



The Puffin Report

RIMS Canada Council (RCC) Update Fall 2013

1. **RIMS Canada Council**

For the term January 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2014, the slate of officers is as follows:

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| ▪ 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 3 subcommittees continue to work on the strategic goals that were set in 2012:

- Achieve effective volunteer leadership
- Cultivate a vibrant, informed and engaged membership
- Develop and deliver risk management education, thought leadership, tools and resources
- Increase the influence, advocacy and profile of risk management in Canada as part of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc.

Please note that the upcoming RCC Winter Planning Meeting in January 2014 will include a facilitator who will revisit of our current strategic goals in order to verify if the current direction requires any further input or if any changes are needed to better serve our members.

2. **RIMS Update**

- Nominations for 2013 RIMS Awards are open until January 9, 2014. Information on the various award categories can be found at: <http://www.rims.org/aboutRIMS/Awards/Pages/default.aspx>
- Future RIMS conference locations:
 - ✓ 2014 – Denver, April 27 - 30
 - ✓ 2015 – New Orleans, April 26 – 29
 - ✓ 2016 – San Diego, April 10 - 14

3. RIMS Canada Conferences

- Congratulations to the Victoria Local Organizing Committee for hosting an exceptional conference.
 - Mark your calendars for upcoming RIMS Canada Conferences:
 - 2014 – Winnipeg, September 14 - 17
 - 2015 – Quebec City, September 26 – 30
 - 2016 – Calgary, September 11 - 14
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Wanted – Volunteers for RCC Subcommittees

Every year vacancies occur on the 3 RCC Subcommittees.

- All subcommittees of the RIMS Canada Council follow the same process for selection of new members when a vacancy occurs.
- All members will be appointed for a two-year term. Usual term commences January 1st.
- Canadian RIMS members interested in serving on one of the subcommittees are asked to put their name forward to their Chapter President.
- The Chapter President will forward the names, along with a one page resume, to Bonnie Wasser bwasser@sympatico.ca or the relevant subcommittee Chair. They, in turn, may recommend the candidate to the RCC based on skills needed by the subcommittee. In all cases, the RCC and its Executive will approve candidate selection.
- When an opening becomes available new members will be selected from the candidate pool.
- Volunteering for one of our committees is a rewarding experience. The three standing committees are: Communications/External Affairs, Conference and Education.

Note: The formation of a Nomination Committee is also under review to assist with the selection process.

Remember that the RCC position is an elected Chapter Board position. The 10 chapters each have one RCC representative.