UCAR Trustee-At-Large Candidate
Hemant Shah

The Members’ Nominating Committee is pleased to present Mr. Hemant Shah as a candidate for UCAR Trustee-at-Large. Mr. Shah is President and CEO of Risk Management Solutions (RMS), one of the most prominent of the catastrophic modeling firms that insurers use to evaluate natural catastrophic risk, including weather disasters such as hurricanes and floods. RMS is a classic example of the application of science information, including observations, analyses and modeling results produced by UCAR and the UCAR community. Mr. Shah would thus bring the perspective of a major private sector user of the UCAR community’s research results, and would promote the UCAR mission of “science in service to society.” For further information on RMS please see www.rms.com. The article “Top 10 U.S. Catastrophic Risks,” produced by RMS and available from this web site is particularly interesting and relevant.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Since founding Risk Management Solutions immediately after graduate school over 15 years ago, I have dedicated my career to the objective quantification of catastrophic risks. More broadly, my RMS colleagues and I have long recognized the value of integrative, multi-disciplinary scientific research and the importance of building bridges between the technical and decision-making communities.

I look forward to being an active participant on the UCAR Board, bringing an informed perspective to the discharge of my fiduciary responsibilities as a Trustee. In addition, I have extensive experience crossing comfortably between the worlds of science, commerce, and policy, and would hope to make a specific contribution to the UCAR mission of benefiting society through the application of science and technology.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Hemant Shah is co-founder, President and CEO of Risk Management Solutions (RMS). He graduated from Stanford University, where he received his B.S. degree with Honors in Civil Engineering in 1988 and M.S. degree in Engineering Management in 1989. Hemant serves on the Board of Overseers of the RAND Corporation’s Center for the Study of Terrorism and Risk Management Policy and on the Board of RAND’s Institute for Civil Justice. He also serves on the Board of St. John’s School of Risk Management and
Hemant is widely recognized within the global insurance industry as a proactive and influential leader. In 2000, Hemant was reported to be one of the “Leaders of the Future” by Global Reinsurance; in 2002 he was recognized as one of “35 Rising Stars” by Business Insurance; and in 2005 he was surveyed to be amongst the “100 Insurance Industry Most Powerful – North America” by the Insurance Newscast.

**About Risk Management Solutions**

RMS is the world's leading provider of research and model-based services to the insurance and financial services industry for the quantification and management of catastrophe risks. Insurers and reinsurers throughout the world use RMS risk analytics to price, manage and hedge risk across a wide range of perils, from natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods, to ‘man-cats’ such as terrorism, infectious diseases, and industrial accidents. Energy firms and hedge funds also use RMS tools for trading weather derivatives.