

# **Indiana Abstract**

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**Certified Tumor Registrar to  
Oncology Data Specialist:  
Same commitment to high  
quality cancer data**

Emily Freeman, RHIT, ODS-C, ICRA President

Hello membership! ICRA Board of Directors has been working hard this year to put together lots of education opportunities for our members! Our Education Chair, Leslie Woodard will be hosting the first education webinar this year on March 19 th (12pm EST) on Hematopoietic and Lymphoma Abstracting!

NCRA is right around the corner April 24-27, 2024 in Indianapolis! ICRA will have a booth, please come see us! We are looking forward to networking with all our fellow Oncology Data Specialists!

ICRA's annual conference will be all virtual this year considering that NCRA conference is in Indy! We did send out a survey via email to membership and received support for our conference being held virtual this year and for just 1 day only! We value all the input of our members and always strive to improve our reach and value as an association.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

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Dani Deckard, BSW, ODS-C. ICRA Vice-President

Hey all,

This year is flying by so far. I am working on supporting the President and Board in any way I can during this time. I am looking forward to this years conference and how it will all turn out and look since we are doing it a bit different this year. I will miss seeing everyone in person, but I know I will still get a lot from our conference. I can't wait to hear about the NCRA experience from many of you.

I think it is also important to note that I am no longer a full time ODS-C. I am continuing to work

part time at Registry Partners. I am now working as a social worker at a psych hospital here in Indy! I absolutely love the change of pace and all that I get to see and learn.

Mandi Kraushaar, RHIA, ODS-C Program Chair and President Elect

Happy New Year! We have so much to look forward to this year, especially with NCRA coming to our beautiful home state of Indiana. I am looking forward to networking many colleagues both from Indiana and other states at the NCRA conference in April. If you will be at NCRA as well, I hope we have a chance to chat, even if we haven't met yet in person!

With NCRA coming to Indiana, the ICRA Board of Directors was faced with the dilemma of what to do for our Annual Fall Conference. We did fear that NCRA would impact our attendance at the Fall Conference, which resulted in the survey to the membership that was sent out a few weeks ago. We truly appreciate everyone's feedback during these situations, as we want to ensure we are serving our members in the best possible way. As a result of the survey, we have decided to host a one-day virtual only conference on November 8, 2024.

As the program chair, my commitment to you is to use this as an opportunity to source the best speakers – maybe even some that we wouldn't have been able to obtain for an in-person conference. We will also be incorporating some fun activities and interactions to allow for virtual networking. I know it's not quite the "same" and we will all miss being together for the conference this year, but my goal is to still have a very successful and rewarding conference in the Fall.

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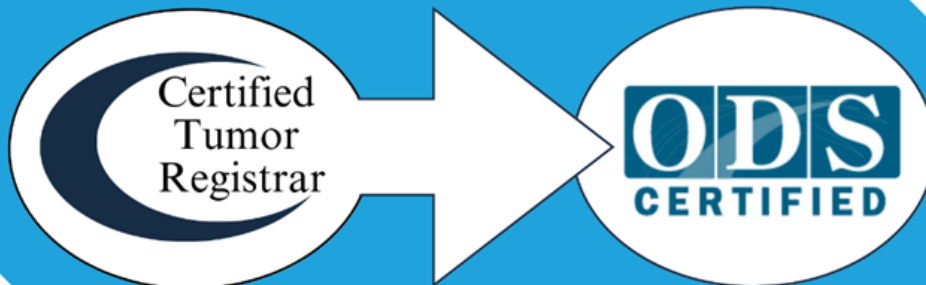
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# ICRA'S 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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**NOV 8TH 2024**  
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Join us for a jam-packed  
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and networking!



Registration information and more details to follow

## LeAnn Capps BA, ODS-C, Past President

Hello members, as Past President of the association I will be heading up the nominations for next year's election. Please start thinking about who you would like to nominate—whether it is yourself or another ODS-C that would be a great addition to the Board of Directors. Positions that will be voted on this year will be President Elect, Vice President and Secretary. Mandi K will be President and Tracy P will still be finishing her two year term as Treasurer.

## Hanna Starr ODS-C Secretary

Hello everyone! It is wonderful to be in a new year and looking forward to Spring! I love this time of year as everyone is excited and hopeful for the things to come. Our family calendar has started filling up with vacation plans, church camp, basketball games (Go Timberjacks!) and outings with friends and family. I am so excited to serve again as Secretary for ICRA. Last year was full of learning and growing for myself not only personally but also professionally. I am looking forward to what changes are in store that we have come to expect.

## Kelli Kratoska, ODS-C By-Laws

Happy ALMOST Spring!

I sure hope that groundhog was right with Spring being around the corner. I am ready for it!

By-laws committee updates: Changing CTR to ODS is in the works to update some of the language used in the current By-laws.

Quick overview of By-laws committee responsibilities: Ensure that the Board of Directors meetings and Annual business meeting are in line with ICRA By-laws. Robert's Rules of Order, 11 th Edition governs ICRA in all cases in which they are applicable and when they are not in conflict with our ICRA By-Laws. Serve as the ad hoc ethics committee as needed. Amendments to the By-laws can be proposed by individual voting members or the Board of Directors.

Samantha Kunz, ODS-C NCRA LIASION

NCRA will be in Indianapolis SOON! The ICRA Board has been busy preparing to represent our state on the national level. We have secured a booth at the conference as well as helped locate local speakers for several disease sites.

Our booth is planned to be Indy 500 themed. If you have any race décor that we could borrow, please reach out to me. Otherwise, I am planning to get a checkered flag tablecloth and accessories in late March/early April timeframe. Joann is bringing ICRA items to sell at the booth along with some candy. If you have any ideas for the booth, we are all ears!

For those of you attending the conference and driving, parking will be expensive. Parking at the JW Marriott is limited; if you do get to park there, it is ~\$50 per day. There are a few garages close and a bit cheaper but still around \$20-30 per day. If you can carpool, that would be in your best interest.

Looking forward to seeing several of you at the NCRA conference! Please stop by the booth and hangout with your ICRA Board. If you are attending solo and would like to sit with others who are attending, please reach out to me. I will keep you in the loop on where we are sitting and such so you can join.

Leslie Woodard, ODS-C, ICRA Education Chair

It's that time of year again when we're all trying to finish up the last 1-2 years' worth of cases while learning the changes and requirements of the new year and getting prepped for the annual call for data. I would call it the busy time of year, but I honestly think we're all just busy non-stop! I know needs differ by facility, and even person to person, but I am always happy to help where I can, so don't hesitate to reach out!!

While I am not planning a webinar this year on the 2024 updates, I did recently share multiple different resources for them, including webinars done by others. If you need any further clarification, or strongly feel an update webinar by ICRA is needed, please let us know.

Soon, the registration for the Q1 webinar will be sent out, which will be hosted on March 19. I landed on hematopoietic and lymphoma as the topic; if you have any specific questions

surrounding this topic, let me know and I will do my best to incorporate it in the webinar.

I hope to see some of you at the NCRA conference!

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Joann Schultz, RHIT, ODS-C, Beth Otto, ODS-C, AAS-MA Ways & Means Committee

We are looking forward to spring with the flowers blooming, birds singing, everything turning green again & warmer weather. We will be assisting with the ICRA ~~ NCRA booth. Stop by & say Hi if you are attending the conference.

LeAnn Capps BA, ODS-C Public Relations

Things are in full swing for the NCRA Conference in INDY in April! Hopefully Mother Nature stays on her meds and the weather will be good for us! As you have read earlier ICRA has a booth, please stop by, will it be nice to see every one that comes to Indy! We want pictures and will have items for sale that you may have missed from before. Let's show what Indiana has to offer, that we have a fun city and great hospitality! Let's represent!!

On another note, for our annual conference in November, I am working on getting our sponsors notified. Although there will not be any little goodies from them, I will see what I can do about working a few little deals with them if possible for virtual gifts, a girl can try can't I?



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](http://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 \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)



Indiana Cancer Registrars Association				
Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2023-2024; Quarter 4: Calendar Year 2023				
	October	November	December	
Beginning Balance	\$ 16,008.34	\$ 19,039.89	\$ 16,892.49	
Income:				
Membership-Stripe				
Membership-Checks				
Fall Conference Registration - Stripe	\$ 4,411.07	\$ 668.52		\$ 5,079.59
Fall Conference Registration - checks	\$ 1,613.89			\$ 1,613.89
Vendors	\$ 507.05			\$ 507.05
Speaker Check Void: Dr. Von Holzen returned		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Refund Byrd Catering		\$ 486.78		\$ 486.78
Ways N Means		\$ 95.00		\$ 95.00
Total Income:	\$ 6,532.01	\$ 1,450.30		\$ 7,982.31
Expense:				
Website Maintenance	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$297.00
Catering	\$2,403.80			\$2,403.80
Drury Inn - Conference		\$2,048.70	\$297.92	\$2,346.62
Drury Inn - J. Hofferkamp Room			\$148.96	\$148.96
NCRA Conference CE		\$75.00		\$75.00
Speakers Fall Conference	\$200.00	\$1,375.00		\$1,575.00
President's Gifts/Plaques	\$ 21.00			\$ 21.00
Fall Conference Gift	\$ 776.66			\$ 776.66
Conference Refund				
	\$3,500.46	\$3,597.70	\$545.88	\$7,644.04
Total Expense:				
Ending Balance	\$ 19,039.89	\$ 16,892.49	\$ 16,346.61	
Balance Savings Account	\$ 21,003.61	\$ 21,003.95	\$ 21,004.31	
Total Assets for ICRA as of 12/31/23	\$ 40,043.50	\$ 37,896.44	\$ 37,350.92	

Respectfully submitted by:  
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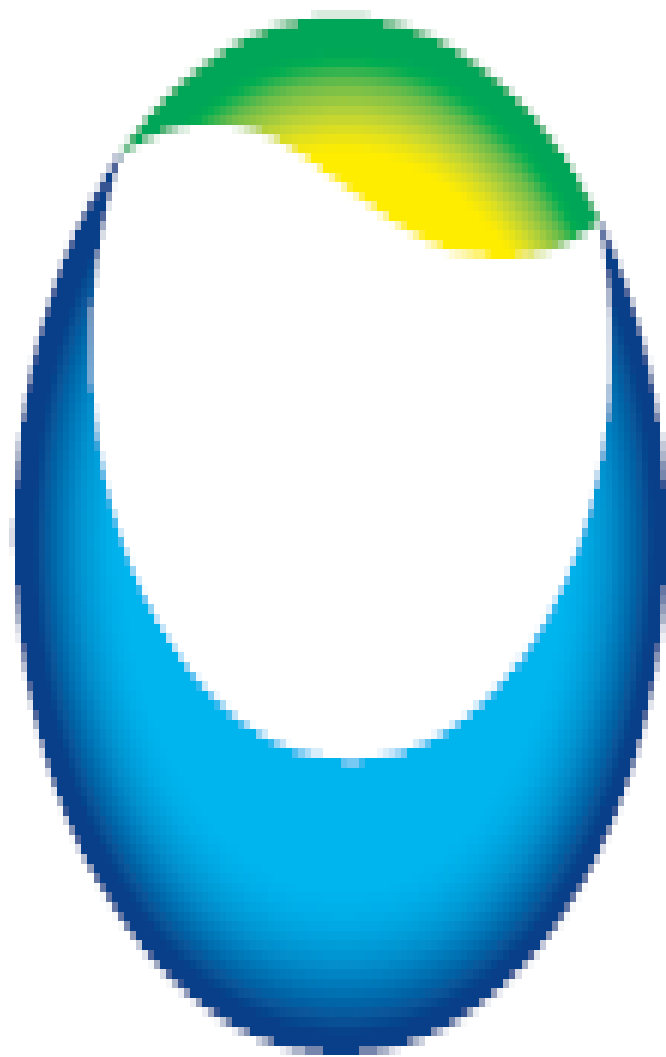
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