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## A Message from the Executive Director

Of all the benefits of being a RIPEA member, I am the most proud of its value. The price of membership is marginal compared to the benefits provided, and we try very hard to keep operational costs at a minimum to maintain this balance. Yet, due to the ever-increasing cost of doing business, our Board of Directors recently voted to increase membership dues to \$15.00 the upcoming year. Though unfortunate, this increase is the first in 8 years, and our promise is to use these funds to continue to advocate for our membership.

One benefit to our members is to provide access to valuable tools that protect your rights as a consumer. Financial security is high on the list of our members' concerns. That's why we are offering RIPEA members a chance to try LIFELOCK, one of the nation's best lines of defense in identify theft protection. For as low as \$8.50 a month, you can have Identity Theft Protection with Lifelock.

If travel is something you crave, we have a great opportunity for RIPEA members. Current government employees have long been able to receive discounted rates on hotels, condos and car rentals. Now those same benefits are available to RIPEA members. We are excited to pass along these great values to you!

Please let us know if you have any questions! In the meantime, continue to enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

*Bill Murphy*  
Bill Murphy



## Traveling Just got a Little Cheaper

This is a unique space-available vacation, condominium, hotel and resort program that was originally only available to government employees. Now, RIPEA members can take advantage of this great deal! Space-available condos are located worldwide and available for a low, flat rate. If you book your weekly condo online, the rate is \$349. If you prefer to make your reservations over the phone, the rate is slightly higher at \$369. Visit [www.gettravelop.com/amba](http://www.gettravelop.com/amba) to see travel deals, condo pictures, and much, much more! To make reservations over the phone, call (877) 867-3639 and use discount code 823.

When you travel and need a rental car, don't forget that all RIPEA members receive discounts with Avis, Budget and Hertz car rentals!

Avis discount code: AWD# G725000 / (800) 331-1212 / [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)

Budget discount code: BCD# X925500 / (800) 527-0700 / [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com)

Hertz discount code: CDP# 1860896 / (800) 654-2210 / [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)

When you use your RIPEA discounts, you really enjoy the benefits of being a valued member!

## Lifelock offers great Rate for Ripea Members

Do you give your social security card to your doctor's office or bank?  
Do you pay expenses or purchases with a credit or debit card?  
Do you use social media like Facebook or LinkedIn, or shop online?

If you do any of these things, you are at risk for identity theft. It is the No. 1 fraud complaint for the past 10 years. In 2011 alone, there were 11.6 million adult victims of identity fraud, costing Americans \$18 billion.

RIPEA members can protect their own personal information and defend against identity theft attacks with Lifelock, the nation's leading identity theft protection provider. Lifelock is available to RIPEA members at its lowest pricing.

Lifelock monitors thousands of websites and databases and in most cases can notify you of any irregularities before they become major identity theft issues. This proactive identity theft alert keeps your identity safe.

Lifelock offers identify threat detection and alert, 24-hour member support, lost wallet protection and a \$1 million service guarantee.

Lifelock Ultimate offers enhanced coverage as well as data breach protection, public database monitoring, bank account and credit alerts and more.

	Lifelock Identity Theft Protection	Lifelock Ultimate
Single Member	\$8.50	\$21.25
Member + Spouse	\$17.00	\$42.50

## Annual Convention – Save the Date

The countdown is on for the RIPEA's 23rd Annual Convention celebrating 41 years of service to our members.

We are excited to host presenters covering topics important to our members including a 2013 Legislative update and the future of COLA's and 13th checks with Representative David Niezgodski (D), South Bend and Senator Phil Boots (R), Crawfordsville, important information on the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obama Care, a presentation on Identity Theft and an update on the RIPEA Foundation. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions of all the presenters. We will also have cash door prizes, great food and a tribute to our military service members.

You can register for the Annual Convention by completing the form below and return with a check for \$12.00 by August 31st. Doors open at 9:00 A.M. the program begins at 10:00 A.M. and we will adjourn at 3:00 P.M. Once again we will offer free bus transportation to the Convention from South Bend, Kokomo, Clarksville, Vincennes, Terre Haute and Lake County. If you are interested please contact the RIPEA office.

The Convention will take place on Monday September 9, 2013 at Primo South Conference & Banquet Center, 2615 E. National Avenue, Indianapolis. This is the same location as recent Conventions. For additional information visit our website [www.ripea.org](http://www.ripea.org).

## The Cost of Doing Business

The RIPEA Board of Directors, in their meeting on June 5, 2013, voted unanimously to accept a membership task force recommendation to increase annual dues from \$12 to \$15 in 2014. This is the first increase in membership dues in 8 years.

The Board established the task force to conduct a thorough analysis of RIPEA's income and expenses, and study the future direction of RIPEA. Based on its members' analysis, the task force recommended this \$3 increase in annual dues. The task force felt the increase was necessary due to the ever increasing cost to operate RIPEA since 2006; the last year dues were increased. As an example, postage—which represents a substantial portion of RIPEA's expenses—increased 40% in these 8 years. The RIPEA Board hopes this additional income can be used to implement programs that will help current members as well as attract new members.

We appreciate your understanding and support.

### SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

PRIMO SOUTH BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER,  
2615 E. NATIONAL AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, 46227

Check a box if you wish to ride the bus; here are the departing locations:

South Bend  Kokomo  Clarksville  Vincennes  Terre Haute  Lake County

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12.00 FOR EACH ATTENDEE)

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