

# Indiana Abstract

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## President Message Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Hello,

I hope everyone is having a safe winter. Spring is just around the corner.

The Board of Directors is already very busy. Jan Stengel RHIA, CTR held a workshop on March 4th and she has planned another on May 6th at the Indiana State Department of Health. Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR is busy planning our Fall Conference, selecting individuals for her Board and selecting a site for the 2014 Fall Conference (she is really busy). Judi Reininga, CTR has mailed Membership applications/renewals. Please return your application as quickly as you can membership expires March 31st. Cassie Nobbe, CTR will serve as our official representative at NCRA. Cassie will be a wonderful representative for ICRA. As you receive your nominations from Sherry Dowling, CTR this summer please nominate someone you think would make a good officer or nominate yourself for an office. As I said at the Fall Conference through the years I have made so many wonderful friends serving on the Board I wish everyone could have the same experience

I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at the Fall Conference November 7th & 8th at Caribbean Cove for our 35th Anniversary Celebration

**President Elect/Auditing Committee/ Program Chair, Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR**

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

Since I unfortunately was not able to attend the first Board of Directors meeting I have not yet completed the audit of the Treasurer's books, but hope to complete it after the next meeting in April.

I'm in the process of selecting a hotel for the 2014 conference, to be held November 6 and 7. Contracts have been requested from Caribbean Cove and Marten House, and a decision will be made in February. Please let me know if there are any "hot topics" you would like us to address.

**Program Committee Updates:**

Joann and I met in January to discuss the Fall Conference Program, which will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars now to join us November 7 and 8, 2013, at Caribbean Cove. The last time Joann and I worked together on our program this hotel was called Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids. They have a nice secluded area for our educational program with a room nearby for vendors, and I'm looking forward to a good program.

April Fritz, RHIT, CTR, is available on November 7, so we look forward to her expertise once again. The Continuing Medical Education Coordinator at the Indiana University Medical Center has also promised to assist us with securing physician presentations. Other areas under consideration are an ACOS update and a bit of ICD-10 training. Please send me an email ([jduncan@comhs.org](mailto:jduncan@comhs.org)) or give me a call at 219-836-4541 with any topics you would like us to cover, and we will do our best to secure a speaker.

Hope to see you all in November!

### **Past President/Nomination Committee Chair, Sherry Dowling, CTR**

This has been a very busy winter for me, as our hospital is preparing for the CoC survey. I did manage to get away to attend the first 2013 ICRA board meeting. It was wonderful to see everyone, registrars from across the state, coming together for a common cause; to represent you, the members of ICRA. We shared our individual goals for the upcoming year. It was great to hear everyone's ideas and to listen to suggestions for the future of ICRA. These meetings always seem to recharge my batteries and I must admit mine were running a little low.

This summer, I will be mailing out requests for the nominations of ICRA officers. The past couple of years, the nominations committee had a difficult time filling the ballot. I would like for each of you to consider running for an office. Although we are all very busy with obligations of work, family and friends, we need to stretch a little farther to help keep our organization and our profession strong. ICRA is YOU, the members, please contact me or nominate yourself for an office. We need members who are willing to serve to keep our organization strong, so we can continue to provide educational programs and the other benefits of our association. The policy and procedures for each association position are on our website; read them to see which position suits you before you make a commitment. Remember, other board members will be there to assist you. There are some benefits for serving on the board besides professional growth and networking. Please contact me for more information. Thank you in advance for your support of our association!

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### **Website Committee Chair, Cassandra (Cassie) Nobbe, CTR**

ICRA's website is located at [www.icra-indiana.net](http://www.icra-indiana.net). Check out the calendar of events link for updated continuing education opportunities and the annual conference link for details about ICRA's fall conference. The Registrars Resource tab has links to many different types of sites that are beneficial to the cancer registrar. If there is any content you would like added to the website please send an e-mail to [icra\\_indiana@yahoo.com](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com).

As a member of ICRA, you have access to ICRA's members only portion of the website. This houses the policies and procedures of ICRA's Board of Directors, the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Annual Report, previous Indiana Abstracts and the Membership Directory. One of the goals for this year will be to add some pictures from the Historian to the website.

<b>ICRA Treasurer 2012 by Quarters</b>					Pg	1 of 2
Beginning Balance	<b>\$14,954.93</b>	<b>\$15,073.14</b>	<b>\$15,143.10</b>	<b>\$14,464.10</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>January-March</b>	<b>April-June</b>	<b>July-September</b>	<b>October-December</b>		
Interest-checking	\$1.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Interest-savings	\$1.79	\$2.51	\$2.53	\$1.68	Oct	Nov
Membership Dues	\$1,255.00	\$745.00	\$275.00	\$110.00		
Sponsorships -vendors	\$1,200.00		\$1,250.00	\$1,100.00		
2011 NCRA basket program proceeds		\$71.60				
2011 ICRA Fall Conference Registration						
Ways & Means- Booth				\$129.00		
Silent Auction				\$738.00		
Membership-Cookbook Sales		\$51.73		\$56.00		
Applebee's Fundraiser				\$82.28		
CTR Prep workshop registration			\$350.00	\$31.00		
Fall Conference Registration 2012				\$12,460.00		
Scholarship Fund	\$10.00					
Total Income	<b>\$2,468.17</b>	<b>\$868.33</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>	<b>\$14,706.28</b>		
<b>Balance Income Quarterly:</b>	<b>\$17,423.10</b>	<b>\$15,941.47</b>	<b>\$17,018.10</b>	<b>\$29,170.38</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>						
New Checks	\$36.90					
Audit Meeting(mileage)						
Board Expenses (mileages/lunch)	\$620.00	\$637.19	\$480.30			
Treasurer/Office products(binder, tabs)	\$12.23					
Secretary-digital recorder						
NCRA basket-supplies		\$46.86				
Tote for NCRA basket	\$31.49					
Stationary/Bennett Printing			\$120.00			
CTR pins		\$50.00				
CNA Surety Bond			\$278.00			
NCRA Registration for 2 attendees	\$990.00					
IHIMA Liaison reimbursement	\$11.49					
Website Makeover/Monthly Update Fee	\$180.00	\$60.00	\$250.00			
Yahoo Web Hosting						
Scanner w/warranty						
Fall Conference Reimbursement for 2010	\$135.00					

Fall Conference Reimbursement for 2011	\$236.25					
ACOS/Hotel reimbursement	\$96.60					
Folders for Conference			\$34.00			
Postage for mailing ballots			\$45.50			
Postage for return ballots			\$45.00			
Postage/cookbooks		\$3.73				
CTR Prep Workshop reimburse/Jan Stengel			\$240.77			
Stamps/postage			\$90.37	\$9.00		
<b>Fall Conference 2012</b>						
Speaker, April Fritz, CTR				\$2,615.65		
Speaker, Jack Wei, MD				\$100.00		
Umbrella's			\$970.06			
Trophy Shop/president plaque				\$25.00		
Historian prize/candy/bookmarks				\$81.88		
registration fee reimbursement				\$150.00		
Fishers Conference Hospitality Group				\$9,208.04		
Installation candy supplies				\$14.49		
Name tags/labels/color paper				\$33.98		
Transitional meeting supplies				\$19.99		
NCRAA application for program CEU hrs				\$75.00		
Engraver/table flowers/certificate paper labels				\$145.62		
Total Expenses by Quarter:	<b>\$2,349.96</b>	<b>\$797.78</b>	<b>\$2,554.00</b>	<b>\$12,478.65</b>		
<b>Balance of ICRA Checking Account</b>	<b>\$15,073.14</b>	<b>\$15,143.69</b>	<b>\$14,464.10</b>	<b>\$16,691.73</b>		
Kolleen Spencer, CTR /ICRA Treasure 2012						
Presented at Board Meeting on Jan 4, 2013						
CD	\$10,000.00					
Savings Account	10,069.59	\$10,072.10	\$10,074.63	\$10,076.31		

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

The Education Committee has been busy planning workshops to reinforce current coding rules as well as introduce the changes for diagnosis year 2013. The first workshop was held at the Indiana State Department of Health on March 4, 2013. It highlighted the changes as well as reinforced current coding rules for FORDS, Collaborative Stage, and the 2007 MP/H rules. In addition we went over coding exercises. The second workshop for spring is planned for May 6, 2013. I welcome any suggestions for topics that members wish to review.

FORDS has had several changes that are highlighted in Appendix C of the manual. These include a new data item to capture address at diagnosis and birthplace, secondary diagnosis fields to account for the implementation of ICD-10 in 2014, and new override fields for Collaborative Stage. Perhaps the biggest change is that the fields for Ambiguous Terminology at Diagnosis, Date of Conclusive Terminology, Date of Multiple Tumors, Type of Multiple Tumors Reported as One Primary and the Multiplicity Counter have been discontinued for cases diagnosed January 1, 2013 and forward. They are still to be collected for cases diagnosed between 2007 and 2012. The histologic grade (grade/diff) field is no longer required to be coded for CoC accredited facilities if grade is captured elsewhere in the abstract such as in the Collaborative Stage Site Specific Factors (CS SSF). The grade/diff field is coded to "9" if grade is captured elsewhere. FORDS also states that if your central registry requires that grade be coded in the histologic grade field, one would continue to code histologic grade. Indiana does require that grade continue to be coded as something other than "9" if applicable even if grade is coded elsewhere. For example, Fuhrman grade 2 renal cell carcinoma would have the Fuhrman grade coded in CS SSF 6 in the kidney schema. Grade 2 is coded in the histologic (grade/diff) grade field as well as in the CS SSF 6 field for those reporting to the Indiana State Cancer Registry.

In coding recurrence, only code the type of **first** recurrence. A change is that in coding recurrence for lymphoma and leukemia, if a patient relapses, the recurrence code is "59". If a drug such as Gleevec controls either disease process, the patient is considered to be in remission.

SEER RX has recently been updated to version 2.1.0. Please be sure you are using the most current version.

The Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA) has a new Website with an "Education" link. This will house a calendar of events for upcoming workshops. "Coding Tips" will be added to the "members only" section as they become known through my work as the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) trainer for the State Cancer Registry. 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.

The Indiana State Cancer Registry purchased the 2012-2013 NACCR Webinar series. I highly encourage all of you to participate, as you are able. The State hosts this event. Each Webinar covers the anatomy of the site being presented, Fords treatment codes as well as Collaborative Stage. They air 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and offer 3 CE's for each Webinar. One must register with Marsha Lundy at the State Registry in order to receive the handouts prior to the Webinar. NAACCR now requires that one complete a very short quiz to receive the CE certificate. The following are the topics remaining for the 2012-2013 Webinar series.

▪ 3/7/13 Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
▪ 4/4/13 Collecting Cancer Data: Breast
▪ 5/2/13 Collecting Cancer Data: Bladder and Renal Pelvis
▪ 6/6/13 Collecting Cancer Data: Kidney
▪ 7/11/13 Topics in Geographic Information Systems
▪ 8/1/13 Cancer Registry Quality Control
▪ 9/5/13 Coding Pitfalls

Members who maintain RHIT or RHIA credentials must obtain 6 CE's in ICD-10-CM by December 2013. Please keep that in mind when accruing CE's.



**Bylaws Committee/ Membership Committee Chair, Judi Reininga, CTR****Committee Members: Jean Edwards, RHIT, CTR and Sheila Snyder, CTR****Bylaws Update:**

Thank you to Jean Edwards (St Mary's Medical Center, Evansville) and Sheila Snyder (Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes) for agreeing to serve on the Bylaws Committee. We will be reviewing the ICRA Bylaws again this year. If you have questions regarding the bylaws or have suggestions of items that need to be reviewed feel free to contact one of us at any time. Any changes need to be reported to the President 90 days prior to the Fall Conference so don't delay in contacting us. The changes that were approved by the membership at the 2012 Fall Conference have been made and the revised bylaws were sent by email to all current paid members January 2, 2013. If for some reason you did not receive this email, please let me know so I can send to you.

**2013-2014 Membership Drive Update:**

The 2013-2014 Membership drive will begin 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 \$10.00 late fee by paying your dues prior to June 1, 2013. Don't forget as a member you will receive the *Indian Abstract* and a discounted registration for the Fall Conference and access to the members only section of the ICRA website. Membership dues are the income of our association. In order to continue our association, we need your support by being a member. Please encourage non members to join. If you have questions or need information sent to a co-worker, contact me at 812-858-3049 or [judi.reininga@insightbb.com](mailto:judi.reininga@insightbb.com).

Welcome to ICRA Nicole Housinger (Registry Partners) from Winamac, Indiana. I hope to report many more new members in my next report. My goal is to have 100 or more members this year.



## Cookbook Report

**Judi Reininga, CTR**

Believe it or not!! The last of the ICRA Cookbooks were sold at the 2012 ICRA Fall Conference. Congratulations to Rhonda Andrzejewski from Hendricks Regional Health in Avon. She bought the last one. The Cookbook project was started in 2006 to raise money for education of ICRA members. The profit has been used to supplement the silent auction funds. We started with 321 books and raised \$1447.131. To those who purchased books a big thank you from the Ways and Means Committee for supporting this project. Our hope is that you will continue to support the silent auction and encourage others to participate. The End of cookbook reports has come.



## Public Relations/ IHIMA Liaison, Brandy Lewis, CTR

### **Public Relations Update:**

#### National Cancer Registrars Week 2013

Cancer Registrars: Cornerstones of Care, April 8-12, 2013. The purpose of NCRW is to emphasize the important role cancer registrars play in capturing the data that informs cancer research, prevention, and treatment programs. NCRW was established as an annual celebration to promote the amazing work of Cancer Registry professional founded by National Cancer Registrars Association, NCRW is officially celebrated the second week in April.



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!

### **IHIMA Update:**

The Indiana Health Information Management Association (IHIMA) is a non-profit healthcare professional association representing over 2,000-credentialed Hoosiers. IHIMA is an affiliate with American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) as a Component State Association.

The Indiana Health Information Management Association will hold their annual spring conference at Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, IN on April 17-19. This year's theme is "Changing Times with IHIMA". There are 17 CEs available.

## **Indiana State Department of Health Cancer Registry Liaison, Kimberly Turpin, RHIT, CTR**

BIG news... The new Director has been announced! Laura Ruppert started her new position as Director in January. You can contact her by phone at 317-233-7424 or email: [lruppert@isdh.in.gov](mailto:lruppert@isdh.in.gov).

In mid-November state submitted data to the National Program of Cancer Registry (NPCR) for federal grant and to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registry (NAACCR). They will be informed of their certification results this spring.

There will be two educational workshops sponsored by the Indiana State Cancer Registry in association with the Indiana Cancer Registrars Association: March 4<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be held at the Indiana State Department of Health. For any further information, you may contact Janet Stengel at [Janet.Stengel@franciscanalliance.org](mailto:Janet.Stengel@franciscanalliance.org) or (317)528-5786.

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## **Ways & Means Committee, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR**

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Silent Auction & Applebee's Dining to Donate evening at the Fall Conference. This year we will be able to pay the early bird registration for two ICRA members to attend NCRA May 30- June 2 in San Francisco. Congratulations to the winners Kim Turpin, RHIT, CTR Deaconess Hospital Evansville, and Betty Jeffers, RHIT, CTR Union Hospital Terre Haute.

## Historian, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

This is a historic year for ICRA. We will commemorate the thirty-fifth year since our organization was established as the Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association. The following is an excerpt from the Historians Manual.

The organizational meeting for Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association (SITRA) was held on April 5, 1978 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Objectives were discussed and a charter, dues, officers and a by-law committee were set in place. The charter members were: Vesta Davis, CTR (Good Samaritan, Vincennes); Ardythe Hester, Treasurer/Secretary (Welborn, Evansville); M. Imogene Sauer, By-laws Committee (Union, Terre Haute); Bernice Martin CTR, By-laws Committee (Regional, Terre Haute); Diana Carner, Vice President (St. Marys', Evansville); Mary Fehrenbacher, President (Deaconess, Evansville); Sue Schnarr (St. Joseph's Huntingburg); N.D. Ewing, M.D., Honorary Charter Member (Good Samaritan, Vincennes). Two more meetings were held in 1978: one in July, at which the by-laws were voted on; and one in October, a one day educational workshop.

In 1986, the Indiana State Cancer Registry was started and legislation mandating all hospital and medical facilities had to abstract and report malignancies. This made 1986 a year of rapid growth and change for the organization, expanding to meet needs of registrars on a state-wide basis. Jolene Hurst, RRA, CTR, served on the State Board of Health Advisory Committee and Valerie Brown, CTR and other SITRA/ICRA members became involved in assisting with Indiana State Cancer Registry issues.

The Executive Committee met several times during 1986 to plan the November 1986 workshop and to accomplish the following changes announced/voted on at the Business meeting that year: Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA) was adopted as the new name; ICRA had obtained federal and state tax exempt status as a non-profit organization; the office of Vice-President was added; A new newsletter was started to be sent three times a year - "The Indiana Abstract"; Liaisons were established with IMRA and NTRA and our membership was now up to 60 members. Dues were voted to be raised to \$20.00 and many by-law revisions were voted on. As of April of 1988 – Ten years from the original start of SITRA, ICRA had 61 members and was still gaining. The treasury in April of 1988 showed a balance of \$4,323.27.

As you can see, ICRA has a strong history and with dedication, ICRA will continue to meet the educational needs of the organization. As reported at the ICRA Annual Business Meeting on November 1, 2012 the treasury balance for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was \$35,139.63, and was 96 members strong.

*The Cancer Registrar that Empowers Themselves to Participate with the American Cancer Society, Enriches an Oncology's Program.*

**Kolleen Spencer, CTR/ACS Liaison**

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons have a long-standing partnership that dates to the founding of both organizations in 1913. Both are working together to improve cancer outcomes. The two organizations have collaborated at the national, state and local levels in cancer control, research and community outreach initiatives.

The American Cancer Society is a member organization of the Commission on Cancer and supports the National Cancer Data Base and The Cancer Liaison Program with over \$1million in annual funding. Both organizations have common objectives to establish and support high standards of patient care, improve quality of life, and to develop education interventions to improve prevention, early detection, cancer care delivery and outcomes by collaborating to serve the community. The ACS works through the community to serve the community, patients and patients' families. The CoC works through cancer programs and healthcare professionals to serve the community, patients and patients' families.

News for 2013 from The American Cancer Society includes: 1) Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines. New guidelines from the American Cancer Society say evidence is sufficient to recommend screening high risk patients for lung cancer with a low-dose CT scan, providing certain conditions exist. 2) FDA Classification for Tanning Beds. THE ACS is calling on the Department of Health and Human Services to expedite review of the current tanning bed classification at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Be sure to read the full articles in the January 2013 edition of the CoC Source, formerly the CoC FLASH.

At times it is challenging for the cancer registrar to think outside the box in a nonclinical setting. Participation with your American Cancer Society gives you and/or your oncology program team that opportunity. Get involved in 2013 through volunteer opportunities and life-changing events such as Making Strides Against Breast Cancer™ and Relay for Life™. Click on the ACS link for more information <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/index>.



\*The asterisk indicated American Cancer Society sponsored items.

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KICK BUTTS DAY (MARCH 20)

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8)

**APRIL 2013**

NATIONAL MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK (APRIL 15-21)

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (APRIL 21-27)

WORLD HEALTH DAY (APRIL 7)

NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL MONTH

NATIONAL ORAL, HEAD, AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS WEEK (APRIL 14-20)

**MAY 2013**

MELANOMA MONDAY (MAY 6)

DON'T FRY DAY (MAY 24)\*

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHECK-UP DAY (MAY 13)

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK (MAY 12-18)

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY (MAY 22)

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY (MAY 31)

SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH

CANCER RESEARCH MONTH

BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

**JUNE 2013**

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY (JUNE 2)

COACHES VS. CANCER GOLF INVITATIONAL (JUNE 9-10)\*

NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK (JUNE 10-16)

MEN'S HEALTH/CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**JULY 2013**

UV SAFETY MONTH

**AUGUST 2013**

SUMMER SUN SAFETY

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

TAKE A LOVED ONE TO THE DOCTOR DAY (TYPICALLY THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER)

CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH

HEALTH LITERACY MONTH

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER MONTH

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