

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RIMS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

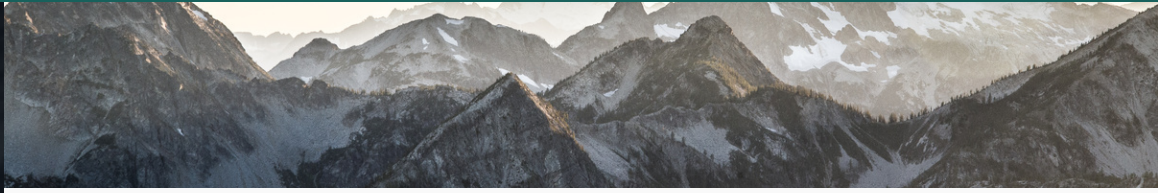
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Neil Colclough

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the entire Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and members for your unwavering support throughout 2023. Once again, your commitment and contributions have played a pivotal role in the success and growth of our Chapter.

While reflecting on the past year, we particularly hope you share in our pride in successfully hosting the 2023 RIMS Western Regional Conference in Vail, CO. Once again, the event brought together risk management professionals from across the region and country to engage in insightful discussions, networking, and knowledge-sharing through the great educational sessions. Many of you were directly involved in the success through sponsoring, speaking, planning or even adding value by just attending. It was a true testament to the collaborative spirit of our Chapter, something not to be taken for granted.

Looking forward, I feel extremely proud that the Board chose ERM - "Everyone's a Risk Manager" as the Chapter's theme for the next two years. Here's a little about what the theme means. In addition to maintaining the overall health of the Chapter, we have committed to increasing our support for students, recent graduates and people that are earlier on in their risk management careers. Specifically we are eliminating Chapter membership dues for Rising Risk Professionals (RRPs), creating a RRP Chapter, and increasing our contributions to New Mexico State University's and University of Colorado Denver Business School's RMI programs. The Board is also committed to dissolving the "us vs. them" mindset between Professional and Associate members. As a professional member I value the many relationships I have with service providers. We are all in this great industry together and need each other to succeed. In the spirit of that, we are creating a series of events dedicated just to networking, to help nurture the relationships that are so critical for all our success. You can read more details about these initiatives from the people leading them below, many of them led by our amazing new board members.

Finally, I recently attended the RIMS Leadership Forum in San Antonio, TX where I felt incredibly proud to share what our Chapter's focused on. We reviewed the results from a recent survey about RIMS membership and brainstormed how we can add value to members at the society and Chapter level. As a form of validation, many of the conversations were aligned with the direction we are taking the Chapter. We'd also love to hear from you, so if you have ideas, or feedback, please feel free to drop us a line at any time by emailing rockymntrims@gmail.com.

Thank you once again for your commitment and support, we look forward to another year of shared successes and continued growth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 29	Social Event – Holey Moley – Register here!
March 7th – 8th	SERMANar – Joint event with SERMA and RIMS – Register here!
March TBD	Social Event – Axe Throwing
April 8th	Tour of Ball Arena for GIS (Gamma Iota Sigma) Students
April 18th	Virtual Chapter Meeting – Climate Change & Environmental Risks
April 18th	IICF Trivia Night – Register here!
May 5th–8th	RISKWORLD – San Diego, CA
May 7th	Chapter Reception at RIMS
June 20th	Rockies Game

[Stay updated by checking the Rocky Mountain RIMS calendar here!](#)

CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Nahua Maunakea



Carter Boardman



In December, we proudly honored Nahua Maunakea and Carter Boardman, inducting them as the inaugural members of the Rocky Mountain RIMS Hall of Fame. Their remarkable contributions have shaped our chapter, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication. Here's to a legacy of impact!

Neil Colchlough, Carter Boardman, Nahua Maunakea, Matt Friend

Recognition Committee
Steve Levine, Committee Chair



RIMS WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE



The Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in organizing and making the RIMS Western Regional Conference a success. We appreciate the efforts of the chapter board and members, sponsors, speakers, various committees, students, all attendees, The Hythe, a Luxury Collection Resort Vail, and, in particular, Jennifer Saliba for guiding and keeping us on track.

We hope that all attendees found the event informative and enjoyable and took pleasure in the beautiful surroundings of Vail.



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Grant Information

The Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter is committed to enhancing our members' professional development by supporting educational opportunities in Risk Management. We are pleased to announce educational grant opportunities for Chapter members. A grant may be awarded for an educational course and/or test in a Risk Management-related topic.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Active chapter member
- Current resident of Colorado, New Mexico, or Wyoming
- Employed in risk management
- If unemployed, please provide the dates of most recent risk management employment

To apply, please use the link below and submit it to: rockymtnrims@gmail.com. Grants will be awarded for cost reimbursement for a course and/or test.

[Apply for a grant here!](#)

Professional Development Committee
Chris Stephens, Committee Chair



RIMS Mentorship Program

The professional development committee is proud to announce that the RIMS Rocky Mountain Chapter has elected to utilize the RIMS Mentorship Program, "Mentor Match" on the RIMS Engage site. RIMS Mentorship Program reflects RIMS commitment professional development. This unique program helps members to find, connect, and share experiences with other risk and insurance professionals. Your mentor or mentee can be in the same city or on the other side of the world. It's easy to complete your profile and start the process today. Or, simply click on the link below to learn more.

[Click here to learn more about RIMS Engage Mentorship Program!](#)



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Sponsorship Committee
Taneal Jepsen-Pickles, Committee Chair



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LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Renee Pettinato-Mosley and Neil Colclough

2023 Legislative Summit

Last October, Renee Pettinato-Mosley and Neil Colclough had the opportunity to represent the RIMS community and directly address members of Congress and their staff regarding concerns that impact the risk and insurance industry. This year's agenda included lobby for the reauthorization and broadening of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the creation of a Federal data privacy act, and the establishment of a federal insurance backstop (similar to TRIA) to address future pandemics and the "Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act" which would broaden 529 savings plans allowing them to be used for licenses and professional certifications that we see in our industry.

Rocky Mountain RIMS Legislative Report

The Colorado State Legislature kicked off the 2024 session with plenty of internal intrigue. Within the first few days, the GOP Minority Leader Mike Lynch was replaced by Representative Rose Pugliese from Colorado Springs. Bills are being submitted and a few may be of interest to our business RIMS teams, including construction industry wage claims and construction professional insurance coverage transparency. House Bill 24-1108 will require the Insurance Commissioner to perform a study of the state insurance market including availability and cost. This will be a year-long process.



RISK MINUTE: INSIGHTS FROM A PRO

EPISODE ONE



Host



Krupesh Shah

Guest Star



Neil Colclough

Welcome to Risk Minute, Insights From a Pro where seasoned experts share invaluable insights on navigating risk! Hosted by Krupesh Shah, join him as he interviews RM RIMS President, Neil Colclough in Episode One.

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2023 Sponsor & Associate Recognition Party

Thrilled to share the success of our holiday event! It was a night filled with laughter and suspense in our Murder Mystery extravaganza! Huge thanks to our incredible sponsors from 2023 – your support made it all possible.

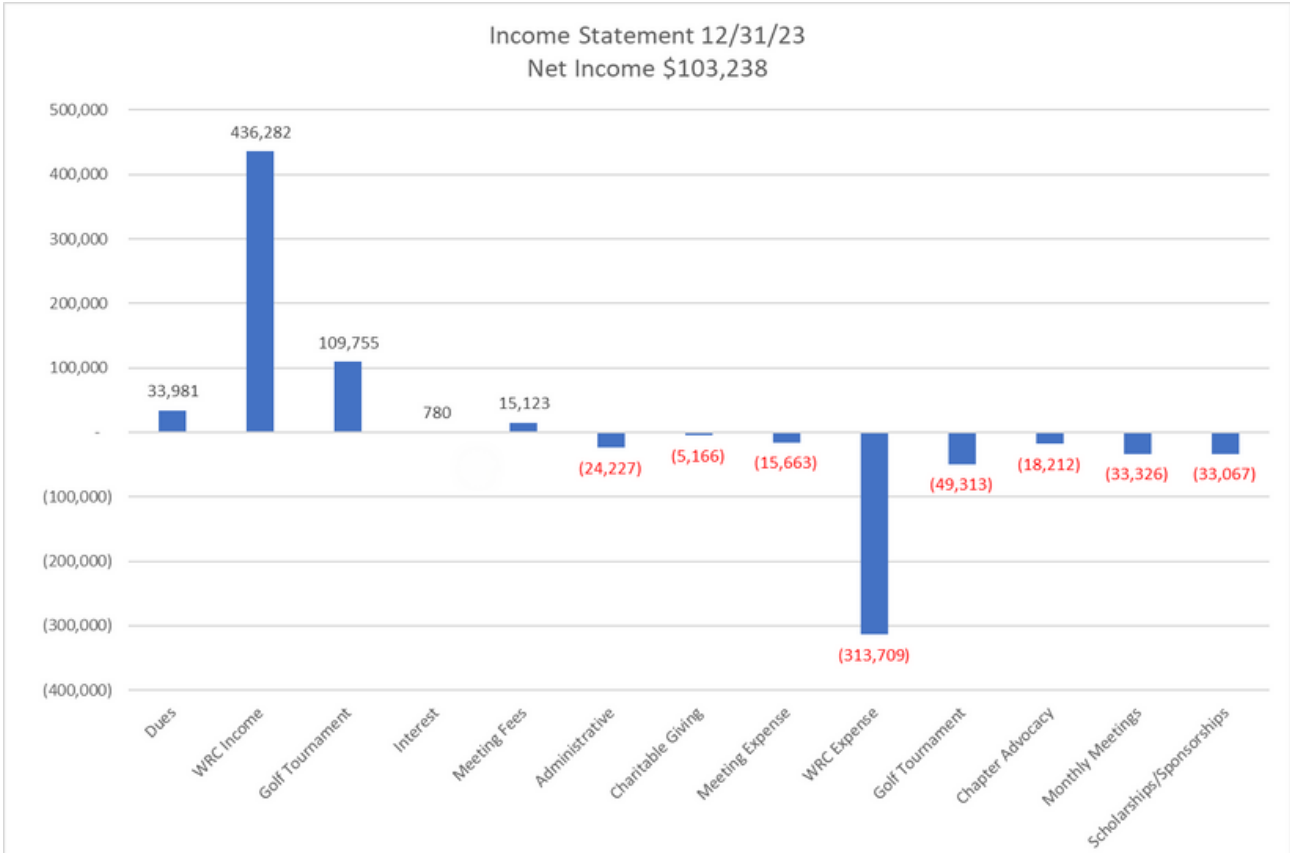


FINANCIAL UPDATES

I am thrilled to share the exciting news that our recent golf tournament and Western Regional RIMS have propelled our chapter into a robust financial position. Thanks to your dedication and support, we now stand in a positive fiscal stance.

This success opens doors for our chapter to explore innovative avenues for networking and educational opportunities. Your commitment has laid the foundation for us to envision and implement exciting initiatives that will further enrich our community and professional growth.

I look forward to the journey ahead as we leverage this financial strength to create impactful experiences for our members.





RMI PROGRAM UPDATES


University of Colorado Denver

Cindy Baroway leads the Risk Management and Insurance program at the University of Colorado Denver. This semester, the program offers five undergraduate-level classes and three graduate-level classes. Notably, the Global Risk Management course has moved from Maymester to the spring semester. Recently, some RMI students had the opportunity to visit Vertafore and gain software training on AMS 360, a prominent tool in the insurance industry. Additionally, the University of Colorado Denver also has Risk Management and Insurance fraternity known as Gamma Iota Sigma, currently led by President Krupesh Shah. The semester commenced with a back-to-school lunch event in collaboration with IMA and Travelers.



RMI Shadow Day - April 12th 2024

With a growing need for new talent in the industry, the University of Colorado Denver Business School RMI Shadow Day is a terrific opportunity for companies to show students their industry in a friendly, inviting, stress-free manner. If you are interested in participating contact Jayme Ratcliff, JAYME.RATCLIFF@UCDENVER.EDU or Cindy Baroway, CINDY.BAROWAY@UCDENVER.EDU.



Ethics and Risk Tech Tools to Lead Tremendously

Join us for an interactive and engaging presentation by Dr. Brad Gronke

Food and beverages provided during the event!


Dr. Brad Gronke
Principal, Ignite P3

THURSDAY MARCH 14
5 - 7 P.M.

Presentation at
CU Denver
Business School
Jake Jabs Event Center

RSVP: bit.ly/MarchEthicsMonth
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Two hours of Ethics CE for CO, WY, & TX



Ethics and Risk Tech Tools to Lead Tremendously - March 14th 2024

During this interactive and engaging presentation, the audience will be taken to an ethical launchpad where people are placed first. Where we are taught to lead human beings ethically rather than humans doing tasks that could be done by automation. Through our CARE model of Compassion, Advocacy, and Recovery attendees will have new insights as well as ethically actionable tools. Participants will be able to navigate the ethical integration of today's emerging tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) with heart counts rather than head counts. When the self develops in an ethical way, the entire organization improves too!

Krupesh Shah, Student Advisory Member





RMI PROGRAM UPDATES

New Mexico State University



Introducing Fendi Pena Parson, the NMSU Fall 2023 Outstanding Student, a standout at WHA International specializing in failure and hazards analysis, with a focus on oxygen cleaning. Currently training with the Legal team, she excels in reviewing and revising NDAs and contracts. With plans to pursue an M.S. in legal studies and potentially attend law school, Fendi is a rising star in risk management.

Seeking a risk management director or manager to join our campus from late March through April 2024. Join us in shaping the future of risk management! If you are interested, please reach out to Kim Kerr, kkerr@nmsu.edu.



Fall conferences attended included the Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico (IIANM) Convention in Albuquerque, NM (top left), and the Western Regional RIMS Conference in Vail, CO (below left). Support for the Western RIMS conference is provided by the Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter.



Rocky Mountain RIMS Receives the Traders Award



Tim Query, Bryan Ashenbaum, Neil Colclough,
Matt Friend, Radu Demian, Matt Nordaker

The Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter was recognized for their support of the NMSU Risk Management and Insurance (RMI) program at New Mexico State University. The Chapter received NMSU’s Corporate Traders’ Award on behalf of the entire Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter for its longstanding commitment to supporting RMI students.

During the event we reaffirmed our commitment to the school and identifying ways we can further support both students and graduates. The chapter had sponsored over one hundred students travel and registration to various RIMS conferences.

Scholarship Updates

Over the last decade, our generous sponsors’ support has enabled us to make minimum annual donations of \$14,000 to each of the Risk Management & Insurance Programs at University of Colorado Denver Business School and New Mexico State University for scholarships and attending industry conferences. Last October, the Board approved increasing our minimum annual donation amount to \$20,000, a 43% increase! Thank you for making this possible through your sponsorship and participation in the Rocky Mountain RIMS chapter. Your continued support empowers and enhances educational opportunities for the next generation of risk professionals! Together, we’re making a difference and creating a lasting impact for the future!

In 2024, we have already sent Scholarships to NMSU for the following:

- \$7,000 Fall Semester
- \$7,000 Spring Semester
- \$4,000 National RIMS Conference
- \$2,000 Western Regional RIMS Conference

2023 CU DENVER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Fernanda Guiterrez Franco



Jordan McCarty



Alyssa McKinnon



Krupesh Shah

Scholarship Committee
Radu Demian, Committee Chair



January Meeting

Collaborative Role of Risk and Safety managers in Managing a Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (ROCIP)

Delighted to share that we had an excellent presentation from Suezann Bohner & Hope Olthuis, from Denver International Airport, shedding light on the key roles played by risks and safety management in a ROCIP! Huge thanks to the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) for co-hosting this insightful meeting!



Peggi Miller, Hope Olthuis, Suezann Bohner, Shelley Tijerina

Programming Committee
Peggi Miller, Committee Chair



January Social Event

Meet the Industry at Pindustry!

Thank you to all the incredible members and sponsors who made our first annual social event a success! Your support is invaluable. We had over 60 risk professional connect in a fun and relaxed atmosphere!

Thank you to our Social Events Sponsors!



Social Events Committee
Emily Buckley, Committee Chair



Interested in sponsoring our Social Events? Join us for a one time fee of \$200 for all events. Contact us at rockymtnrms@gmail.com to secure your spot!



NEW & RENEWING CHAPTER MEMBERS

Matt Friend, Stonebridge
Alivia Fox, Crawford & Company
Jenna Gibbs, Crawford & Company
Tammy Wadina, Crawford and Company
Ashley McClellan, Liberty Mutual Insurance
Matthew Darling, The Hartford
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Greg Barlow, CIRSA
Noah Cooper, The Doctors Company

Leila Kleats, Denver Water Department
Megan Smith, Ball Corporation
Tracey Lazarus, Flood & Peterson
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Yabsira Nigussie, University of Colorado Denver
Rebecca Orig, Panattoni Development Co
Anthony Patterson, Stonebridge
Stephen Weingold, Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Membership Committee
Gary Rimler, Committee Chair



FEBRUARY VIRTUAL MEETING INSURANCE MARKET UPDATE

On Thursday February 15th, Aon presented an insurance market update, providing crucial insights for making informed decisions in managing risk, optimizing coverage, and adapting strategies to changing market conditions. Thank you to the AON team for providing us with an impactful meeting!

[Click here for a recording of the meeting!](#)



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Mountain States Market
Leader



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West Region, Managing Director



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SVP, Umbrella/Excess Liability
West Region



BRANDON AVERY
SVP, US Mid-Market Leader
West Region



MATT MEYER, ESQ.
VP & Team Leader
Financial Services Group



TEMO GARCIA
VP & Team Leader
E&O/Cyber Broking, Middle Market Leader
West Region



RISEING RISK PROFESSIONALS



In 2024, Rocky Mountain RIMS is launching a new membership option for local Risking Risk Professionals (RRP), and it's completely free! Join us in shaping the future of risk management by spreading the word and inviting RRP's to take advantage of this exciting opportunity! We are actively seeking RRP sponsors and educators who can contribute to empowering the next generation of risk professionals, offering steadfast support and mentorship to the next generation. We plan to host four RRP events throughout the year, which will include two social events and two educational events. Please share the news with any Rising risk Professionals you know!

Please note: RRP Memberships are different to Student Memberships. Student memberships are completely free at the society and chapter level. More information can be found [HERE](#)

RRP Eligibility Requirements:

- In the field of risk management and under 31 years old

Fees:

- **New for 2024!** For a RRP, the Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter Membership is \$0 (previously \$85 for Professionals and \$180 for Associates)
- **New for 2024!** For a RRP, Society Membership is \$149 (+ \$0 to name the Rocky Mountain Chapter as your home chapter)

Rising Risk Professionals Committee
Amy Jones, Committee Chair





Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Updates

The Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter is pleased to announce it is forming a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. This Committee will operate the same as our other Chapter Committees, meeting regularly and focusing on ensuring the Chapter maintains an authentic approach to support DEI wherever and whenever it can. Areas of focus will include, but are not limited to, awareness, education, programing, giving back and supporting local related causes. The DEI Committee will also act as the primary liaison to the RIMS Society's DEI Advisory Council, as well as other organizations such as NAAIA, LAAIA, RRA, and AAIN.

If you are interested in becoming a founding member of this Committee, please complete the linked form by February 29th 2024.

[Click here to learn more about the Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter DEI Committee](#)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Neil Colclough, Vice Chair, RIMS DEI Advisory Council



Community Service Updates

The Rocky Mountain RIMS Chapter is excited to continue our community service efforts in 2024 in partnership with IICF and Brothers Redevelopment. Tune into the February meeting where you'll learn how our support of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) directly serves those in need in our community. We will share opportunities for you become involved with IICF at an upcoming Trivia night.

Community Service Committee
Ondrea Matthews, Committee Chair



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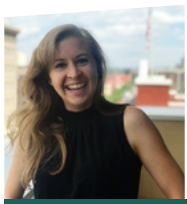
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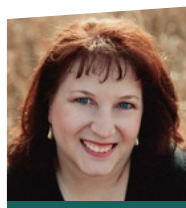
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