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President Message Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

Hello, everyone, hope you are surviving this winter, it's been interesting so far. Due to a combination snow and ice storm, we postponed the board meeting scheduled for January but the board has still been busy taking care of the business of ICRA via email discussion and votes, and we will be meeting, weather permitting, on February 28 to finalize plans for 2014 activities.

Jan Stengel, RHIA, CTR, has three workshops planned already, including a CTR prep workshop so please take advantage of these as your schedule allows. Joyce Larko, RHIT, CTR, is reviewing last year's Fall Conference evaluations and determining what topics we would like to present for this year. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for speakers or topics. We will stay on the north side of Indianapolis again this year, but moving over to the Marten House to take advantage of the spacious Lilly Conference Center; please join us there November 6 and 7. Sherry Dowling, CTR, is planning something fun for the membership drive this year, which you can read about in her article, and Claudia Jenkins, CTR, already has ideas for the Historian game for the Fall Conference. Please take note of Kim Turpin, RHIT, CTR's, article with great update information from NCRA and CoC. Brandy Lewis, CTR, in addition to putting together our great newsletter, is also requesting a Proclamation of Indiana Cancer Registrars Week, and Cassie Nobbe, CTR, is continuing to archive some of our documentation, as well as maintaining our e-mail account and website. Camille Foley, RHIT, CTR, and her committee member Sheila Snyder, CTR, will be reviewing our bylaws for any changes that may be needed, and the rest of the board (Treasurer Martha Hill, CTR; President Elect Nancy Whipple, CTR; Kolleen Spencer, CTR, and Laura Ruppert, MHA) are there when I need them, giving advice and supporting our organization. I'm very privileged to have such a great board. Later this year Nominations Chair Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR, will be contacting all members for names to be placed on the ballot for next year's officers – please support our organization and say yes if asked to run for office. As you can see we have many positions on the board, and everyone is always willing to help out with our various programs and activities.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and let's hope spring comes early this year. Take care, everyone, and hope to see you at some of our workshops and the Fall Conference.

Past President/Nominations Chair/Ways & Means, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Watch for the call for nominations early July. Please nominate a fellow ICRA member who you think would be a great officer or if you would like to hold an office please nominate yourself. As I have said so many times I have made such wonderful friends serving on the ICRA Board I wish everyone would consider serving on the Board. As the poet William Arthur Ward wrote "I will do more than belong ~ I will participate". When I call the nominee's please let your answer be yes I will run.

Ways & Means Update:

Congratulation to Jill Branning, CTR, Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne the winner of the NCRA Scholarship. Thank you to all who supported the Silent Auction & Dining to Donate at Texas Roadhouse.

Secretary/Website Committee Chair, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

The Website address for ICRA is www.icra-indiana.net. The website is routinely updated and a unique user ID and password are created for each membership cycle. The 2013 ID and password will expire at the end of May, so remember to renew your membership to receive the new ID and password for 2014. In the member's only section you will find:

- Policies and procedures for all the positions on ICRA's Board of Directors
- Past editions of Indiana Abstracts
- ICRA's Code of Ethics and Bylaws;
- Annual Reports
- Membership Directory

This year the webmaster will be working on adding photos of ICRA throughout the years to the member's only section. If you have any questions or content you would like added to the website, please submit a request to icra_indiana@yahoo.com.

Bylaws Committee Chair, Camille Foley, RHIT, CTR

The By-laws Committee is reviewing our current By-laws to determine if any changes are needed. If so, a report will be made at a later time.

Vice President/NCRA & CoC Liaison, Kimberly Turpin, RHIT, CTR

NCRA Update:

The CTR exam has the following changes for 2014. A third testing window has been added. Testing dates are: March 8 - 29, June 21 - July 12, and October 18 - November 8. A new system is also available for CTR exam candidates to check their application status, schedule testing, and view score reports. The content of the exam itself has changed due to the results of the 2012 job analysis of cancer registry professionals. There are less exam questions. Allotted time for the exam is four hours: 2.5 hrs closed book (180 questions) and 1.5 hrs open book (45 questions). A blue print of the exam is available on NCRA's website.

NCRA's 2014 Annual Conference is May 15-18th at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN. This marks NCRA's 40th Anniversary! The theme is "Working in Harmony to Deliver Excellence". The early-bird cut-off date is March 31, 2014.

NCRA provides a variety of ways for registrars to maintain their credential. Visit the Center for Cancer Registry Education at NCRA for information on CE opportunities, CTR prep and more.

CoC Update:

Standard 1.3 (version 1.2.1) states: "Each required member or the designated alternate attends at least 75 percent of the cancer committee meetings held during any given year." All changes were effective January 1, 2014. Because these requirements were released after the first of the year, all cancer programs surveyed in 2014 will receive a default rating of 1 (compliance) for this standard. For entire details on this subject visit the link listed: <http://www.facs.org/cancer/cocsource/2014/standard-13.html>.

Instructions for coding grade for cases diagnosed January 1, 2014 + can be found at: <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/grade/>.

The presentations from the 2013 CoC Annual Meeting that took place on October 5, 2013 in Washington, D.C. are now posted online.

AJCC 8th Edition will be in effect for all cancer cases recorded on or after January 1, 2017.

Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2016 and after, the standard-setters in the U.S. and Canada will require AJCC TNM and Summary Stage coding to be recorded in the cancer registry abstract. Collaborative Stage will no longer be used.

Survivorship Care Plan Builder is a free, downloadable tool used to help with Standard 3.3.

Treasurer: Martha Hill, CTR

		October	November	December		
Beginning Balance Q4						\$ 15,474.10
Income:						
Vendors		\$ 1,850.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 2,350.00	
Fall Conference Registration		\$ 670.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 10,170.00	
Silent Auction				\$ 286.00	\$ 286.00	
Ways & Means				\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Texas Roadhouse Fund Raiser				\$ 34.06	\$ 34.06	
Membership				\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	
Total Income:		\$ 2,520.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 1,605.06	\$ 12,985.06	\$ 12,985.06
Balance:						\$ 28,459.16
Expenses:						
Caribbean Cove		\$ 7,615.13	\$ 109.33		\$ 7,724.46	
Sherry Dowling - Nomination			\$ 107.23		\$ 107.23	
Claudia Jenkins - Historian			\$ 34.78		\$ 34.78	
Dr. E. Krowiak - Speaker			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Dr. R. Gupta - Speaker			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Dr. R. Goulet - Speaker			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Dr. A Ascioti - Speaker			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Joann Schultz - Gift Card			\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	
The Trophy Shop			\$ 187.40		\$ 187.40	
April Fritz and Associates, LLC				\$ 1,768.44	\$ 1,768.44	
Returned Check			\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00	
Service Charge on Returned Check				\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	
Total Expenses:		\$ 7,615.13	\$ 1,303.74	\$ 1,780.94	\$ 10,699.81	\$ 10,699.81
Balance in Checking 12/31/2013						\$ 17,759.35
Balance in Checking 12/31/2013						\$ 17,759.35
Balance in Savings 12/31/2013						\$ 10,087.27
CD w/o interest accumulated						\$ 10,000.00
Total ICRA Assets:						\$ 37,846.62

Education, 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 2014. The first workshop will be at the Indiana State Department of Health on March 10, 2014. The Hematopoietic Project, which includes the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Database (DB) and Coding Manual, has been updated. Version 2.3 was released January 17, 2014. This DB replaces the 2010 and 2012 DB and Manual that was available previously. Registrars are not required to recode old cases. This database is to be used for cases diagnosed January 1, 2010 and forward. The 2010 and 2012 manuals are no longer available on the SEER Website. If you have them downloaded on your computer you can save them or print them if so desired. With the release of this new DB, the first workshop in March will concentrate on navigating the DB as well as abstracting some Hematopoietic and lymphoma cases. In addition, breast, lung and prostate cases will be abstracted. The new grade instructions that can be found on the SEER Website will also be included.

The Standard Setters have collaborated to consolidate and clarify the coding rules for grade (NAACCR item #440, Grade, Differentiation or Cell Indicator) for cases diagnosed January 1, 2014 and forward. The rules were drafted by the members of the CoC-SEER-NPCR Technical Working Group that includes Margaret Adamo (NCI-SEER), Mary Lewis (CDC-NPCR), Jerri Linn Phillips (CoC), Joan Phillips (CDC-NPCR), Lynn Ries (NCI contractor), Jennifer Ruhl (NCI-SEER), and Shannon Vann (NAACCR).

The “Instructions for Coding Grade for 2014+” can be found at the following link: <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/grade/>. Please save a copy of these instructions as a reference for accurately coding grade for cases diagnosed 2014 and forward. These instructions have some very important information regarding grade definitions, rules for assigning grade for solid tumors, grade for two, three, and four grade systems as well as a link to the Hematopoietic DB. There are important changes to prostate grade conversion for Gleason scores.

Please note that, while the 2013 FORDS stated that grade should be coded to “9” for cases where grade is coded in another field (such as in the Collaborative Stage Site-Specific Factors), the Indiana State Cancer Registry has always required grade be coded/converted to a specific code based on the values in the related fields.

In coding recurrence, only code the type of first recurrence. In coding recurrence for lymphoma and leukemia, if a patient relapses, the recurrence code is “59”. This is a change for 2013. If a drug such as Gleevec controls either disease process, the patient is considered to be in remission.

SEER RX was updated August 6, 2013. Please be sure you are using the most current version. If you download the software, be sure to check the SEER Website periodically so that you are aware of updates. There is a “summary” of changes link on the SEER Website. Please make note of this. The coding of certain agents has been assigned to a new category. For example, Avastin and Herceptin are now coded to “Biological Response Modifier” beginning with diagnosis year January 1, 2013.

The Indiana State Cancer Registry purchased the 2013-2014 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. NAACR now requires that one complete a very short quiz to receive the CE certificate. The following are the topics remaining for the 2013-2014 Webinar series:

4/3/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Melanoma

5/1/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Colon and Rectum

6/5/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Liver

7/10/14 - Topics in Survival Data

8/7/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Lung

9/11/14 - Coding Pitfalls

June 2, 2014 Rice Auditorium at the Indiana State Department of Health has been reserved for a CTR Prep Workshop. An announcement will be sent out for registration. Anyone wishing to participate as an instructor should contact Janet Stengel. Topics for the exam review will be those outlined on NCRA’s Website. August 4, 2014 is the date of the final coding workshop.

2014 CTR Exam Dates

March 8-29: Application deadline is January 31.

June 21-July 12: Application deadline is May 2.

October 18-November 8: Application deadline is September 19.

The 2014 CTR Exam Handbook and Application can be found at:

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/files/public/CTRExamHandbook2014.pdf>



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Historian, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

Hi we are Reggie and Rizzo your Flat Registrars. Let's have some fun this summer!! Then we will see you at the Fall Conference in November!



All year long take us with you on your vacations, to work and to educational opportunities. Anywhere you can think of! Be creative!! At the ICRA Conference in November we will ask the attendees to vote and this will be the Historian game.

Instructions:

1. Print out which ever Flat Registrar you want Rizzo and Reggie (or both). Black and white is OK if you don't have a color printer. You can color them if you want, but it's not necessary. You can also support them with something if you choose, such as a paint stick.
2. Take your flat registrar with you. Have someone take a picture of you with your Flat Registrar(s).
3. Email the picture to me at crcjj@uhhg.org. I will send an email back to acknowledge that I have received the picture. Deadline for emails, will be one week prior to the ICRA Conference. If you choose to bring the developed picture with you to the Conference, the deadline will be the Welcome from our President.
4. I will have the pictures developed and make a display for the conference. Conference attendees will vote on the pictures based following categories.
 - a. Most Fun
 - b. Most Educational
 - c. You and your Flat Registrar being healthy
 - d. Most creative

We will also have a category of farthest traveled from your home (please list City or Town). Both you and Flat Registrar must be in the picture at that destination, along with something identifying the destination.

Our Flat Registrars Rizzo and Reggie will be available at the Conference for photo opportunities, but these will not be in the game.



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Membership Committee Chair, Sherry Dowling, CTR

First, I would like to say “Good-bye and enjoy your retirement” to our past membership chair, Judi Reininga. Over the years, Judi has been a very dedicated member of ICRA and I have BIG shoes to fill.

As you know, our membership year coincides with the fiscal year of ICRA, April-April and things are gearing up for the membership drive. This year, I have asked and the board of directors has approved a contest to help us reach our goal of 100+ members. Membership fees are used to fund the annual business expenses of ICRA.

Here is the way the contest will work: Every time a current member refers a NEW* member and they join ICRA the referring member’s name will go into a drawing. The more members you refer the more chances you will have to win. The NEW member will need to write the referring member’s name on the back on their application form. *New Member is defined as someone who has never been a member of ICRA or someone that has not been a member for at least three years. (I will check old membership rosters to verify status). Per bylaws, applications will be accepted until 60 days prior to an ICRA Annual Fall Conference. The drawing for the winner of the \$50.00 cash prize will take place at the ICRA 2014 Fall Conference.

Please remember to notify us of any changes to your contact information, so you will receive correspondence in a timely matter.

Let’s work together to increase our membership and keep ICRA strong!

Program Committee Chair, Joyce Larko, RHIT, CTR

It’s time to start thinking about this year’s Fall Conference. I don’t mean to rush through spring and summer (especially after this crazy winter), but you know how time flies! We will be returning to the Marten House on November 6 and 7 so please make plans to join us.

On an evaluation form after last year’s Fall Conference, someone suggested the topic “explanation of running reports - query reports/between/equal to - when and what terms to pull up what data”. Would the person who made this suggestion please contact me? I would like to clarify your meaning. I can be reached by email at jlarko@comhs.org or by phone at (219) 836-4541. If anyone has other topics of interest please feel free to contact me.

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Public Relations/ IHIMA Liaison, Brandy Lewis, CTR

Public Relations Update:

Cancer Registrars Week 2014

Cancer Registrars: STEADFAST IN AN EVOLVING ENVIRONMENT. Cancer Registrars throughout the world will join their colleagues, fellow medical professionals, and community leaders to observe the 18th annual National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW) April 7-11, 2014. 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.



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 7-9, 2014. This year's theme is "Recreate, Reclaim, and Rejuvenate". There are 18 CEUs available.

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ACS Liaison, Kolleen Spencer, CTR

Cancer Facts & Figures 2014



This annual report provides the estimated numbers of new cancer cases and deaths in 2014, as well as current cancer incidence, mortality, and survival statistics and information on cancer symptoms, risk factors, early detection, and treatment. In 2014, there will be an estimated 1,665,540 new cancer cases diagnosed and 585,720 cancer deaths in the US. Cancer remains the second most common cause of death in the US, accounting for nearly 1 of every 4 deaths. Download the 2014 Cancer Facts and Figures from the ACS website.

<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2014/index>

ISDH Liaison, Laura Ruppert, MHA

Just a reminder, the Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) has purchased the 2013-2014 NAACCR webinar series. This series is available at no cost to individual CTRs. Please contact Marsha Lundy if you would like more information: (317)233-7158.

The ISCR completed its annual data submissions to the North American Association of Cancer Registries on November 18, 2013 and to National Program of Cancer Registries Cancer Surveillance System on November 19, 2013.

The ISCR will be collaborating with the Indiana Cancer Consortium Data Committee to begin work on the new 2015 Indiana Cancer Facts & Figures for publication.

The ISCR is in the process of pulling together an Advisory Board that will have representation from physicians, CTRs, dentists, pathologists, etc. to address items such as increasing both cancer reporting and utilization of the state's data to enhance programming. If you have any ideas on stakeholders who would like to serve on this board or suggestions on topics to be considered, please contact Laura Ruppert: (317) 233-7424.



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