

Indiana Abstract

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President Message Nancy Whipple, CTR

Hello Everyone,

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

The Board of Directors is already very busy. Lisa LaGue is having a workshop in March 2015. Claudia Jenkins, CTR is busy planning our Fall Conference. Martha Hill, CTR is in the process of emailing Membership applications/renewals. Cassie Nobbe, CTR will serve as our President Elect representative at NCRA. As you receive your nomination from Jan Duncan, CTR, this summer please nominate someone you think would make a good officer or nominate yourself for an office. The rest of the Board (Tammy Horvath Secretary, Sherry Dowling Treasurer, Jan Duncan Past President, Laura Ruppert ISDH Liaison, Camille Foley Bylaws Committee, Betty Jeffers ACS Liaison, Joann Schultz Way & Means Committee and Historian) are there when I need them, giving advice and supporting our organization. I'm very privileged to have such a GREAT board.

I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at the Fall Conference on November 12th and 13th at the Lilly Conference.



President Elect/Audit Committee Chair, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

As President Elect, I am working on securing a location for the 2016 Fall Conference which will be held in the Indianapolis area. If you are interested in being an ICRA Committee member or liaison for the 2016 ICRA Board of Directors, please mark your interest on the ICRA Membership application or send an e-mail to icra_indiana@yahoo.com. The President Elect is responsible for filling the non-elected positions on the Board during the term as President-Elect.

Website Committee Chair, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

The current theme of the website committee continues to be focused around struggles. We are currently undergoing a period of struggles, but the website will soon be springing into an updated look. There may be a short period of time during the reconstruction project where the website goes off-line. If this occurs and you are in need of information please do not hesitate to contact the webmaster at icra_indiana@yahoo.com to assist you.

Past President/Nomination Committee 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! The evaluations from the Fall Conference were very encouraging, and I'm pleased that all of the speakers received high marks. We know accommodations are not always the best, but please remember that there is ample parking at the conference center, and there are many places to stay on Indianapolis's north side in every price range. It is also hard to please everyone with banquet food, but the staff at Marten House did their best to serve us quickly and always with a smile.

I'd like to take a moment to ask that everyone please return the call for nominations that will be sent out this summer. We often 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.

Treasurer, Sherry Dowling, CTR

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association							
Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2014-2015							
Balance:						\$ 16,326.20	
		October	November	December			
Income:							
Fall Conference:		\$ 9,325.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 380.00		\$ 9,745.00	
NCRA Basket		\$ 77.20				\$ 77.20	
Scholarship		\$ 5.00				\$ 5.00	
Membership		\$ 195.00		\$ 40.00		\$ 235.00	
Vendors		\$ 1,540.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 2,240.00	
Silent Action				\$ 256.00		\$ 256.00	
Ways and Means Sales				\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00	
Dining to Donate				\$ 53.75		\$ 53.75	
Check #1069 - not returned from bank				\$ 233.71		\$ 233.71	
Total:		\$ 11,142.20	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,703.46		\$ 12,885.66	
Expense:							
Mileage		\$ 115.65		\$ 131.40		\$ 247.05	
Postage		\$ 98.00	\$ 21.46	\$ 8.05		\$ 127.51	
Supplies		\$ 2.00	\$ 9.79			\$ 11.79	
Website Fee		\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	
Fall Conference Refund		\$ 140.00				\$ 140.00	
NCRA Fall Conference CE's		\$ 75.00				\$ 75.00	
Joyce Larko - Hotel Program Chairman				\$ 208.26		\$ 208.26	
Marten House		\$ 8,080.77	\$ 857.53			\$ 8,938.30	
Fall Conference Speakers		\$ 600.00		\$ 1,598.37		\$ 2,198.37	
President Plague			\$ 76.90			\$ 76.90	
Historian Supplies			\$ 54.59			\$ 54.59	
Printing			\$ 61.11			\$ 61.11	
Membership Drive Award			\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	
2013 Fall Conference Expenses				\$ 102.31		\$ 102.31	
Total:		\$ 9,311.42	\$ 1,131.38	\$ 2,048.39		\$ 12,491.19	
Balance in Checking as of 12/31/14					\$ 12,491.19		
Certificate of Deposit					\$ 10,000.00		
Savings as of 11/30/14					\$ 10,143.16		
Total ICRA Assets as of 12/31/2014					\$ 32,634.35		

Education Committee Chair, Lisa LaGue, CTR

First, I want to acknowledge the work done by Jan Stengel the last several years as both the ICRA Education Chair and the designated NPCR Education and Training Coordinator for Indiana. As I transition into both roles this year, I can only hope to become as valuable a resource as Jan has been to the registrars in our state.

In cooperation with the Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR), three educational workshops are being planned this year. There will be no registration fee for any of these workshops. The first is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 and will cover a variety of topics including cancer registry operations, advanced abstracting and timing rules. Sample cases will be used to demonstrate coding challenges as well. The workshops will be recorded and posted on the Indiana State Department of Health website for viewing at a later date, but attending in person provides a great opportunity to network with other registrars. I encourage everyone to attend if possible. Dates for the next two workshops are not set but projected to be in June and September.

As a reminder, additional opportunities for free educational sessions are offered by ISCR through the NAACCR Webinar Series. The monthly webinars air 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST usually on the first Thursday on the month. Please contact ISCR for more information or to register for these webinars.

I am considering the need for a CTR prep workshop to be conducted in July 2015. If you are planning on taking the CTR exam this year, or if you know someone who is, please contact me as soon as possible. The best way to contact me is by e-mail. My e-mail address is lisa.lague@comcast.net. Instead of a whole day workshop, I may arrange individualized training opportunities if there are only a few interested participants.

Program Committee Chair, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

Preparations for the 2015 ICRA Fall Conference are well underway. Again this year the conference will be held at the wonderful Lilly Conference Center at the Martin House in Indianapolis. The program is in the works and we have some wonderful speakers lined up. April Fritz, CTR has agreed to come share her knowledge with the attendees once again this year. Her topics have not been determined yet, as she wants to wait a couple of months and hopefully the 2016 abstract contents and the more information on TNM will be released. She wants to give us the most updated information available. We will have more information at a later date. Hope to see everyone at the conference!

Vice President/NCRA & CoC Liaison, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

NCRA Update:

The 2015 CTR exam dates have been announced. Remaining dates are:

June 20 - July 11, 2015

Application Deadline: May 29, 2015

October 17 - November 7, 2015

Application Deadline: September 18, 2015

NCRA's 41st Annual Educational Conference (NCRA 2015) will be held May 20-23, 2015, at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas. Registration is now open. The early-bird registration cut-off date is March 31, 2015.

CoC Update:

CP3R Update to Be Released in Spring 2015

The National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) will be releasing updates to our existing measures and adding five new measures in the Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports (CP3R) in spring 2015.

Here is the link for additional information:

<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/acscoc/issues/2015-02-02/6.html>



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Membership Committee Chair, Martha A. Hill, CTR

Membership Drive is Underway!

The 2015 ICRA Membership drive is currently underway. Our goal for 2015 is to have 100 members. This can be accomplished if we all work together. Being a member of ICRA provides many perks, such as our newsletter, "The Indiana Abstract", education, access to our website and discount to the ICRA Fall Conference. More importantly, being a member of ICRA, gives you an abundance of resources by virtue of networking with other ICRA members. I have made and continue to make so many friends and learned by the knowledge of networking with ICRA members. Membership fees are minimal at \$25.00 per year.

The membership drive supports the operating expenses of the organization. If you have not received your membership application, please feel free to use the one attached to this newsletter, or contact me and I will make sure that you receive one. Or, go to the ICRA website where applications are also available. If you have a co-worker or workers who currently are not an ICRA member, please pass along a copy of the membership application, with encouragement to join a great organization.

**ICRA Membership Application
2015 – 2016**

Name _____

Employer _____

Please print or type information you would prefer to have on the *ICRA Website Membership Directory*:

Check one: Employer Address ☐ Home Address ☐

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please print or type information you would prefer *ICRA to use for Correspondence*.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Educational background: ☐ RHIT ☐ CTR ☐ LPN ☐ RN ☐ RHIA

Other (specify) _____

Number of years in Registry field _____ Current position _____

Are you a ☐ Current ☐ New member of ICRA? Referred by: _____

_____ Active (\$25) _____ Associate (\$20) _____ Student (\$10)

Would you be interested in serving on a Committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please make your check payable to Indiana Cancer Registrars Association or ICRA and mail to:

Martha A. Hill, CTR
ICRA Membership Chairperson
5096 South County Road 740 West
Medora, IN 47260

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD ALLOW YOUR NAME AND WORK ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED UPON VENDOR REQUEST

Public Relations/ IHIMA Liaison, Brandy Lewis, CTR

Public Relations Update:

Cancer Registrars Week 2015

Cancer Registrars: THE LIGHTHOUSE IN A STORM OF CHANGE. Cancer Registrars throughout the world will join their colleagues, fellow medical professionals, and community leaders to observe the 19th annual National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW) April 6-10, 2015. The purpose of NCRW is to emphasize the important role cancer registrars plan 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. Their purpose is to commit to excellence in the management of health information for the benefit of patients and providers.

The Indiana Health Information Management Association will hold their annual conference at Ivy Tech Corporate College and Culinary Center in Indianapolis, IN on May 11-13, 2015. This year's theme is "Today's Vision Tomorrow's Reality". There are 17 CEUs available.

ACS Liaison, Betty R. Jeffers, RHIT, CTR

I am sure all registrars know about the American Cancer Society signature event of Relay for Life. Relay for Life is the major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. I hope all Indiana registrars get involved some way in their local Relay for Life! It would be GREAT if your facility sponsored the local event or you were a Team Captain or member BUT that is not the only ways to be involved! Being involved could be supporting a Relay fundraiser, volunteering at your local event or just go to your local Relay for Life and see what it is all about!

One AWESOME event that happens at Relay for Life is the Survivor Lap! The Survivors make a lap around the track and everyone cheers them on! Seeing the smile on their faces is FANTASTIC!!! I feel that going to Relay for Life and standing by that track clapping for the survivors is our job come full circle!!

We deal with information concerning all the survivors each and every day. The information that we collect and report is the ground work for all the diagnosis trends, treatment comparisons, and survival data. Some days our work just seems like primary sites, dates and treatments. Seeing the survivor's smiles validates for me that each accession number is a real person, not just a primary site!

The other touching event at Relay for Life is the Luminaria Ceremony. Bags are placed around the track in honor or in memory of someone who has fought cancer. This is a very touching ceremony. It helps me remember; even those that have passed continue to contribute to evaluating trends.

Funds from Relay for Life also support patient services and research. I could go on and on about this but I sure you see how helping the patients and researching new treatments fit into what we do!

Please support your local American Cancer Society Relay for Life in some way! No way is too small. I am sure once you see a Relay for Life event; you will want to come back! After the event, when you are at your computer at work being a Cancer Registrar, you will smile yourself and realize how you make a difference!

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- Our webinars, newsletter and educational programs ensure that your skills are always up to date



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2014 NCRA Scholarship Winner

Oh my Goodness that was a great national conference in Nashville!! I haven't been to the National Conference since it was in Minnesota in 2008! I went to Survey Savvy in 2011 and it was informative, however, the National Conference is so much more informative, in my opinion, to cancer registrars in what they do daily.

I want to make sure that I say "Thank You" to all for sending me to the conference. Joining ICRA and paying your dues makes you eligible to win too!

The fun of being part of the conference began weeks before the actual conference. It started when I downloaded the "Topi" app. This was something I had never used before. I liked the app over all, however, it was difficult to print the slides for the conference because some slides either didn't make it to the app or they didn't make it to the app till the day before the conference. A couple of the presenters even changed the slides just before the conference and I didn't know. I ended up wasting a lot of time to put everything together beforehand and not to mention the paper and ink to print it all off. When I suggested to Topi that they make it easier to print from the app they said perhaps I could just look off my electronic device to view the slides. Well, first of all I don't have an iPad or any other portable electronic device except my phone. Second, I don't think the battery on my iPhone would ever last that long nor were there outlets close by to plug my phone into. Third, I, like many of us, am old school. I like my slides all in front of me so I can take notes as I follow along.

Anyhow, over all I did like the app because it had the Presenters information, it had the slides, if you had a device that wouldn't need to be plugged in, it had the schedule in it, it had a map of the place and I got to see a few pictures of what was going on that were posted by other participants. I do recommend that the app be tweaked a little bit. Maybe they could show me when new notes or new information is posted or changed so I don't miss them but I'd for sure use the app again.

Like I said earlier, I really think that the conference was very informative. I walked away with many ideas and tools to help make my department a little better. Just being aware of changes and seeing the people making the changes helps to put things into perspective.

When I got back from the conference I typed a summary of all the information and changes that I felt pertain to my facility, my department and me. I shared it with my coworkers and my boss. This information will help us to make changes accordingly to stay on track with the Standards and serve our patients better. Plus, since it is in a summary format we can go back and look at it quickly.

Thank you again, I am so grateful that I got to go to the conference! Remember to join ICRA if you haven't. If you have, be sure to pay your dues and enter a chance to win at the annual conference in November. Maybe you will win next year!

Sincerely,

Jill Branning RHIT, CTR
Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, In

ISDH Liaison, Laura Ruppert, MHA

Just a reminder, the Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) has purchased the 2015-2016 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (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 submitted 2012 data to both NAACCR and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries in November, 2014. Results of the quality, timeliness, and completeness are pending. Both of these submissions directly reflect of the outstanding work of CTRs across Indiana. If the data are acceptable Indiana will be included in the Cancer Incidence in North America and the United States Cancer Statistics publications.

Utilizing cancer data collected from reporting entities in Indiana, Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert, MHA, Cancer Epidemiologist, Amanda Raftery, MPH, RD, and Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Coordinator, Linda Stemnock presented the cancer burden at the first ICC District 10 Coalition meeting on February 18, 2015.

On the Horizon

The Indiana Cancer Consortium (ICC) Annual meeting: April 28, 2015 to be held at Ivy Tech Conference Center. Look for details to be released soon by the ICC on how to register for this event.

The ISCR is collaborating with the Indiana Cancer Consortium Data Committee on the new 2015 Indiana Cancer Facts & Figures for publication. This publication will be released at the ICC annual meeting in April.

Utilizing cancer data collected from reporting entities in Indiana, Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert, MHA and Cancer Epidemiologist, Amanda Raftery, MPH, RD have been invited to share their presentation via a poster display entitled, Tobacco Use and its Impact on Cancer Cluster Investigations in Indiana at the 2015 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Meeting in May of 2015, in Charlotte, NC.