

# Indiana Abstract

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## President Message Submitted by Sherry Dowling, CTR



If, I had to choose one word to describe the Indiana Cancer Registrars', ICRA, board this year it would be "Unity", everyone is working together to meet the needs of our members.

Although we got off to a slow start, as our first meeting was rescheduled due to the only winter snow adversary of this season, the ICRA board members have all reviewed their Policy & Procedures, determined their goals and defined their budgets for the year.

Each member is focused on completing the tasks assigned to them and supporting the growth of ICRA as a professional association. We welcome your suggestions and participation. I encourage each of you to renew your membership and to be an advocate for ICRA and the Cancer Registry profession.

Joann Schulz, Present Elect, will be representing ICRA at the National Cancer Registrars' Association Annual Conference this year. This will help inform Joann of upcoming issues in the cancer registry profession and better prepare her for her term of office.

The new CTR educational requirements and the 2012 Commission on Cancer, Cancer Program Standards has brought many challenges this year. This is a difficult time for Cancer Programs. Remember, the college wants the cancer committee to work together as a team; this presents a wonderful opportunity for us to shine as professionals, as we help the committee to understand and implement the new standards. These standards will help us document the excellent care we give at our facilities. Great care is a primary goal of every Cancer Program.

I chose this year's theme "Our Time to Shine" and the sunflower as a symbol to remind us to be positive during this time of change. So, anytime you see a sunflower remember our theme and smile.

I would like to thank all cancer registry professionals for their dedication to the profession and I hope each of you took time to celebrate during National Cancer Registrars Week, NCRW 2012. Please send pictures and information on your celebrations to [icra\\_indiana@yahoo.com](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Sherry Dowling, CTR

ICRA President+

## President-Elect/Audit/Ways & Means, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Please remember to indicate on your membership application form if you would like to serve on an ICRA Committee. I will begin contacting members early summer as I fill the Committee Chair slots for the upcoming year.

### Way & Means Committee:

Thank you for your generous support of the silent auction at the Fall Conference.  
The winner of the NCRA Scholarship is Judi Reininga, CTR.

## Secretary, Website Committee, Cassandra (Cassie) Nobbe, CTR

As the 2012 Secretary, my main focus continues to be archiving ICRA's past information. Other secretary duties include creating an agenda in collaboration with the President for the Board meetings and transcribing meeting minutes. The Board meets in January, May, and September. If you have any topics, ideas, suggestions, or complaints you would like the Board to address please send an e-mail to [icra\\_indiana@yahoo.com](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com) and we will add the items to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

### WEBSITE:

ICRA's website has been resigned and updated. The organization chose to keep the [www.icra-indiana.net](http://www.icra-indiana.net) site and partnered with a website design company for a design makeover. ICRA has created a member's only section that is password protected. As a part of the membership benefits, you should receive a user identification and password. This section includes the policy and procedures for the Board of Directors, a membership roster, ICRA's Code of Ethics, Bylaws, and the Indiana Abstract. We are also adding another educational link to the member's only section on the site. ICRA hopes in collaboration with the Education Committee, to use this link to provide members with some more educational opportunities using the resources we have access to within our organization. Please take some time and explore our website. If you have any questions or suggestions for content, please send an e-mail to [icra\\_indiana@yahoo.com](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com).

### E-MAIL:

ICRA's e-mail address is [icra\\_indiana@yahoo.com](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com). Please add this address to your list of contacts. This address will be used to send all of ICRA's broadcast e-mails. As a member, you should receive a few e-mails annually. If you find you are not receiving e-mails, please contact us using ICRA's e-mail address. Please remember to contact us if your home or work contact information changes.



## Vice President/NCRA/CoC Liaison/ Program Chair, Nancy Whipple, CTR

Hello to all of you. I am pleased to serve as vice president for ICRA for the 2011-2012 term. My goals are to keep our membership informed on NCRA and COC updates, to assist Sherry to the best of my ability, and to serve on the ICRA board.

### NCRA updates:

- 1) 2012-2013 NCRA elections results announced can be viewed on the website @ [www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org).
- 2) The new updates to the Hematopoietic Database and Manual are ready for review and can be accessed from the test site. NCI-SEER allowed open comments from both the SEER registries and partners prior to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. The manual should be online by May1, 2012
- 3) 2012 Casefinding Lists and 2012 Cause of Death Casefinding Lists are now available on the SEER Web site.

### CoC Updates:

- 1) March 12, 2012-ACS CoC Flash-Special Flash for CLPs: Webinar topics for CLP
  - A) Orientation to the Cancer Liaison Physician Role
  - B) Becoming an American Cancer Society Liaison
  - C) How to Navigate the National Cancer Data Base Tools
  - D) Putting the National Cancer Date Base Tools to Work
  - E) Analyzing and Reporting Your Cancer Program's Quality Data.
- 2) NCDB Deadline for Correcting Rejected Records and Data Quality Problems Extended to April 16.

### Program Chairman Updates:

At this year's fall conference, we will have April Fritz coming to be our key speaker. More information will be fore coming.

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## Past President/Nominating Committee

### Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

Hello, everyone, hope you are having a mild winter and I'm sure we are all looking forward to spring!

Just wanted to take a moment to ask that everyone please return the call for nominations that will be sent out this summer. As Camille noted in the fall issue of the Abstract last year, many times we receive only one nomination for each position. With nearly 100 members it would be great if we could have a full ballot this year. Please don't hesitate to nominate yourself if you are willing to serve as an officer. We have a great board, only meet three times per year, and we have a nice lunch as we conduct ICRA business. Please consider joining the board! Thanks, everyone, and have a great day.

## Education Committee Chair, Janet Stengel, RHIA, CTR

The Education Committee is looking forward to a new year of growth for all members. The Indiana Cancer Registrar's Association (ICRA) has a new Website that will have an "Education" link. It will house a calendar of events as well as coding tips that will be available for "members only". "Coding Tips" will be added as they become known through my work as the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) trainer for the State Department of Health. This is something I have done each year at the Fall Conference. Having this available in a more timely fashion may be a benefit to members.

Collaborative Stage v 02.04 is on the Collaborative Stage (CS) Website. Most vendors have not yet made the conversion to this version in their software. Please be aware of the version of CS that you are to be using based on the software conversion that has most recently been installed at your facility. Everyone should be using CSv02.03 currently.

A CS workshop is being planned for September 24, 2012. Much like those in the past, the workshop will be interactive with examples of cases to be worked on as a group. I am hoping to have an announcement sent out to all members as well as through the Indiana State Cancer Registry.

The next 2012 exam date and application deadline are as follows:

September 8-22, 2012

Application due by July 31, 2012

A CTR prep workshop is planned for this July 23, 2012. Details will follow and will be sent out to members as well as through the Indiana State Cancer Registry so that non-members will have the information. Please visit [www.ctrexam.org](http://www.ctrexam.org) for more details and eligibility requirements.

The remaining NAACCR Webinars are listed below. I highly encourage all of you to participate, as you are able. Each Webinar covers the anatomy, Fords treatment codes as well as Collaborative Stage. They air 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and offer 3 CE's for each Webinar. The following are the remaining Webinars in the 2011-2012 series with the description provided by NAACCR.

### **Collecting Cancer Data: Hematopoietic 5/3/12**

This 3-hour class will present the following information for hematopoietic primaries: anatomical information needed to abstract and code the cases; how to determine the number of primary tumors using the updated Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual; how to code the CSv2 data items; and the treatments and how to code them.

### **Using and Interpreting Data Quality Indicators 6/14/12**

This 3-hour class will include descriptions and meanings of various data quality indicators, data fitness for use criteria, interpretation of results of analysis of data quality indicators, and how to investigate identified deficiencies.

**ICD-10-CM and Cancer Surveillance 7/12/12**

This 3-hour class will present preparations cancer registries and surveillance programs should be making for implementation of ICD-10-CM in healthcare facilities. Basics of the coding system will be presented. We will apply for CE hours from AHIMA that would meet the requirements that all RHIT's receive at least 6 hours of training on ICD-10-CM coding.

**Collecting Cancer Data: Melanoma of Skin 8/2/12**

This 3-hour class will present the following information for skin melanoma: anatomical information needed to abstract and code the cases; how to determine the number of primary tumors; how to code topography and histology; how to code the CSv2 data items; and the treatments and how to code them.

**Coding Pitfalls 9/6/12**

This 3-hour class will address coding dilemmas identified through quality control of registry data and present solutions with rationale for determining the number of primary tumors using the MP/H rules, assigning ICD-O-3 topography and histology codes using the ICD-O-3 Manual, completing the appropriate data items using CSv2, and completing treatment data items as required by all standard setters.

Members who maintain RHIT or RHIA credentials must have several CE hours covering ICD-10-CM. Please keep that in mind when accruing CE's.

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## **Lolita (Lee) Thompson, CTR, IHIMA Liaison**

The Indiana Health Information Management Association held their annual spring conference at Primo's Conference Center West in Plainfield, IN on April 23-25.

For those of you who need AHIMA CEU credits AHIMA have approved a very generous incentive for HIM professionals to mentor a student.

For every (1) contact hour, you can receive one (1) CEU. You can earn up to five (5) CEU's in a calendar year, and up to ten (10) per CEU cycle just for working with a student. If you have not been receiving CEU's for working with students, or is interested in taking on a student or two, contact your local CAHIM accredited HIM program. If you are unsure who to contact, send an email to [centraloffice@ihima.org](mailto:centraloffice@ihima.org).

## Treasurer, Kolleen Spencer, CTR

<u>ICRA Treasurer 2012 by Quarters</u>		2012			
Beginning Balance		\$14,954.93			
Income:		January-March	April-June	July-September	October-December
Interest-checking		\$1.03			
Interest-savings					
Interest-Maturity of Certificate of Deposit					
Membership		\$830.00			
Sponsorships -vendors		\$1200.00			
2011 NCRA basket program proceeds					
2011 ICRA Fall Conference Registration					
Ways & Means- Booth & Silent Auction					
Membership-Cookbook Sales					
Scholarship Fund		\$10.00			
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2,041.03</b>			
<b>Balance Income Quarterly</b>		<b>\$16,995.96</b>			
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Audit Meeting(mileage)					
Board Expenses (mileages/lunch)		\$620.00			
Treasurer/Office products(binder, tabs)		\$12.23			
Public Relations-pastel paper					
Secretary-digital recorder					
Tote for NCRA basket		\$31.49			
NCRA basket-limestone clock					
CTR pins					
CNA Surety Bond					
NCRA Registration for 2 attendees		\$890.00			
IHIMA Liaison reimbursement		\$11.49			
President-Elect Mileage/Lunch 2012 Fall Conference					
Website Makeover/Monthly Update Fee		\$180.00			
Yahoo Web Hosting					
Scanner w/warranty					
Program- Supplies for Fall Conference					
Historian-Prizes					
Fall Conference Reimbursement for 2011		\$371.25			
ACOS		\$96.60			
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$2213.06</b>			
<b>Total Expenses by Quarter:</b>		<b>\$2,213.06</b>			
<b>Balance of ICRA Checking Account</b>		<b>\$14,782.90</b>			

## 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!

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## Membership/Bylaws Committee Chair, Judi Reininga, CTR

The 2012-2013 Membership drive began with the mailing of renewal applications in mid-February. Dues are still \$25.00 for active membership and \$20.00 for an associate membership. You can avoid a \$5.00 late fee by paying your dues prior to June 1, 2012. Don't forget as a member you will receive the *Indiana Abstract* and a discounted registration for the Fall Conference and access to the members only section of the ICRA website. If you have questions or need information sent to a co-worker, contact me at 812-8588-3049 or [judi.reininga@insightbb.com](mailto:judi.reininga@insightbb.com).

Join me in welcoming Marla Cole, CTR, from IU Health Goshen Center for Cancer Care in Goshen and Joann Zeller, MBA, RTT, CTR from Chancellor Center for Oncology in Newburgh, and Rhonda Andrzejewski, Hendricks Regional Health, Avon as new ICRA members.

## Cookbook Update, Judi Reininga, CTR

Last Call!! We have only 13 ICRA cookbooks left. ICRA again donated a book to the NCRA basket to be raffled off at the Annual Conference in April. Sales from the cookbook have provided funds for scholarships to NCRA. I hope that you will consider buying a book to either keep for yourself or give/donate as a gift. There will never be a cookbook exactly like this again.

At \$8.00 it is a real bargain. A big thank-you to all of you that purchased books at the last Fall Conference and those that have bought/sold books since the initial sales started in 2007. Let's make 2012 the last year for ICRA cookbooks!

## American Cancer Society Liaison, Michele Hoskins, B.A., CTR

In 1913, a group of 15 physicians and businessmen met and formed the American Society for the Control of Cancer. Their goal was to raise public awareness about cancer. In 1945, the A.S.C.C. was reorganized as the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society has been waging war against cancer ever since, and with the development of the Cancer Action Network, they are giving us the opportunity to talk to our legislators and make a difference. They are making cancer a national priority.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life events are currently being planned all over Indiana. Team Rallies have begun. The Relay for Life of LaPorte County has become the first Indiana group to be in the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (A.C.S. C.A.N.) club! Get involved in your local group or start one in your area to “celebrate, remember, and fight back!”

The A.C.S. has been intimately involved with the grassroots effort in the “Smoke free Indiana” campaign. Twenty-three states in our nation already have comprehensive smoke free air policies. Indiana has the nation’s second highest smoking rate and each year, more than 1,200 Indiana adult non-smokers die from exposure to second-hand smoke. A “smoke free workplace” bill has already passed both chambers of our state government, but it exempts many workplaces. Our American Cancer Society encourages all Hoosiers to contact Governor Daniels to reiterate his position on smoke free air.

Funding for research and education is another area where the American Cancer Society is helping us. The A.C.S. is currently sponsoring ten grants for cancer research totaling \$3,539,000. Additional grants are available for physician training in cancer prevention and for social workers who are interested in a 2<sup>nd</sup> year master’s degree leading to an oncology designation, which is desired by the Commission on Cancer.

Look for more information about your American Cancer Society’s six Great Lakes Division offices and one mid-South division office (for Clark and Floyd counties) in the next edition of “The Indiana Abstract.”





## *2011 Distinguished Member Recipient*



**2011 ICRA President, Jan Duncan presented Betty Jeffers, CTR with the 2011 ICRA Distinguished Member Award at the 2011 ICRA Fall Conference.**



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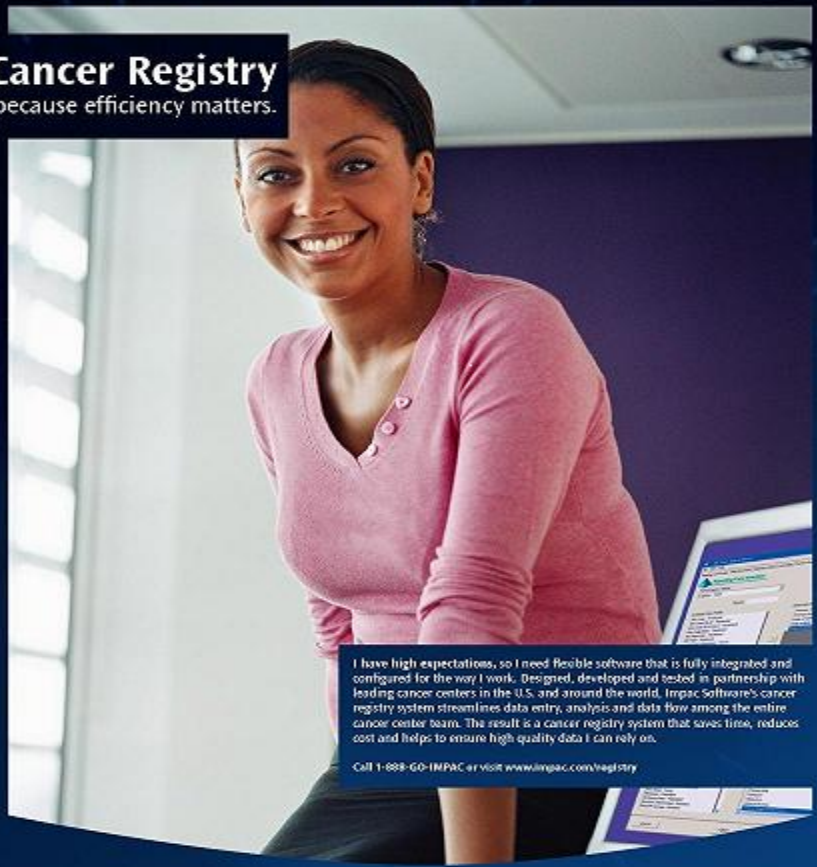
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