

Indiana Abstract

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President Message

Submitted by Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

Hello, Everyone,

On behalf of the Indiana Cancer Registrars Association, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Gail Henderson, LPN, CTR, for her service as our president. This has been a challenging year for her; in addition to leading our organization she has also been primary care-giver to her husband, who has been undergoing treatment for oral cancer this year. We wish them both all the best in the future, and thank all ICRA Board Members for their spirit of unity and support this year. Everyone worked very well together, as you can see by the updates noted below.

We are very excited about our upcoming fall conference, to be held November 3 and 4, 2011, at Primo West Banquet and Conference Center in Plainfield. Program chair Nancy Whipple has put together an excellent agenda including several sessions from our local "guru", Jan Stengel, RHIA, CTR; and our national "super guru", April Fritz, RHIT, CTR. We are also very fortunate to have Vicki Chiappetta, RHIA, CTR, Technical Specialist of Accreditation and Standards, Commission on Cancer, joining us to present "Who are the Key Players in the New Standards". I'm sure all presentations will be highly informative and valuable, and I hope to see everyone there.

We would also like to thank our secretary, Cassie Nobbe, CTR, for going above and beyond in working on our website, <http://www.icra-indiana.net>, which will be undergoing a complete make-over by revision30 soon. Cassie has also been researching scanners and photo storage options.

Education chair Ellen Hurd, LPN, CTR, held a WebEx session on follow-up via the internet on August 17, 2011, and we thank her for this innovative approach to hosting a workshop so that attendees could participate from their facilities.

Hope that everyone had a great summer, and looking forward to seeing everyone at Primo Conference Center in November. Take care, everyone.

President-Elect/Audit/Bylaws, Sherry Dowling, CTR

The Bylaws Committee, Judi Reininga and myself, have read and discussed different areas of the ICRA Bylaws and we are happy to state that "NO revisions are needed this year".

One of my duties, as president-elect, is to audit the books. Since ICRA voted in a new treasurer for 2011, my audit was completed during the transition process (between treasurers) with everything in excellent order.

I represented ICRA at the 2011 NCRA conference to keep abreast of the upcoming changes in our profession. The board of directors (BOD) voted to donate a basket to the NCRA fundraiser again this year. Several people donated items (thank you) and we ended up with a nice entry.

Recently, I have been on the road visiting Indianapolis area hotels and conference centers, reading proposals and trying to narrow down the selection of locations for the 2012 Fall Conference. There are many things to consider: past comments from members, location, available space and the cost. I will take the proposals and give my recommendations to the BOD at our next meeting where a final decision will be made. The new 2012 educational standard requiring all registry personnel to attend an educational meeting will give our association a chance to shine and promote the Cancer Registry profession.

I would like to hear from any member that is interested in serving on a committee in 2012. ICRA needs new faces and fresh ideals, ICRA needs YOU!

The demands and changes facing our profession sometimes seem hard to manage but with a positive attitude together we can be successful. Attitude is everything! The following article touched me, so I would like to share it with you.

ATTITUDE

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and saw she had only three hairs on her head. "Well", she said "I think I will braid my hair today." So she did and she has a wonderful day.

The next morning she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw she only has two hairs on her head. "H-M-M" she said, "I think I will part my hair down the middle today." So she did and had a grand day.

The next morning she woke, looked in the mirror and saw she only had one hair on her head. "Well", she said, "Today I am going to wear my hair in a ponytail." So she did and had a fabulous day.

The next morning she woke, looked in the mirror and saw not a single hair on her head. "YAY!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything! Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply and Speak kindly... Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Author Unknown

Vice President/NCRA Liaison/CoC Liaison, Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

Hello, everyone, hope you all had a great summer.

NCRA's Nomination Committee is currently accepting applications for candidates to be considered for elected offices, council members, and the nominating committee. Deadline is September 30, with elected terms to begin in April, 2012.

If your CE cycle ends on December 31, 2011, you are required to report a minimum of 20 CE hours by January 31, 2012.

The NCRA Workload and Staffing Study have been released and a free download is available. A new release of Collaborative Staging will be available in fall, 2011.

ACoS has announced that as part of the transition to the 2012 standards, a new SAR will be introduced next year and the current SAR will be phased out. In order to retain an historical record of program activity, all standards and tables in the current SAR must be completed by September 30 (now extended to October 31). All program activity and information for 2009, 2010, and 2011 through June 30 must be completed, including the cancer liaison activity report, the FIPS, and survey documentation.

A free webinar is available, "Preparing for your COC Survey" to assist programs with preparation for accreditation survey.

Rapid Quality Reporting System is a new program from NCDB, designed to promote evidence-based cancer care at the local level in real clinical time. A webinar is available on demand.

New on demand webinars are coming soon on Quality of Patient Care, Program Management, New Cancer Program Standards, Cancer Committee Roles and Responsibilities, Cancer Committee Evaluating and Reporting, Important Accreditation Facts, Overview of Survey Process, and CAP protocols.

AJCC has launched a YouTube channel as a new way to present educational information and interact with oncology and registry communities. A series of webinars based on AJCC 7th Edition Staging Manual was created in 2010. Five of these webinars are still available for viewing (gynecologic sites, gastrointestinal staging, kidney and adrenal gland, ovary and appendix, and melanoma and Merkel cell carcinoma), but they will be removed soon.

A national patient navigator leadership summit was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2010. A supplement to *Cancer*, a peer review journal, features 10 articles aiming to present state-of-the-art patient navigator programs and expertise and also to define and establish general metrics to measure program outcomes

If anyone knows of Indiana residents who are new CTRs, please let me know at 219-836-4541 or by email jduncan@comhs.org. ICRA recognizes our new CTRs at the annual conference and we certainly do not want to miss anyone. Thanks so much and hope to see you at the Fall Conference in November!

Secretary/ Website/ISDH Liaison, Cassandra (Cassie) Nobbe, CTR

From the desk of the Secretary:

As the Secretary, my main focus has been working on purchasing a scanner for the organization so that old policy and procedure manuals, board meeting minutes, fall conference information and photographs can be archived for future use.

ICRA's Website:

The website has been a major project for ICRA for the past couple of years. As many of you know, ICRA has two accessible websites: www.icra-indiana.com and www.icra-indiana.net. The first site was the organization's original site which launched in 2005. The newest site (www.icra-indiana.net) was launched in 2010 and will remain the current website for our organization. We have contracted with an outside website design and maintenance company, who will be giving our website a facelift. The current site was updated in the early part of the summer to provide membership with an update on the upcoming fall conference and a more current calendar of events. The new and improved site is projected to be completed in early September. If you have any ideas or suggestions of contents you would like to be added to the site please contact the Board of Directors at icra_indiana@yahoo.com.

An update from the Indiana State Department of Health's Cancer Registry:

At the beginning of July, Bridget Strong, Director of the Indiana State Cancer Registry sent out an e-mail regarding when the State Registry would be able to accept 2011 cases. As a reminder:

"We cannot process 2011 cases until we've converted our software for CS version 02.03. Currently we do not expect to do this before the end of the summer. We will send out an email when we do the conversion.

If you have already upgraded your software to use CS v02.03, please do not submit to us until we notify you that we're ready. When you finally do submit, we will adjust your due date so that you will not be marked late because you had to wait for us.

If you have not upgraded yet, you should wait until you've submitted all your 2010 cases before doing so. You will be able to abstract 2010 cases after you've upgraded, but you'll have to do it using the new CS v02.03 rules. Do not abstract 2011 cases until after you've done the upgrade, and do not send us 2011 cases until we notify you that we're ready.

If you have abstracted any 2011 cases prior to doing the upgrade, you will have to review all the CS codes for those cases and then recalculate the collaborative stage."

Program Chair, Nancy Whipple, CTR

Dear ICRA Board Members,

At this year's fall conference, we have April Fritz coming to present CSv2 for Lung, Breast, Colon and Kidney. She will also present "What you need to know about Blood Diseases, Lymphomas and the Hema MP/H Rules. After conferring with Gail, I have asked Vicki Chiappetta, Technical Specialist, Accreditation & Standards, CoC, ACoS to give a presentation on CoC 2012 Standard changes? I have estimated a cost of \$5,000.00 for both speakers; this includes speaker fees, airfare, other transportation expenses, food and lodging. Thank you for your input regarding these issues.



Past President/Nominating Committee, Camille Foley, RHIT, CTR,

The Call for Nominations has been mailed and they have been returned. If everyone who was nominated would agree to run, we would have two or more candidates for each office. That would really be exciting.

So many times, we can only get one candidate for each office willing to run.

If you are asked to have your name placed on the ballot, please say yes. Too many times there are complaints about the same people always being elected officers (running things). Well guess what, those are the only ones willing to step up and help ICRA continue to be a great organization. The officers and committee chairs take time to go to Board of Directors meetings, prepare reports for these meetings, and prepare reports for the Annual Business Meeting. We thoroughly research items that are to be purchased for the organization before voting on these purchases. When funds are sufficient, we invest in bank Certificates of Deposit and other accounts that will earn interest. The Treasurer gets quotes on interest rates being offered by various financial institutions and brings this information to the Board of Directors. As a group, we vote on where we think would be the best place to invest your money. All this is done according to the By-laws of the Indiana Cancer Registrars Association. If you want to help make decisions about the future of ICRA,

Education, Ellen Hurd, LPN, CTR

I would like to thank all of those who attended the Follow-Up presentation via WebEx on August 17, 2011. I sure hope this was helpful to you. I have been asked, several times lately, if a CTR prep workshop will be held next year. Since my term ends in November, I did report to the Board that several of you would like to have a CTR prep workshop for next year. Thank you.

Public Relations, Brandy Lewis, CTR

Reminder: Please contact Public Relations if you know of any member who has lost a loved one from their immediate family. ICRA would like to assure them of our genuine concern and support.

We would like to emphasize that the Public Relations Committee always welcomes ideas for the newsletter and encourage articles from you, the membership. You don't need to be on the Board to submit an article. Let's hear from you!

Treasurer, Lori Carroll, CTR

2nd Quarter 2011

Beginning Balance	\$12,444.22
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	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	
<u>Income</u>				
Interest-checking	\$0.22	\$0.24	\$0.30	\$0.76
Interest-savings	\$1.48	\$2.38	\$2.20	\$6.06
Interest-Maturity Certificate of Deposit			\$36.68	\$36.68
Membership	\$570.00	\$375.00	\$230.00	\$1,175.00
Total	\$571.70	\$377.62	\$269.18	
Total Balance with Income				\$1,218.50

Expenses

Board Meeting(mileage)	\$295.20		\$295.20
Primo's Fall Conference Deposit	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Public Relations-pastel paper	\$11.22		\$11.22
Secretary-digital recorder	\$59.99		\$59.99
Tote for NCRA basket	\$24.00		\$24.00
NCRA basket-limestone clock		\$29.43	\$29.43
CTR pins		\$50.06	\$50.06
CNA Surety Bond		\$278.00	\$278.00
Total	\$1,590.21	\$357.49	\$1,947.90
Ending Checking Balance 06/30/2011			\$11,672.08

Certificate of Deposit Fifth Third Bank	\$10,000.00
Savings Fifth Third Bank	\$10,060.27
Balance of ICRA Treasurer	\$31,732.35

Ways & Means Committee, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Please plan on visiting the Ways & Means silent auction at the Fall Conference. If you have an item or items to donate please let me know. All funds generated from the silent auction help defray the cost of an early bird registration to NCRA for the lucky winner. Scholarship applications will be available October 1st. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference.

Membership Committee Chair, Judi Reininga, CTR

The 2011-2012 Membership drive is coming to a close. According to ICRA Standing Rules, Membership is closed 60 days prior to the Annual Fall Conference. Don't forget as a member you will receive the *Indiana Abstract* and a discounted registration for the Fall Conference. If you have questions or need information sent to a co-worker, contact me at 812-858-3049 or judi.reininga@deaconess.com.

Please join me in welcoming 12 new members for 2011-2012;

Stacy Baynes, BS, Madison, IN; Marian Brown, CTR, South Bend, IN; Wendy Clingan, RT, South Bend, IN; Dawn Debolt, BS, RHIA, CTR, Crown Point, IN; Leonora Feden, RHIT, CTR, South Bend; Paula Kepner, RHIT, CTR, Kuttawa, KY; Judy Libera, AAS, CTR, South Bend; Alissa Napier, Indianapolis, IN; Elizabeth Patberg, Evansville, IN; Vanessa Perkins, BS, South Bend; Kimberly Sisk, RHIT, Evansville, IN; Keila Turner, CMA, Anderson, IN.

Cookbook Update, Judi Reininga, CTR

Well here we are ready for another ICRA Fall Conference. Not so long ago, actually November 2006, ICRA embarked on a fund raiser to supplement the profits from the silent auction. Yes, I'm talking about the ICRA Cookbook. We only have 39 books left to sell. When these are gone, that will be the end of this cookbook. Remember the profit from the sale goes to help pay registration to NCRA for one of our ICRA members. At \$8.00 a book these are a real bargain. Wedding showers, Weddings, Mother's Day, Christmas, Birthday and Thank you are just some of the occasions that you could give someone one of these special books. If 39 of you would purchase just one book at the Fall Conference, we would be sold out. If you don't want to keep the book, you could sell it and totally recoup your purchase price. We'll be looking for you at the Fall Conference!



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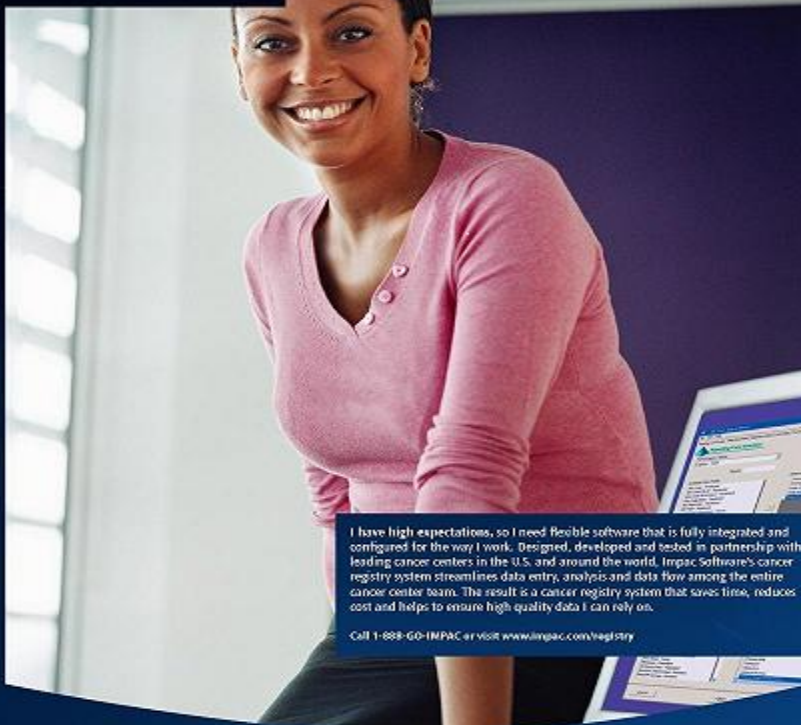
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