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**WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we begin the second quarter of 2023, I reflect on where we are as a chapter and realize that we have so much to look forward to this year. We plan to have a slate of educational and social events that we hope provide value to the Professional Member, Associate Member, and prospective member, alike.

From that same viewpoint, I look backward and celebrate the accomplishments of 2022. Chicago RIMS members and the Chapter continue to be recognized for the contributions to the broader organization, and I could not be prouder to represent those efforts. As the Society's largest chapter, Chicago RIMS appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with other Midwestern chapters and support the growth strategy of RIMS.

Looking forward, we are excited to see everyone who plans to attend RISKWORLD in Atlanta! We hope that you can join us for the Annual Rewards and Leadership Luncheon (on Monday, May 1 at Noon EST), or with us at our Happy Hour event Tuesday ([at Red Phone Booth Atlanta](#)) and come back to our Chapter informed and renewed to help us continue in our mission to provide support and a network for local Risk and Insurance management professionals.

Thank you for your part in our chapter's success and I hope to see you soon!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**



Location: Red Phone Booth - Atlanta (17 Andrew Young International Blvd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30303)  
Date: **May 2, 2023** | Time: 4:30PM EST - 11:00PM EST  
Registration is **Open!**  
**Click on banner for more details**

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COLLABORATION WITH  
**CHICAGO RIMS**

**Parametric & Structured Solutions**  
Date: **May 25, 2023**  
Time: 8:30AM CST- 11:00AM CST  
(registration, breakfast & discussion included)  
Location: WTW Offices in Chicago  
**Registration to open soon**



**September 14, 2023: Chicagoland Risk Forum**

Where: The Old Post Office (Downtown Chicago) 8:00AM CST - 7:00PM CST  
What: Educational Sessions, Risk Management Panels and Roundtables  
**Registration is now open!** \*Risk Management Professionals can attend free of charge\*

*Save the Date!*

**2023 Sponsorships are available now!**

For sponsorship interest and details, reach out to:  
Bennie Benvenuto ([robert.benvenuto@hubinternational.com](mailto:robert.benvenuto@hubinternational.com))  
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**Be sure to follow the event website for more details this spring!**

<https://chicagolandriskforum.org>

**September 25: Chicago RIMS Golf Outing**

Where: Arrowhead Golf Club (Wheaton)  
What: Golf Tournament, Short/Long Game Clinics, Cocktail Hour, Raffle, etc.  
More Details will be coming in late-Spring



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](mailto:Jennifer.pack@hyatt.com)



# GET TO KNOW YOUR 2023 BOARD MEMBERS



## Education

The Education Committee has been working on the scholarship application review process in Q1 and will announce the 5 scholarship recipients in early April. Planning for 2023 educational events has commenced and we look forward to upcoming opportunities to strengthen our relationships with the RMI programs in the Midwest.

The Committee welcomes new members and renewed members: Stephen Brown, Nancy Martinez, Andrea Mitchell, Steve Upshaw, Nick Albrecht, Matthew Hartman and Steve Boss.

If you are interested in volunteering on the 2023 Education Committee, please reach out to Ryan Fee at [ryan.fee@inventrustproperties.com](mailto:ryan.fee@inventrustproperties.com) for more information.



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of Chicago RIMS is in the process of planning its series of events for 2023 and we look to our membership for suggestions on topics to address and potential partnerships that can assist in exposing a more diverse population to opportunities in Risk and Insurance. We are targeting our first event in Q2, so please be on the lookout.

From a broader RIMS DEI perspective, the Global DEI Advisory Council has started operating under an updated mandate from the Board of Directors with the intention of focusing the Council's efforts on supporting all Chapters' DEI Efforts. The changes to the mandate include the committee contributing to RIMS' RISKWORLD programming, promoting relationship and mentorship to attract young, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other diverse members, and provide a list of diverse candidates to be considered for the global Board of Directors.

Chicago RIMS DEI Committee will look to foster discussions and lead initiatives that support RIMS' overall strategy and also have a chance to contribute through active membership. This year, Chicago RIMS has two members serving on the RIMS Global DEI Advisory council in Steve Adamjee (USI) participating as a member and Carnell Jones (Trinitas) serving as the committee Co-Chair.

*For those interested in getting involved in the Chicago RIMS D, E and I Committee, collaborating on providing content, and helping us lead local initiatives, please reach out to Steve Adamjee ([steve.adamjee@usi.com](mailto:steve.adamjee@usi.com)) and Carnell Jones ([carnellrjones@gmail.com](mailto:carnellrjones@gmail.com)) for more information.*

Welcome the new President and Vice President of RRP!



# RIMS RISING RISK PROFESSIONAL

**YOU'RE invited!** **APRIL 20**

The RRP Social Committee is excited to introduce the 2023-2024 Board at our upcoming event at AceBounce on April 20 from 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets are \$10. Look for registration on the Chicago RIMS website.

## AWARDS & HONORS

### MEMBER SHOUTOUT



**JOHN KLINE**  
Director, Risk & Insurance Management

John received the first Spirit of Chicago Award at the Chicago RIMS Holiday Party and is an individual who has distinguished himself as a leader - not only in his career in risk management, but also by the many years of work he has done for the Chicago RIMS Chapter, Global RIMS and other organizations.

For twenty-five years John has worked collaboratively in designing domestic and international risk management programs. He has been innovative in designing and implementing risk financing alternatives, and John has promoted risk management and RIMS throughout his career. His commitment in the areas of education and mentorship are particularly notable, helping the next generation of risk leaders any way he can. **Thank you John for all you do for our industry!**



We introduced a new award from the Chicago Chapter called The Spirit of Chicago Award. It was created to recognize those that have made outstanding contributions to the Chicago RIMS Chapter and to risk management and related professions generally. It is given at the Chicago Chapter's discretion in consultation with the Honors and Awards Committee.

*Welcome!*

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?**

Nancy Almanza  
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## 2023 Q1 NEW MEMBERS