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President's Message

Your Oregon RIMS Chapter is happy to announce the return of the biannual news letter.

Yes, my wife Diana had to teach me how to use Canva; no my results won't look as good as hers or Lauren Maurer's.

We look forward to highlighting emerging Risk Management issues and sharing information about upcoming events.

Your Oregon RIMS Board is excited for the future of the chapter and connecting with our members!



Oregon RIMS Legislative Committee Update



“There is but one element of government, and that is THE PEOPLE. From this springs all government.” – John Adams

In Oregon's workers' compensation (WC) system, the labor caucus and its various advocacy groups have driven many of the recent changes to rules and statutes that dictate how the system operates, which helped inspire the formation of a joint legislative committee consisting of RIMS and PRIMA members to help represent the interests of employers. This committee is led by RIMS and its recently appointed Legislative Ambassador for Oregon RIMS, Dustin Karstetter.

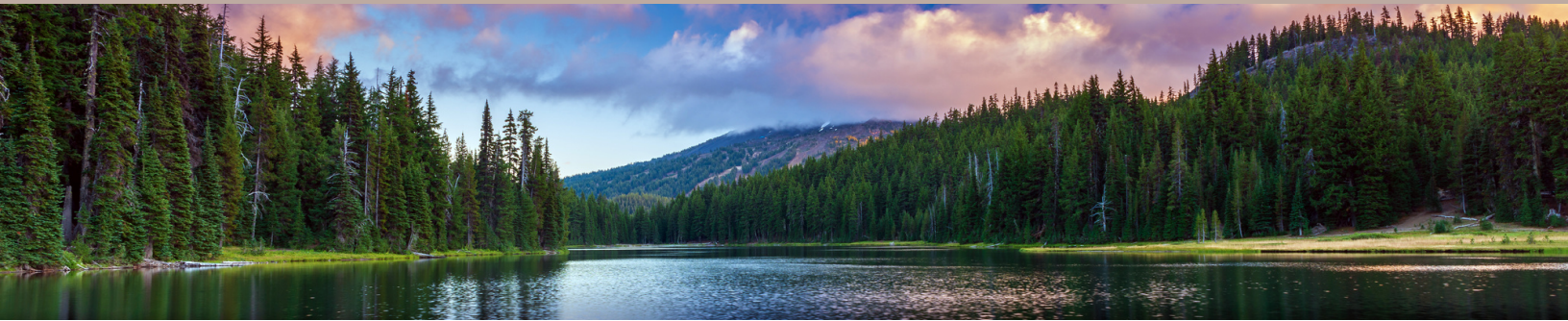
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Legislative Committee Update Continued

Oregon RIMS Legislative Committee

- Dustin Karstetter – Committee Chair (Clean Water Services)
- Susan Lavier – Committee Co-Chair (TriMet)
- Sommer Tolleson (TC Legal Team)
- Kimberly Mohler (Beaverton School District)
- Amy Stone (TriStar Insurance)
- Dana Schleichardt (CorVel Corporation)
- Joe Crelier (Portland Public Schools)
- Todd Hennelly (TriStar Insurance)

See Email Attachment included with this newsletter for an example of the committee's excellent work

The team has set some lofty goals and is in the early stages of implementing pathways to achieve them. Some of those include:

- Provide an opportunity and forum for employers (RIMS/PRIMA members) to discuss proposed bills and rule changes, primarily focusing on WC and employment laws.
- Increase employer engagement in the legislative process and helping balance out the current glut of labor caucus advocacy in areas such as MLAC (Management-Labor Advisory Committee),
- Establish a platform to convert individual ideas into a collective voice, working to influence and impact an often one-sided narrative, for the benefit of Oregon employers.
- Push for new statutes (by way of legislative concepts) and rule changes that benefit both labor AND management with a focus on improving balance within the WC system.

Current Hot Topics:

In future newsletters, this section will allow the committee to notify members of important issues being discussed within MLAC, the Oregon legal community, or in the state legislature. Please watch for items that may be important to your respective organizations and the WC system as a whole.

Key dates:

MLAC meetings (Tentative schedule): 2/1/24, 2/15/24, 3/7/24, 4/4/24, 5/2/24

Upcoming Legislative Sessions: 2024 Short Session (2/5/24 – 3/10/24) Legislative Calendar

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February 2024

Holiday Party at Portland Winterhawks



A great time was had by all who attended our new annual tradition of being right on the ice for a Portland Winterhawks game in January. Thanks to all those who came to watch the overtime shootout thriller.

Special thanks to title sponsor Belfor along with food and drink sponsors CorVel and Sedgwick!



Upcoming Events

- February 8: Safety for Young Workers - joint meeting with ASSP @ Brix Tavern Tualatin
- March 13: Presentation on Specialty Risks - location TBD
- April 12: Joint one-day conference with Oregon PRIMA - Oregon Gardens
- May 5-8: RIMS World 2024 (Global RIMS) - San Diego, CA
- June 5: Mini-Eday and announcement of 2024/25 OR RIMS Board - location TBD
- August 22: OR RIMS Golf Tournament sponsored by Propel - Langdon Farms

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