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LeAnn Capps BA, CTR ICRA President

Hello to everyone! I can not believe we are getting into the fall season and conference time is moving closer as I am putting this newsletter together! I hope to see many of you at conference this year. I think it will be an exciting line up of speakers, some that we have not heard from before that are important aspects of the patients journey.

As noted before, this year the 2023 conference will be Nov 9-10th at the Drury Plaza, same place as 2022. I chose a week later as not to conflict with the FFA that will be in Indy the previous week and most hotels were already booked and could not guarantee ICRA rooms or give us both days that I requested.

Dani Deckard BSW, Vice President

Hey Membership! It has been a fun year of planning and supporting the board to make this conference the best yet. I am so excited about the speakers we have lined up and can't wait to be able to socialize with everyone.

Emily Freeman, RHIT, CTR – President Elect

Hello, everyone!

This year has been busy getting ready for our annual conference and something brought up on last year's comments from the conference was concern about all the goody bags that we handed out to membership. The concern was that it was costing membership or wasteful. I wanted to let membership know that all goody bags that the board puts together is funded by donations from the board members and we don't use membership dues to fund this. Gift cards raffled/won are also largely funded by board members donations. I am glad that membership brings their concerns to us and I wanted to be sure to address this one.

I have been busy since the spring working on preparing for 2024 with gathering committee members for my 2024 ICRA board. All my committees have been filled. Thank you to everyone that has agreed to serve ICRA committees for 2024. 🙏 – I am also looking forward to the elections and seeing who will be serving on the board. Please remember to vote when the election is opened! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual conference this fall.

LeAnn Capps BA, CTR Program committee (2023)

Kelli Kratoska CTR Program Committee (2023)

We are almost to conference time! Speakers are lined up, vendors are reserving their booth-spaces. We will be offering a virtual package this year and the prices will be listed on the conference brochure when registration opens. We would like to see everyone in person, the networking and friendships that are made at conference times are invaluable and long lasting. I know I still call on other CTRs that I have met, for advice or just to talk through a case that I have started to overthink, just to make sure I “get it right.”

The menu is set, and is different from last year— no fried chicken! I think it will be a lighter fare than usual, hope it is to most people’s liking.

So be sure to register when it opens and can not wait to see everyone there! Let’s have some fun and meet our new Board for next year as well!

Dani Deckard BSW, CTR Historian

Hey Everyone,

I am pumped about the ideas and brainstorming session we had about a fun game to have at the conference. I will be working hard trying to make it the best I can. The membership is the reason we do this, and it is so special to be able to serve on the board. I encourage everyone to serve on the board at some point in your career!! It is a fun time.

Martha Hill CTR, Treasurer

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association				
Quarter 1: Fiscal Year 2023-2024; Quarter 2: Calendar Year 2023				
	April	May	June	
Beginning Balance	\$16,629.37	\$16,580.51	\$15,121.97	
Income:				
Membership - Checks			\$95.00	
Membership - Stripe	\$50.14	\$200.56	\$75.21	
NCRA Basket				
Total Income:	\$16,679.51	\$16,781.07	\$15,292.18	
Expense:				
Mileage - Board		\$335.70		
Board lunch				
Website Maintenance	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	
Website-Upgrade				
CNA Surety Bond				
NCRA CE Webinar		\$75.00		
NCRA Basket/Mailing		\$149.40		
Byrd Catering: Fall Conference		\$1,000.00		
Total Expense:	\$99.00	\$1,659.10	\$99.00	
Ending Balance	\$16,580.51	\$15,121.97	\$15,193.18	
Balance Savings Account	\$21,001.49	\$21,001.85	\$21,002.19	
Total Assets for ICRA as of 6/30/2023:	\$37,582.00	\$36,123.82	\$36,195.37	

LeAnn Capps BA, CTR, Public Relations Chair

Preparations for the annual conference are well underway! I hope to see many of you there this year. Also, our ICRA elections will be opening soon, so make your voices heard and get involved with the officers! We do listen and discuss the information at the Board of Directors meetings any suggestions that we receive. From last years comment cards we have changed the menu for our lunch fare, we are able to offer virtual ability for the members that can not make it for in-person attendance. We have a few different topics as our speakers will be presenting this year, the BOD does listen and tries to make the changes when it is possible.

As a reminder to our ICRA members, any death that occurs in an ICRA members immediate family please let a Board member or myself know and a condolence card will be sent, this has been a longstanding policy for the ICRA family. My email is: leann.capps@ascension.org

Leslie Woodard, CTR, Education Chair

I hope everyone has had a great year so far and caught onto all the 2023 changes alright. I am currently starting preparations for presentations at the ICRA Fall Conference and submitted a few abstracts for NCRA in Indy next year. What kind of topics would you like to hear about? The Q3 ICRA webinar, free to members, is going to be held September 20 th , and will be over abstracting melanoma cases.

DID YOU KNOW?!

The 2023 Indiana State Cancer Registry Policy and Procedure Manual is posted to the state-website, along with a list of changes. <https://www.in.gov/health/cdpc/cancer/cancer-registry/policy-and-procedure-manuals/>

The 2024 NAACCR implementation documents are out, as well as the first draft of STORE 2024.If you're anything like my facilities, many are still working on 2022 cases, so thinking about 2024 changes is a bit overwhelming, but I wanted to make you aware! <https://www.naaccr.org/implementation-guidelines/>

Also, in case you haven't seen it yet, the NAACCR Data Dictionary has been updated. Check it out! <https://apps.naaccr.org/data-dictionary/data-dictionary/version=24/chapter-view/record-layout-table/>

Martha A. Hill, AAS, CTR, Membership

Happy Fall ICRA Members. At the time of this writing ICRA membership is at 76 members which is a decrease of 17 from 2022 and a decrease from 2021 of 26. This equates to a loss of income to the ICRA Treasury of \$450.00. Recently we were informed of an increase rate for our monthly website fee from \$49.99 to \$99.00, as well as an increase in our yearly maintenance fee of from \$455.00 bi-annually. While the treasury is currently in good financial state, we cannot continue to withstand the decrease in membership and the increase in expenses. I encourage you to check with your co-workers to see if they are members of your association. If not encourage them to join. Membership will close September 1 for the 2023-2024 year. It will re-open in January for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Please join me in welcoming 6 new members to our associations Lisa Cline, Sara Ferguson, Kirk Johnson, Barb Lumbarksoki, Stanley Oldfield and Charity Whitesell. I know all of you will help these new members survive in our ever changing field of Cancer Registry.

As I continue to see our numbers decline in membership over the past few years, it worries me by the time I retire, will we even have an Indiana Cancer Registrars Association or will it dissolve as so many other things have over the past few years. I know many of us do take advantage of the free webinars for our continuing education hours. However, I do not feel sitting in front of a computer does not take the place of being able to attend a live presentation, and networking with fellow Registrars who do the same work we do daily and understand the issues we all deal with. I have been given helpful suggestions, ideas and encouragement sitting around a luncheon table, or sitting waiting for a speaker to present networking with those around me. Those ideas, suggestions and helpful hints have been invaluable in my career and possible kept me continue down the path as a Registrar.

I hope you are all planning to attend the ICRA Fall Conference. Kelly and LeAnn have been working hard to bring up an informative conference with lots of interesting topics. Attending conference affords us a chance to see old friends and make new friends, to network and gather ideas and improve our own work flows. As we have all experienced new work habits over the past few years, this attending will be a chance to share what we have learned in working from home, working hybrid and for some who have continued working in house but under a different environment. I for one look forward to networking in person with old friends and meeting new ones.

ICRA holds a wealth of members with knowledge, experience and expertise in which one can

glean on. I have never met a fellow registrar who was not willing to share or help in any way. I know that I would not have the knowledge base that I have if it were not for many of my ICRA friends and mentors who have lent me a hand and continue to help me with difficult coding issues, survey questions and even software issues.

Until November, stay safe and healthy.

Joann Schultz RHIT, CTR, Ways and Means
Beth Otto CTR

We hope everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to the cooler weather and all the beautiful fall colors. Once again we will hold a Silent Auction at the Fall Conference. If you would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction please contact either Beth or I. Can't wait to see you at the Fall Conference.

LeAnn Capps BA, CTR NCRA Registration Winner

I was lucky enough to have my name drawn for the ICRA registration for NCRA attendance. Honestly, I don't know why every ICRA members name is not in the drawing for the free registration. Even if you are not able to attend in person for NCRA the virtual option is available. Talk to your institution and ask if they are willing to pay for education hours, all they can say is no and you probably expected them to say that anyway, but give it a try. This years conference was held in San Diego, CA. Speakers were amazing, and I like the in person attendance because there is always the Q&A and I learn a few little snippets of wisdom just in the short answers from some of the participants, whether it is an MD, another registry manager or CTR. For instance Dr Greene mentioned that as we grow older, we do not have as many LNs in our system as when we are younger, who knew. Just that type of comment that I pick up during the live sessions or during networking in downtime. I know that not all of the sessions this year were streamed live and that is the advantage of in person attendance. There were several topics covered from the changes upcoming for 2024, to what is being done with the information we have collected so far from the pandemic years and its effect.

Everyone needs to attend at least one NCRA, whether virtual or in person, for the amount of information you learn and can take away from the networking!

Cassie Nobbe, CTR, Website

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ICRA Usernames and Passwords

In 2020, ICRA decided to assign individual usernames and passwords to the membership. If you are unsure of your username and password, please reach out to me via our e-mail address.

Username: first name.last name Example: cassandra.nobbe

Password: Is originally assigned by the system and is **VERY** long. The password can be changed once you login and does **NOT** need to be as long.

ICRA Membership Application

ICRA's Membership Application is now an on-line process. To renew your membership, complete the application form on the website. Membership for the current year closes 60 days prior to the Annual Fall Conference. The application will vanish from the website at this time. Link: Membership Application | ICRA (icra-indiana.net)

ICRA Payments

ICRA's accepts both check and on-line payments. Membership dues, conference fees, and sponsorship can be paid via the website. There is a processing fee for on-line transactions. Currently, the conference fee section is blank as we are not yet accepting payments for the Fall Conference.

Membership Dues: [Membership Dues | ICRA \(\[icra-indiana.net\]\(http://icra-indiana.net\)\)](#)

Conference Fees: [Membership Dues | ICRA \(\[icra-indiana.net\]\(http://icra-indiana.net\)\)](#)

ICRA Surveys

The Board of Directors will occasionally survey the Membership for their opinions. A section for these surveys has been added to the website. Thank you to those who completed the most recent survey on our Fall Conference Planning.

Link: Surveys | [ICRA \(\[icra-indiana.net\]\(http://icra-indiana.net\)\)](#)

ICRA Blasts and Broadcast E-mails

on the site for one calendar year.

Link: [ICRA Membership Blasts/Broadcast Emails | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

ICRA Webinar Recordings

ICRA sponsored webinars are saved in the Members Only section of the website.

Link: [ICRA Webinars | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

Indiana State Department of Health Cancer Registry Information

The education e-mail blasts from the Indiana State Department of Health Cancer Registry are uploaded to the website for your review.

Link: [Indiana State Department of Health Information | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

Samantha Kunz CTR, Past-President

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations! We really appreciate the time and attention you take to select the best candidate for ICRA's future. We are fortunate as an organization to have so many members who are top-notch professionals.

Voting will begin on September 1 st and last two weeks. Be sure to cast your vote on the ICRA website. If you have forgotten your password, please reach out to an ICRA board member for assistance. Winners will be announced at the Fall conference.

I am heading up a sub-committee for the 2024 NCRA Indianapolis conference. ICRA will have a booth at the event, and we are hoping to have some ICRA-specific meetups so we all can gather in the evenings. Many of our members go to NCRA alone, however you won't feel alone at the 2024 conference! If you have any ideas, suggestions, etc. for us regarding the upcoming Indianapolis NCRA conference, please reach out to me. Also, I wanted to brag a bit and let you know that I won the 2024 NCRA theme contest!! Below is the logo NCRA created around my theme!



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