was able to warn users within a median time of 2.1 seconds for the first quake and 1.6 seconds for the second. Officials said that the app will improve as it is tested further, and will also be available in Spanish and other languages in the near future, allowing it to reach more California residents.

California has a 99.7% chance of a 6.7 magnitude earthquake or larger in the next 30 years, according to Dr. William Leith of the U.S. Department of the Interior’s U.S. Geological Survey. And while the new system could protect residents from bodily harm, the same cannot be said for their property. According to a 2018 California Department of Insurance report, only 13% of state residents with homeowner’s insurance purchased earthquake coverage in 2017. The total for all Californians is likely lower, around 10%, leaving many vulnerable to high costs for repairing and rebuilding property.
Susan Hiteshew, RIMS board member, presented Recology Inc. with the RIMS 2019 Global Enterprise Risk Management Award of Distinction at the RIMS ERM Conference in New Orleans. The award recognizes Recology for its outstanding integration of ERM with governance and strategy to achieve sustainable, long-term value across the organization.

The San Francisco-based resource recovery company successfully implemented a unique ERM program in just over a year, while demonstrating value creation related to an acquisition. Recology leadership’s commitment and risk committee guidance provided a foundation for the ERM team to develop a training program for employees, establish a common risk database and deploy several other initiatives to build risk awareness into the culture. Additionally, Recology adopted new risk-driven metrics to address dynamic risks, such as global pricing of recycled materials, which have resulted in more efficient allocation of resources.

“I was amazed at how quickly our staff gravitated to this project,” explained Michael J. Sangiacomo, President and CEO of Recology. “The implementation of our ERM program has been an exceptionally successful initiative. When we launched the program in early 2018 we had no formal risk management infrastructure aside from insured risk. Now, ERM has a strong presence throughout the organization. All of our employee owners are increasingly aware of their responsibilities regarding communicating and managing risks, and we possess multiple tools for managing risks effectively and minimize unexpected outcomes.”

Honorable mentions for this year’s Global ERM Award of Distinction were presented to Dubai Roads and Transit Authority, The Regional Municipality of York and ON Semiconductor. Dubai RTA’s program is awarded for using ERM as a performance enabler which has proven highly effective in reducing emergencies and crises events that affect Dubai’s transportation infrastructure. The Municipality of York is recognized for its ERM playbook, leveraging ERM in cyber and climate analytics, and instilling a strong culture of risk awareness across all levels and business areas of the organization. ON Semiconductor’s ERM program is acknowledged for its disciplined application of risk appetite parameters, and integration of emerging and interactive risk workshops.

“Organizations increasingly are customizing ERM programs to address unique needs and build risk strategies and competencies that align with long-term goals,” said RIMS CEO Mary Roth. “Recology, and all of our award winners, have successfully integrated ERM programs that link to their organizations’ respective missions, strategies and performance. RIMS is proud to honor them with the Global ERM Award of Distinction and share their successes with our community.”

Judging criteria for the Global ERM Award of Distinction includes measurable, tangible and sustainable results; unique program strengths; ERM innovation that links risk with strategy or performance; and the program’s ability to build sustaining risk management capabilities.
The Promise and Peril of IoT Technology
by Hilary Tuttle

Awareness of internet of things (IoT) technology remains somewhat nascent among small and medium enterprises and insurance brokers, with 51% and 39%, respectively, saying they are only somewhat familiar with the concept. Yet in its 2019 Future of Insurance survey, Argo Group found both businesses and brokers strongly believe the technology will have a major impact on the insurance industry over the next five years. Indeed, 57% of brokers think “IoT solutions” can reduce a company’s cost of risk, and 64% of small and medium enterprise clients think IoT will “significantly disrupt the insurance industry within the next five years.”

According to Rooney Gleason, the firm’s president of U.S. grocery and retail, “IoT data enables insurers to flip the conversation with clients, so it’s less about policy details and more about how they can better manage risk. Having access to objective, real-time metrics helps insurers make the case to clients that minimizing business interruption and risk can have a big impact on the business.” While applications of the technology promise convenience and efficiency for enterprises, 91% of brokers also see IoT as the top technology threat for the next year.

Cyberrisk Confidence Waning
by Morgan O'Rourke

Business leaders are increasingly concerned about cyberrisk, and their confidence in their organization’s ability to adequately manage it has notably declined, according to the 2019 Global Cyber Risk Perception Survey by Marsh and Microsoft. The survey found that 79% of respondents consider cyberrisk one of the five biggest concerns for their organization, up from 62% in 2017, while 22% considered it the top risk, compared to 6% in 2017.

Over the same time period, confidence in three critical areas of cyber resilience has declined: 18% of business leaders had no confidence in their organization’s ability to understand, assess and measure potential cyberrisks (up from 9% in 2017); 19% lacked confidence in their ability to mitigate cyberattacks (12% in 2017); and 22% were not confident they could respond and recover from cyber events (15% in 2017). The survey recommended that senior leaders prioritize cyber risk management to help create a stronger cybersecurity culture with clear standards for governance, accountability, resources and actions.
TWO-TIME SPENCER SCHOLAR MEGAN MILLER TO LEAD FOUNDATION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Spencer Educational Foundation (Spencer) announced the addition of Megan Miller as executive director. This is a new position, and Megan will oversee the Foundation’s day-to-day operations, including the administration of grants, the Risk Manager in Residence program for universities, and the scholarship and internship programs that support undergraduate and graduate risk management and insurance students. Her responsibilities also include managing Spencer’s fundraising endeavors such as the Spencer Gala and the Spencer 5K Fun Run.

“As a Spencer Scholar myself, I know first-hand just how valuable this Foundation’s support is,” said Ms. Miller. “In addition to its already outstanding lineup of services, I look forward to working with the Spencer team and its esteemed Board Directors to identify new opportunities that pave the way for tomorrow’s risk management and insurance leaders.”

“Megan joins us with an outstanding skillset and background in both the insurance and risk management arena, combined with a long-standing dedication to philanthropic and humanitarian causes,” said Spencer Chair Marya Propis. “Her blend of leadership skills and altruism priorities made her unique candidacy a winning proposition. And, the best part of her story, Megan is a two-time Spencer Scholar. We are excited to gain her perspective and learn from her keen understanding of our mission and our ability to impact lives.”

Megan comes to Spencer with an extensive background in nonprofit management and working within the insurance and risk management space. Most recently, she was the executive director for The Sasamani Foundation, where she managed an international team, developed strategic and fundraising plans and directed all aspects of its financial performance and viability.

SPENCER GALA RAISES $1.3M FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

More than 700 insurance and risk management executives gathered at the Spencer Educational Foundation’s (Spencer) annual fundraising gala at the Midtown Hilton Hotel in New York. The group celebrated gala honorees M. Steven DeCarlo, executive chairman at AmWINS Group, Inc. and David North, chairman and CEO of Sedgwick. The event raised more than $1.3M that will fund the development of grants, scholarships, internship and other educational programming for the next generation of risk management and insurance professionals.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS NOW OPEN!

Spencer offers three categories of scholarship to apply for: fulltime students, doctoral candidates, and part-time master’s students. Internship grants of up to $7,500 are also available through Spencer. For more information, visit the Spencer website: https://www.spencered.org/news/2019/10/29/spencer-applications-now-open
RIMS joins forces with USC Marshall Executive Education for a CRMP-prep workshop.

Demonstrate your knowledge of risk management competencies and commitment to quality when you earn the RIMS-Certified Risk Management Professional (RIMS-CRMP) credential. Earning the RIMS-CRMP makes you a recognized expert and leader in the risk management discipline—and a valuable asset to your organization, keeping you and your organization more competitive in today’s economy.

This prep workshop will help you to:
- Learn about the background and benefits of the certification.
- Review the five core competencies of a risk professional.
- Prepare with case studies, hands-on exercises and an action planner.
- Gain strategies for studying and test taking.
- Learn how to utilize testing centers.

Who Should Attend: This workshop is perfect for professionals with a minimum of 3 years of professional risk experience. The information is aimed at managers, directors, and executives across all industries who are required to identify and analyze risks and uncertainties. Registration closes two weeks prior to the workshop. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, course materials and parking.


More Information: [http://www.marshall.usc.edu/RIMS](http://www.marshall.usc.edu/RIMS)  execed@marshall.usc.edu

RIMS-CRMP holds official accreditation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under ISO/IEC 17024:2012, which makes it the only risk management certification in the world to hold accredited status. Visit [http://www.RIMS.org/Certification](http://www.RIMS.org/Certification) to learn more.
2019 RIMS BENCHMARK SURVEY

GET READY FOR RENEWAL SEASON!

Want to know how your insurance programs compare to the industry? The RIMS 2019 Benchmark Survey has the answers. Be prepared when it comes time to renew your insurance policies—purchase the Survey and know how much coverage companies are buying, and what they are paying for that coverage.

The RIMS Benchmark Survey is a single source of benchmark statistics, with industry data from more than 20,000 insurance programs from 600 organizations—including the programs of more than 50% of the Fortune 500 companies. It offers risk managers, insurance brokers and underwriters the first and only real-time window into the commercial insurance market—unbiased by brokers or insurers involved.

WHY DO YOU WANT THE 2019 RIMS BENCHMARK SURVEY?

The survey answers the questions you can’t find anywhere else:

- How does the price I’m paying compare?
- Am I buying the right amount of insurance?
- What are others buying that I’m not?
- Who’s writing the most of a specific type of coverage?

Purchase your copy of the leading reference source for risk management professionals and get your questions answered. For more information visit http://www.rims.org/resources/benchmark-survey

RIMS is now collecting data for the 2020 Benchmark Survey. Submit your data and get next year’s survey for free! See the following page for details.
Want to know how your insurance programs compares to the industry?

The RIMS Benchmark Survey has the answers. Be prepared when it comes time to renew your insurance policies—the Survey shows you how much coverage companies are buying, and what they are paying for that coverage.

The RIMS Benchmark Survey is a single source of benchmark statistics with industry data from more than 16,000+ insurance programs representing more than $3.95 billion in premium. It offers risk managers, insurance brokers and underwriters the first and only real-time window into the commercial insurance market—**unbiased by brokers or insurers involved.**

**Why contribute? Simple—the survey answers the questions you can’t ask anywhere else:**

- How does the price I’m paying compare?
- Am I buying the right amount of insurance?
- What are others buying that I’m not?
- Who’s writing the most of a specific type of coverage?

Get your questions answered. Submit your data to reserve your 2020 copy of the leading reference source for risk management professionals. [https://www.rims.org/benchmarksurvey/submission#/](https://www.rims.org/benchmarksurvey/submission#/)

Download the 2020 RIMS Survey Questionnaire Form and submit it to Benchmark@RIMS.org.

**Contributing is now easier than ever!**

Complete the broker authorization form to permit your broker to submit insurance schedules on your behalf. Contact Advisen at Benchmark@RIMS.org or call (212)897-4839.
NEW WHITE PAPER: DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

Need to be a due diligence expert or want to vet your current process against best practices? The Due Diligence Checklist will help get the job done.

Most online due diligence checklists are incomplete or have a very narrowly defined scope—making them irrelevant to your specific situation. This LexisNexis sponsored White Paper takes a different approach, so you’ll learn:

- What questions you need to ask yourself when entering into a new business relationship.
- When to start a due diligence investigation.
- What risks you should consider when entering into a third-party business relationship.
- Whether a simple due diligence inquiry is sufficient or an enhanced due diligence investigation is recommended.
- Which tools are suitable for your type of due diligence assessment.


Note: All downloads and related contact information will be accessible to the sponsor of this white paper.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND RIMS 2020 IN DENVER, MAY 3-6

Member-Only Priority Registration Opened November 12.

Perks include:

**First Choice of Hotels**--Best selection of the housing block

**Priority Event Seating**--Upfront special-event seating, first-come basis for keynotes

**Save Up to $780 on Registration**--Early discounts end February 14
RIMS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

RIMS will honor outstanding individuals and chapters for their achievements at RIMS 2020 Annual Conference & Exhibition, taking place May 3-6 in Denver.

Recognize achievement in these categories:

- **Harry and Dorothy Goodell Award**
  RIMS lifetime achievement award.

- **Ron Judd “Heart of RIMS” Award**
  For keeping the local chapter vibrant and resilient.

- **Richard W. Bland Memorial Award**
  For outstanding performance in risk management legislation or regulation.

- **Enhancing Chapter Outcomes (EChO) Awards Program**
  Recognizes chapters for exceptional strategic planning and achievement of goals.

- **Rising Star Award**
  For recognition of individuals who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments early in their career.

- **Risk Management Hall of Fame**
  For those who have made exceptional contributions to advancing the risk management discipline.

Visit [www.RIMS.org/Awards](http://www.RIMS.org/Awards) for detailed information and to submit nominations. The nomination deadline is January 6, 2020 at 5:00pm EST.
Make Risktech a Reality

Think risktech isn’t for you? Think again. Join RIMS on December 9 for a day dedicated to the latest tools and technology shaping risk management, from insurtech to AI. Attend this program to learn how your peers are successfully implementing risktech and the skills you’ll need to do it, too:

**Attend these sessions at RIMS Risktech Forum December 9**

**What Can Risktech Do for Me?**

What benefits or return on investment will tech yield? Hear real stories from senior risk and insurance experts about rolling out risktech. Learn how others have managed transformation challenges and expectations at every stage of implementation.

**Future-Proofing Your Career: Tech Savvy as a Skill Set**

Artificial intelligence, blockchain and data analytics are changing the risk landscape. What skill sets do you need to thrive? In this interactive session, you’ll learn what you need to elevate your risk practice and career.

**If I Can Do It, So Can You: Risk Managers Share Their Tech Adoption Strategies**

Some forward-looking risk managers are already making full use of risktech and reaping the rewards. Journey with them as they discuss road maps, best practices, key challenges and solutions, as well as getting buy-in from decision-makers.

Agenda: [https://www.rims.org/events/rf/risktech2019#agenda](https://www.rims.org/events/rf/risktech2019#agenda)

Register: [https://www.rims.org/events/rf/risktech2019](https://www.rims.org/events/rf/risktech2019)
**Call for Session Proposals**

RIMS is happy to announce the call for sessions for the 2020 Professional Exchange of Risk Knowledge (PERK) program. PERK sessions are free offerings to the chapters and serve as a great opportunity to create awareness of your organization, showcase your company’s depth of knowledge and build valuable relationships with risk management professionals.

PERK sessions generally include a 60- to 90-minute presentation followed by opportunities for interaction. As a PERK partner, you will be among industry leaders who provide high-caliber sessions on cutting-edge topics in the risk management field while gaining exposure throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada.

If you are interested in becoming a partner, please submit your sessions by **Monday, December 2**. Any submissions received after this time will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

Note: By becoming a PERK partner you are agreeing to make your sessions available, at a minimum, to RIMS chapters in the 48 contiguous United States. For more information on the PERK Program, please see below:

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**How to be considered for the 2020 PERK Program**

1. Submit your session proposal to [ChapterServices@RIMS.org](mailto:ChapterServices@RIMS.org) by **December 2, 2019**. Include a title and a brief (three to four sentences) description of the session.

2. Make sure to include any travel restrictions associated with your participation in the program. Please remember that we prefer for all sessions to be available to all chapters in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii, Canadian Chapters and the Mexico Chapter. As a reminder, all PERK sessions are free to RIMS chapters and any associated costs are to be paid by the PERK partner.

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**What PERK partners receive**

- 2020 PERK Program flyers, which will be sent to all chapters in early January.
- “PERK Partner” signage will be delivered to all PERK partners exhibiting at the RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition.

Visit the PERK page to learn more about the program and to see the 2019 lineup of sessions. [https://www.rims.org/community/chapters/chapter-officer-tools#perk-program](https://www.rims.org/community/chapters/chapter-officer-tools#perk-program)

If you have any questions regarding the PERK Program, send an email to**[PERK@RIMS.org](mailto:PERK@RIMS.org).**
HOCKEY FACTS

The 2019-2020 NHL Hockey season is going strong, and whether you follow the Los Angeles Kings or Anaheim Ducks (or another franchise), the game offers a lot of excitement. To help you further appreciate the sport, it seems appropriate to provide some hockey facts.

The Los Angeles Kings began play as part of the 1967 NHL expansion. They have won two Stanley Cup Championships: 2012 and 2014.

The Anaheim Ducks hockey team was founded in 1993 by The Walt Disney Company as the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, a name based on the 1992 film *The Mighty Ducks*. Disney sold the franchise in 2005 to Henry and Susan Samueli, who changed the name of the team to the Anaheim Ducks. The Ducks have one Stanley Cup Championship to date—2007.

Ryan Getzlaf of the Ducks and Jeff Carter of the Los Angeles Kings each played in their 1,000th game in November of this year. It is a significant achievement.

Unlike baseball or basketball, the origins of ice hockey are murky. While some say a version of the game was played by the French and Irish as far back as the 1700s, others claim it was invented in the mid-1800s, when Canadians with homemade sticks would skate on frozen ponds in Ontario.

The first organized indoor hockey game was played March 3, 1875 at Montreal’s Victoria Skating Rink.

The National Hockey League (NHL) was founded on November 22, 1917.

The NHL consisted of ten teams during the 1920s, but the league experienced a period of retrenchment during the Great Depression.

Currently, the NHL has 31 teams (24 in the US and 7 in Canada). Seattle has been granted an expansion team, which will expand the league to 32 teams.

The Montreal Canadiens have won 23 Stanley Cup titles, the most of any NHL team.

The diameter of a hockey puck is three inches.

Darryl Sittler holds the NHL record for most points in a game, with 10. He scored five goals and had five assists on February 6, 1976, helping the Toronto Maple Leafs defeat the Boston Bruins.

The standard North American ice rink is 200 feet long and 85 feet wide.

Wayne Gretzky holds 61 NHL records, the most by far of any player.

The Hockey Hall of Fame is located in Toronto, Ontario.

Phil Esposito of the Boston Bruins was the first NHL player to record 100 points in a season.

Before games, hockey pucks are frozen to prevent them from bouncing during play.

Regulation hockey nets are six feet wide and four feet tall.

The Stanley Cup is named after a former Canadian Governor General, Lord Stanley of Preston, who donated the trophy in 1893.

The layer of ice in a pro hockey rink is usually three-quarters of an inch thick.

In 1971, the Boston Bruins signed Bobby Orr to a five-year deal worth $200,000 per season — the first million-dollar contract in NHL history.

Former Philadelphia Flyers goalie Ron Hextall was the first goaltender to score a goal by shooting the puck into the other team’s net.
CONTACT PERSON FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Arpi Rubenyan is the contact person for employment opportunities. If you have information or questions regarding employment opportunities, contact Arpi at (714)438-3277. With sufficient notice, OCRIMS will print relevant job openings in the monthly newsletters.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Share your creative solutions, ideas, etc. with the risk management community by contributing an article to the OCRIMS newsletter. Articles need to be submitted to Vaughn Shelton by the 10th of each month to be considered for publication. To submit an article, please email Vaughn at vauthnx6or@gmail.com. Don’t be shy; we’d love to hear from you!

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OCRIMS DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

OCRIMS maintains its contact database through the RIMS Message Center. To stay abreast of the happenings in the OC, make sure that you are registered through the RIMS Message Center, that your RIMS profile is up to date, and that you have selected your desired preferences. You do not even need to be a member of RIMS to take advantage of this great tool.

Here’s the link: http://www1.rims.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=verify. The Chapter affiliation is at the very bottom, so be sure to choose OCRIMS.

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR RIMS PROFILE—Log onto www.rims.org and scroll down at the Membership tab. In the category that says “My RIMS,” click on “My Contact Information.” On the information page, click “Edit.” At this point if you have not already logged into your RIMS account, it will ask you to login. Then update your information and click “Save.” It’s that easy!

Remember that OCRIMS provides ideal opportunities for you to stay at the forefront of risk management, and networking is a key component, as is remaining informed on what’s happening in our industry—the Message Center allows you to do that. If you have any difficulty with the RIMS Message Center, please contact dianarich@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

OCRIMS Calendar

December 4, 2019
OCRIMS HOLIDAY GALA
’Tis the Season to Celebrate with Friends
Location: Chapman Crafted Beer in Orange
See details in this newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving
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**DECEMBER 4TH – OCRIMS HOLIDAY GALA**