



2023 OFFICERS
Click on Photo for Bio
RIMS
Chicago Chapter



Carnell Jones
President



Katie Rabs
Vice President



Gail Bartholomew
Secretary



Seung Yoo
Treasurer



Theresa Severson
Past President

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

The second quarter may have been the proudest that I've been in my tenure as Chicago RIMS President. At this year's RISKWORLD conference, we had the opportunity to celebrate several esteemed members and our chapter being recognized for their achievements and impact on the global risk management community. Chicago RIMS members won three of this year's major individual awards in addition to winning an ECHO award is a chapter for the second year in a row. Special congratulations to Theresa Severson (Risk Manager of the Year), Judy Silverman (Ron Judd Heart of RIMS Award) and Anne Marie Bitta (Risk Management Honor Roll) for their individual achievements and to all the members of this great chapter for your contributions to our overall success. The supportive environment that you have created allows individuals to share their challenges and victories. Our members' collective insights, ideas, and advocacy efforts have a real impact on shaping the industry and influencing policy.

Whether you are one of our dedicated chapter volunteers, a gracious sponsor, or have provided some additional insight to one of our thought-provoking discussions, our chapter has benefitted from your involvement and for that, I personally thank you. Our breadth and depth of expertise is an inherent strength that we can only better leverage with increased engagement. As we look forward to the rest of 2023, I encourage you to take full advantage of your membership, invite colleagues to join you on one of our committees, encourage professionals at all points of their careers to get involved, and actively participate in our vibrant community!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our chapter. Here's to another successful quarter!

Warm Regards, Carnell

UPCOMING EVENTS



August 4: Music Festival Risk Management Panel

SERMA has extended a special invitation to attend their upcoming 'Sports & Entertainment Risk Management Alliance: Music Festival Risk Management' on August 4, 2023 at Columbia College Student Center and have discounted the price of attendance to \$50 for SERMA & RIMS Members, and \$75 for non-members!

The panel consists of professionals from Silent Partner Management, Petrone Risk, Redbull AEG Presents, and Musically Fed and will discuss several sources of risk involving strategies to avoid risks in music festivals and events. Following the event SERMA will also be hosting a lunch and networking session from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.

August 23: Mastermind Group Session

Join us to hear about some creative risk management solutions stories and bring your toughest risk management challenges.

Hosted by:
MarshMcLennan Agency

Register [here](#)



September 14: Chicagoland Risk Forum

Where: The Old Post Office (Downtown Chicago) 8:00AM CST - 7:00PM CST
What: Educational Sessions, Risk Management Panels and Roundtables

Be sure to secure your place – Registration spots are filling-up quickly!

**Risk Management Professionals can attend free of charge*
A hotel room block is available – see event website for details*

Be sure to follow the event website for more details!

<https://chicagolandriskforum.org>

September 25: Chicago RIMS Golf Outing

Where: Arrowhead Golf Club (Wheaton)
What: Golf Tournament, Golf Clinics, Cocktail Hour and Raffle
Golf and Sponsorship registration is now open!

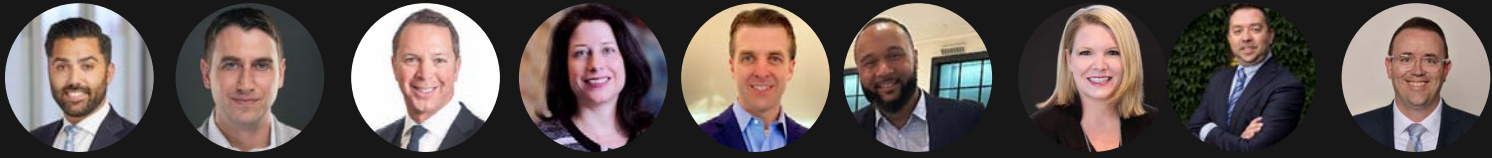


[Check out the latest Sponsorship Video](#)

If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering at the Golf Outing or wish to be on the Golf Committee, please reach out to Jennifer Pack at Jennifer.pack@hyatt.com



GET TO KNOW YOUR 2023 BOARD MEMBERS



Education

The Education Committee had a busy Q1 and Q2 as it awarded a total of 5 Chicago RIMS Chapter scholarships for \$2,500/each to students. Scholarship recipients included University of Wisconsin students Alex Coffini and Case Winter, as well as Illinois State University students Jacob Gordon and Sejal Pamnani. For the first time in RIMS Chicago Chapter history, we awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to a student who shares our dedication to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Chapter initiatives. The inaugural DEI scholarship was awarded to Natalie Maruyama from the University of Wisconsin.

Steve Boss from the Education Committee attended the Katie School Advisory Board meeting, scholarship award ceremony and Katie School Hall of Fame event in April at Illinois State University. We continue to explore opportunities to assist RIM programs in the Midwest with education and mentorship opportunities.

The Education Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist with outreach, mentorship and providing educational resources for local risk management and insurance school programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach to Ryan Fee at ryan.fee@inventrustproperties.com for more information.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

In the second quarter, RIMS DEI focus was front and center at this year's Global RIMS RISKWORLD conference held in Atlanta! This year, the conference featured a whole tract of programming focused on thought leadership, networking and relationship building between RIMS and external organizations that are promoting increase diversity in the insurance profession. Ahead of this year's conference, RIMS announced a partnership with NAAIA (National African American Insurance Association) which was exhibited with NAAIA's strong presence throughout the conference. In one of the sessions, NAAIA's Executive Director, Omari Jahi Aarons and Dr. Leroy D. Nunnery II (Evolution Advisors, LLC) and Renee Collins (Travelers) reviewed the second installment of the research on African American professionals in the risk and insurance industry: "The Next Steps on the Journey: Has Anything Changed?". As the panelists reflected on the report's findings, it only continued to highlight opportunities for our committee to help provide growth opportunities, find other ways to be change agents and making the risk and insurance industry more accessible and equitable to all. For more insights, we encourage that you review the Marsh report at <https://tinyurl.com/278wf4un>.

Locally, we continue our efforts to provide for leadership with a myriad of perspectives. This may, the local DEI committee hosted a discussion, panel "ESG As a Risk: What Does It Mean and What Can You Do" including panelists, Theresa Severson (Kite Realty Group), Nir Kossovsky (Steel City RE), Logan Payne (Lockton) and moderated by chapter president, Carnell Jones (Trinitas). The panel discuss a myriad of topics that highlighted connections between E.S.G., company statements and liability that may arise from misrepresentations and inequitable practices. Thanks to Lockton Chicago for hosting us and our compelling discussion. The committee is looking forward to announcing our next event and hope you will be able to attend.

AWARDS & HONORS

At RISKWORLD 2023 in Atlanta, three Chicago RIMS members received awards. Theresa Severson received the Risk Manager of the Year Award for excellence in her work as a risk manager and for her advancement of the profession. Judy Silverman received the Ron Judd "Heart of RIMS" Award for her contributions as a RIMS member who serves as a role model for keeping the Chapter and Society vibrant and resilient. Ann Marie Bitta was chosen as an Honor Roll Risk Manager.

In addition, the Chicago Chapter was the Second Place winner in the Chapter ECHO Awards, which recognize RIMS Chapters for exceptional strategic planning and achievement of goals.

With three individual awards and an ECHO Award, the Chicago Chapter received the most recognition at RISKWORLD 2023.

2023 RISK MANAGER OF THE YEAR

MEMBER SHOUTOUT



Theresa Severson
Vice President,
Insurance and Risk Management

Theresa Severson's exceptional work as a risk manager and all she has done to advance risk management as a profession led to her being chosen as the Risk Manager of the Year for 2023. She has over thirty years of experience in risk management and is currently Vice President of Insurance and Risk Management at Kite Realty Group (KRG). KRG is one of the largest publicly owners and operators of open-air shopping centers and mixed-use properties.

Theresa leads a team of four risk professionals and is responsible for operational and corporate risk and insurance at KRG. Her achievements over the past few years include combining the insurance and risk management programs of two companies- when Real Properties of America, Inc. was merged into KRG in 2021. In addition, she was instrumental in making operational and enterprise risk management upgrades that provided additional value after the merger.

Theresa joined the Chicago RIMS Chapter in 2010 and served as Vice President and then as President from 2020-2022. She has also served on the RIMS Student Advisory Council for the past four years. Theresa is also committed to ensuring a bright future for risk management as a profession, by hiring interns with the assistance of the Spencer Educational Foundation and through personally providing mentorship and support to many others in risk management and related fields.

Welcome!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST QUARTER	
Kimberly Atkins	Kristin Dawson
Lauren Brinati	DAndre Dogan
Grace Buhmeyer	Teresa Dryden-Smith
Laurent Chevreau	Roger Duffield
Jonathan Cox	Ellen Marie Michael
Sebastian Czerwinski	Richard Morman
	Pete Murphy
	Wendy Napolitano
	Aurora Nevarez
	James Jones
	Todd Macumber
	Kristine Maremont
	Ellen Marie Michael
	Richard Morman
	Pete Murphy
	Wendy Napolitano
	Aurora Nevarez
	Conway Nickerson
	Julie Noonan
	Stacey Oyobio Brock
	Cherita Perry
	Jennifer Quezada
	Erin Rahn Morris
	Alexis Ramirez
	Courtney Reff
	Kevin Rubin
	Uwe Schobert
	Bradley Schulz
	Lefei Sun
	Charmaine Trotta
	Geraldine Vogt
	Robert Wagner
	Joe Williams
	Gerald Wolmarans
	Andrew Zain