

DONALD M. STUART AWARD

“Awarded for excellence and outstanding contribution to the field of Risk Management in Canada.”

TARGET DATES:

Submission of Nomination Forms	June 12 th
Award Committee determination of final eligible candidates	June 26 th
Notification of candidate sponsor	June 26 th
Final supporting documentation required	July 17 th

General

SPONSOR: The Ontario Risk and Insurance Management Society (ORIMS).

PURPOSE:

The Donald M. Stuart award was established in 1979 by ORIMS to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of risk and insurance management in Canada. The Award seeks to increase the visibility of the risk management profession both internally in member corporations, and externally throughout the Chapter, the Society, the Industry, and the Community.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any Organizational Professional, Individual Professional or retired Professional Member of one of the Canadian Chapters of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) can be nominated. The candidate may be nominated by anyone familiar with his or her work, such as a superior, the risk management staff, a colleague with another company, or service provider/industry partner.

At the discretion of the ORIMS Board of Directors, nominations of past RIMS members or a posthumous nomination may be considered to recognize an outstanding contribution in the field of risk management.

AWARD COMMITTEE:

The nomination will be judged by a panel of 8 professionals representing all aspects of risk management and the commercial insurance industry in Canada. In addition, the Committee will also seek the participation of a former recipient of the Award.

AWARD:

Each candidate will be scored by the judges on five criteria. The candidate with the highest aggregate score will be announced as the recipient of the Donald M. Stuart Award at the annual RIMS Canada Conference. The Award Committee reserves the right to withhold presentation of the award in any given year(s) or to change the date and location of the Award presentation.

AWARD CANDIDATE CRITERIA

CRITERION 1
<p>Has actively participated in the activities of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIMS • RIMS Canada Council and/or its subcommittees and/or the local RIMS Canadian Chapter or its committees/subcommittees (including participation at Chapter Meetings) • RIMS Canada Conference • RIMS World Conference • Other Industry Events or other industry organizations
CRITERION 2
<p>Has successfully applied the principles and practices of risk management, insurance, and general management, over a period of years, throughout the candidate's career. Specifically consider how the nominee has established and implemented an effective risk management program within one or more of the organizations they have supported over the course of their career, and how these program(s) have advanced risk management visibility and effectiveness.</p>
CRITERION 3
<p>Has contributed to the field of risk management education (e.g. C.R.M., F.R.M., E.R.M., R.F., A.I.I.C. or C.I.P., F.I.I.C., F.C.I.P., CRMP preparation) as a student, lecturer, tutor examiner or author. (Attach copies of publications, course outlines or presentations up to a maximum of 5 attachments.)</p>
CRITERION 4
<p>Has contributed to the professional development for Risk Managers, through professional activities, speaking engagements, publication of books or articles, podcasts, etc. Attach copies of specifics/ outlines of such examples.</p>
CRITERION 5
<p>Other significant factors to be considered such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education • job history • honours and awards • memberships • community activities

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Donald M. Stuart Award was established by the Ontario Risk and Insurance Management Society (ORIMS), the Ontario Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of Risk Management in Canada by a Professional Member of any of the Canadian Chapters of RIMS.

The rules and regulations governing the Award are as follows:

1. The Award

- a. The Award shall be called the “Donald M. Stuart Award”. It was established in order to recognize outstanding contributions by eligible members of any of the Canadian Chapters of RIMS in the field of risk and insurance management.
- b. The Award shall consist of a distinctive piece of Canadian art sculpture (or other suitable gift) mounted on a base with a suitably engraved plaque, as approved by the ORIMS Board of Directors.
- c. The Award shall be presented annually by the Vice President (or his/her designate) at the annual RIMS Canada Conference. If the recipient is unable to attend the RIMS Canada Conference, the Award will be presented in absentia to the most senior member of the recipient’s Chapter who, in turn, will arrange presentation of the Award to the recipient by his/her Chapter at a suitable time and place.
- d. The ORIMS Board of Directors shall have the discretion to change the time and place of the presentation of the Award.
- e. The ORIMS Board of Directors shall have the discretion to waive nominating a candidate in any given year should there be no qualifying candidate in that year.

2. Eligibility

Any Organizational Professional, Individual Professional or Retired Professional member of the Canadian Chapters of RIMS is eligible. At the discretion of the ORIMS Board of Directors, nominations of past RIMS members or a posthumous nomination may be considered.

3. Performance Qualifications

The Award is granted for outstanding contributions to the field of risk and insurance management in Canada. “Contributions”, embraces service by the nominee at the Provincial, Federal or International level and could include (but not necessarily be restricted to the) activities that are described in the Five Award Candidate Criteria above.

4. Procedure

- a. Annually, the ORIMS Board of Directors shall appoint an Award Committee to administer this Award. This Committee shall consist of eight members, as follows:
 - ORIMS President

- ORIMS Vice-President (Chairperson of Donald M. Stuart Award committee)
- ORIMS Director of Education or Director of Industry Relations/External Affairs
- ORIMS Director of Communications
- One (1) Organizational member from either the RIMS Chapter of the British Columbia, Southern Alberta, Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba.
- One (1) Organizational member from either the RIMS Chapter of the Canadian Capital Region, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P.E.I., or Newfoundland.
- One (1) prominent member of the Eastern Canada insurance industry or insurance press community.
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- The Committee will also encourage the participation of a former recipient of the Award.

In the event of the withdrawal of any members(s) of the Award Committee for any reason including conflict of interest, ORIMS Board of Directors will appoint the appropriate replacement(s) in accordance with the above guidelines.

- b. The Chairperson of the Award Committee shall announce and call for nominations for the Award.
- c. Any eligible member of a Canadian Chapter of RIMS may be nominated by anyone familiar with his/her work such as a superior, the risk management staff, service provider/peer industry partner.
- d. All Nomination forms must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Award Committee by **JUNE 12TH** or at such later date as may be required following the request for nominations.
 - a. The Award Committee will review all nominations and determine the final eligible candidates for the final selection process by **JUNE 26TH**.
 - b. Each nominating sponsor will be notified of the judges' decision whether they are to proceed to Part 2 of the Nomination Process, by **JUNE 26TH**. Sponsors of the eligible candidate will then be required to provide the final supporting documentation.
 - c. Final supporting documentation must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Award Committee by **JULY 17^H**.
 - d. All timelines may be adjusted as necessary, at the discretion of the ORIMS Board of Directors.
 - e. While only one Award may be granted each year, the Award Committee shall have the right to recommend to the Board to decline to grant such Award in any given year or to alter/waive the nomination process and grant the award to a former Risk Manager (including posthumously) provided such person meets the criteria.
 - f. Decisions of the Award Committee based on a majority of the eight members' votes (excluding the Chairperson's vote, unless the vote results in a tie, in which case the Chairperson votes to break the tie), shall remain final.

Amendments to this award package have been passed by the Board of Directors of ORIMS on March 31, 1993, December 6, 1995, December 13, 2005, January 31, 2019, and March 21, 2024.

Past Award Recipients

Year	Award Recipient
1979	Douglas A. Barlow
1980	Carol A. Caswell, Maple Leaf Mills Limited
1981	Benjamin M. Eisenstat, Dominion Textile Inc.
1982	Harold Quinn, Emeritus Member
1983	Ladis J. Vegh, Canadian Utilities Limited
1984	Reginald A. Pitchford, United Grains Growers Limited
1985	Gord Hird, Emeritus Member
1986	Dan Sullivan, Northern Telecom Ltd.
1987	George Wilkinson, Syncrude Canada Ltd.
1988	Lloyd Hackett, T. Eaton Co. Ltd
1989	J. Allan Swift, Manitoba Hydro
1990	Tony Bridger, Canada Packers Inc. & Marc Darby, Bombardier Inc.
1991	Gary Vamplew, Ministry of Government Services, Province of Ontario
1992	William S. Tully, Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited
1993	J.A. Yvon Menard, Marathon Realty Company Ltd.
1994	John Harris, City of Nepean
1995	Keith R. Gibson, Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.
1996	Robert Patzelt, Scotia Investments Limited
1997	Barry Shakespeare, Westcoast Energy Inc
1998	William (Bill) H. McGannon, NOVA Corporation
1999	Wayne Hickey, The City of St. John's
2000	Robert Wheeler, B.C. Rail.
2001	Susan Meltzer, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
2002	Richard Whitehouse, Government of Alberta
2003	John Rislanti, Province of Manitoba
2004	Joe Restoule, Nova Chemicals Corporation
2005	Nancy Chambers, Waterloo Region Municipalities Insurance Pool
2006	Kim Hunton, City Of Ottawa
2007	Nowell Seaman, University of Saskatchewan
2008	George Simpson, EPCOR Utilities Inc.
2009	Janice McGraw, McGill University
2010	Tina Gardiner, Region of York
2011	Glen Fredericks, Government of British Columbia
2012	Michel Turcotte, Ivanhoe Cambridge
2013	Janet Stein, University of Calgary
2014	Anne Chalmers, Teck Resources
2015	Tino Brambilla, Manitoba Hydro
2016	Mark Day, Government of Alberta
2017	Tony Lackey, Carleton University
2018	Michel Rodrigue, Cirque du Soleil
2019	Jim Swanson, Province of Manitoba (Retired)
2020	Elizabeth "Betty" Clarke, City of St. John's
2021	No winner
2022	Stephane Cossette (Retired)
2023	Catherine Dowdall (AECOM Construction - Retired)
2024	Valerie Fox (Retired)
2025	Daniel Desjardins, Bombardier

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS - PART 1

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All nominations must be submitted on the Nomination form - PART 1 provided.
2. The nomination must include:
 - a. The name and contact information of the sponsor/person nominating the candidate.
 - b. The name, position, responsibilities, and employment company of the candidate.
 - c. A brief summary of why the candidate should be nominated noting how they meet the criteria.
3. If more space is required, ensure that the candidate's name is included on each sheet.
4. The Nomination form - PART 1 must be submitted and received by the Chairperson of the Award Committee **by JUNE 12TH**.
5. All sponsors will be notified **on or before JUNE 26TH** of the judges' final decision on whether they are to proceed to PART 2 of the Nomination Process.

Thank you for submitting your nomination!



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2026 CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM - PART 1

***PLEASE SUBMIT PART 1 OF THE NOMINATION FORM BY JUNE 12TH.**

CANDIDATE'S NAME		
TITLE		
COMPANY/AFFILIATION		
CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER		
Briefly describe this individual's risk management/insurance responsibilities at their current organization or, for retired professionals, their last employer:		
Briefly describe the company's or organization's business:		
Number of People in risk management/insurance department:		
Summary of why candidate should be selected for the Award and include how candidate meets the 5 criteria.		

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS - PART 2

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each nominating sponsor notified to proceed to PART 2 of the Nomination Process must complete and submit the Nomination form - Part 2 (attached) along with the final supporting documentation **by JULY 17TH**.
2. Use the Nomination form - PART 2 to (a) summarize the candidate's accomplishments and (b) document how the candidate fulfills each of the five criteria. Ensure that the candidate's name is typed on each sheet in the space provided.
3. The final supporting documentation shall include:
 - a. A letter of endorsement of the candidate by an executive of one or more of the employer corporation or organization, who can be the candidate's superior or any higher officer.
 - b. A letter of endorsement from Nominee's local chapter Board of Directors.
4. Provide as much detail as possible using single-spaced typing on the forms provided.
5. The information will be held in strictest confidence by the judges and will not be released without permission of the winning candidate.
6. The candidate may be involved in the preparation of the nomination; in fact, the candidate's participation is encouraged as they will be able to provide the detail required.
7. The final Nomination form - PART 2 and all related material and supporting documentation must be submitted and received by ORIMS on or before JULY 17th.

Thank you for submitting your nomination!

2026 CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM - PART 2

***DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PART 2 NOMINATION FORM IS JULY 17th.**

CANDIDATE'S NAME		
TITLE		
COMPANY/AFFILIATION		
CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER		
SPONSORING CHAPTER		
Summarize Candidates accomplishments.		
CRITERION 1		
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Response:		
CRITERION 2		
Has successfully applied the principles and practices of risk management, insurance, and general management, over a period of years, throughout the candidate's career. Specifically consider how the nominee has established and implemented an effective risk management program within one or more of the organizations they have supported over the course of their career, and how these program(s) have advanced risk management visibility and effectiveness.		
Response:		

CRITERION 3
Has contributed to the field of risk management education (e.g. C.R.M., F.R.M., A.R.M., R.F., A.I.I.C. or C.I.P., F.I.I.C., F.C.I.P., CRMP preparation) as a student, lecturer, tutor examiner or author.
Briefly describe how these contributions have advanced risk management education in Canada. (Attach copies of publications, course outlines or presentations, to a maximum of 5 attachments.)
Response:
CRITERION 4
Has contributed to the professional development for Risk Managers, through professional activities, speaking engagements, publication of books or articles, podcasts, etc. Attach copies of specifics/ outlines of such examples.
Response:
CRITERION 5
Other significant factors to be considered such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education • job history • honours and awards • memberships • community activities, etc.
Response: