



INDIANA ABSTRACT

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A Message from the President - LeAnn Capps BA, ODS-C

Hello members, how is everyone surviving this crazy weather so far? Hopefully Spring temperatures will be here soon! We have had our first BOD meeting this year and planning is underway for the annual conference. It will be a 1 day in person meeting on Nov 6th with a trivia/game night similar to last years format on Thursday evening the 5th. The venue is still to be determined.

Upcoming is National Cancer Registrars Week, April 6-10th , please take time to celebrate, we do a lot of detailed, mentally exhausting work most days, a little celebrating is in order. Whether you are in office or remote, have a drink, or that extra dessert whatever makes you happy and relax for a few evenings or take an extra day off! NCRA Annual conference is also coming up in May in Louisville, hoping to see some of you there representing Indiana! It is always a great time for networking and just meeting some really great people and making those new friends. The educational sessions are always exceptional and there are little things brought up that help in day to day abstracting. I know I always come away from the conference with a few extra helpful tricks for abstracting!

As always if there are any questions or concerns please reach out to the Board, we are listening to you and we do discuss anything and everything that is brought to us. Our e-mail addresses can be found on the ICRA website or be sent to the ICRA website and it will be addressed.

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President Elect

Tracy Paulus, ODS-C

Hello, fellow ICRA members! I'm thrilled to be back in the President-Elect role and looking forward to serving as your President next year. I'll soon be on the lookout for anyone interested in chairing a committee in 2027.

So if you've been thinking about getting more involved, now's your moment! Please feel free to reach out to me at tpaulus2@goshenhealth.com. I always enjoy welcoming fresh faces to the board 😊

I'm also excited to represent Indiana at NCRA's Annual Conference in Louisville! I'm eager to connect with delegates from other state associations and swap ideas on membership growth and creative member perks. If you'll be at the conference, be sure to track me down...

high-fives are strongly encouraged.
Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!



Greetings from "Ways & Means"

Sara Mitchell & Beth Otto

Spring is here, bringing new opportunities to support ICRA! 🌸

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ways & Means Committee at the Fall Conference. Because of your participation, we were able to raise \$635 to help support education, scholarships, and professional development opportunities for Indiana cancer registrars.

Members can also help support Ways & Means by reaching out to local businesses for donations or sponsorships for future events. Community partnerships make a big difference and help us continue supporting our members.

Thank you for helping ICRA grow!



Education Update

Leslie Woodard, ODS-C

Happy Spring! The days are getting longer, which likely means you are starting to dip your toes into 2026 diagnosed cases, or at least getting close to starting on them. Since my presentation at the ICRA Fall Conference, more updates have been released. Make sure you review the summary of changes section for each manual; if you have any questions, I am happy to help work through them or discuss with the standard setters as needed.

With that, I wanted to make an update to what I presented in November regarding the new Method of Detection – Breast field:

- This is a CoC only field
- The ODS abstracting the case can assign the appropriate code based off the information provided in the diagnostic imaging report
 - At the conference, I said the code itself had to come from the radiologist, which is incorrect
 - STORE 2026 Method of Detection - Breast - CAnswer Forum
- I still would recommend sharing the code/description information from STORE with your breast radiologists, so they're aware of what we need to code this field appropriately
 - This will also allow you to better understand what type of imaging is performed at your facility (difference between codes 01-03)
- Review the 'indication' or 'order reason' section of the diagnostic imaging report for this information

Example #1

Patient underwent a screening mammogram on 2/15/2026 which detected an abnormality for which a diagnostic mammogram was recommended.

2/18/2026 Diagnostic Mammogram indication: Abnormal mammogram

2/21/2026 Breast biopsy = IDC

Method of Detection – Breast code: 02, based off conversation with the breast radiologist confirming DBT is performed at our facility.

Example #2

1/12/2026: Patient presented to OB/GYN reporting a palpable mass in the left breast, UOQ

1/13/2026: Left breast diagnostic mammogram – indication: pt. reported palpable mass

Method of Detection – Breast code: 10



Education Update Continued

Leslie Woodard, ODS-C

I have secured the below dates for this year's three free webinars to ICRA members. As always, if you have any topic ideas or interest in helping present something, please reach out. I would gladly have a guest speaker for one! I am also open to any other feedback you may have, as I really want to make sure we are providing membership with education they are benefiting from.

2026 Free ICRA Webinars - Save the Dates!

March 17, 2026 - Topic: Hematopoietic Primary Site and Histology Coding

June 16, 2026 - Topic: TBD

September 15, 2026 - Topic: TBD

All are scheduled 11:30am - 12:30pm EST via GoTo Webinar

Thank you for your membership and participation!

Leslie Woodard ODS-C

ICRA Education Chair



By-Laws

Spring is almost here!

I am ready for it! Mother Nature sure seems to be teasing us with warm days followed by snow the last few weeks.

Updates: No current updates proposed.

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.

Thank you,

By-Laws Kelli Kratoska, ODS-C



Public Relations Mandi Kraushaar

Preparations are underway for the annual conference! National Cancer Registrars Week is also approaching, April 6-10th. The proclamation from the Governor has been requested and is pending and will be posted on the ICRA website as well as the NCRA website upon arrival.



Any condolence cards to be sent for immediate members of ICRA members should be sent to: MandiK.ODS@gmail.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

ICRA is looking for sponsorships for this year. If you know of a company or organization who may be interested in partnering with us, please share the sponsorship form with them to email information to Mandi Kraushaar (MandiK.ODS@gmail.com) to connect with them about sponsorship options.



Treasurer Report

Treasurer – Tracy Paulus, ODS

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association

Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Quarter 2: Calendar Year 2025

	October	November	December	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 21,650.07	\$ 27,887.29	\$ 21,998.14	
Income				
Membership - Check Payment	\$ 290.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 320.00
Membership - Stripe Payment	\$ 870.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Conference Registration - Check Payment	\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 525.00
Conference Registration - Stripe Payment	\$ 5,201.07	\$ 126.98	\$ -	\$ 5,328.05
Vendor Sponsorship/Exhibit	\$ 507.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 507.05
Ways and Means	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00
NCRA - Basket Raffle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NCRA - State Association Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Refunds (voided check)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income:	\$ 7,268.12	\$ 431.98	\$ -	\$ 7,700.10
Expenses				
Board - Mileage	\$ -	\$ 244.80	\$ -	\$ 244.80
Board - Lunch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Website - Maintenance	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 455.00
Website	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 297.00
Annual Conference: NCRA - CEU	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Annual Conference: Gifts	\$ 351.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 351.90
Annual Conference: Courtyard/Room & Food	\$ -	\$ 5,017.00	\$ -	\$ 5,017.00
Annual Conference: Speaker Fees	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Annual Conference: Program Chair Room	\$ -	\$ 187.85	\$ -	\$ 187.85
Annual Conference: Plaques	\$ -	\$ 45.50	\$ -	\$ 45.50
Refund - Duplicate Pay / Payment	\$ -	\$ 126.98	\$ -	\$ 126.98
CNA Surety Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. - Older check	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Expense:	\$ 1,030.90	\$ 6,321.13	\$ 299.00	\$ 7,651.03
Ending Balance Checking	\$ 27,887.29	\$ 21,998.14	\$ 21,699.14	
Balance Savings Account	\$ 21,112.03	\$ 21,112.37	\$ 21,112.73	
Total	\$ 48,999.32	\$ 43,110.51	\$ 42,811.87	

Total Outstanding Checks: \$200.00

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Paulus, ODS-C

1/20/2026



Website Updates & Information

Cassie Nobbe - Website Chair

www.icra-indiana.net

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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](mailto:icra_indiana@yahoo.com).

Username: first name.last name

Example: My name is Cassandra Nobbe. My username is: cassandra.nobbe

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 and reappear in in the new year.

Link:

[Membership Application | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](http://www.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. ICRA has recently added donations to the sponsorship tab. If you would like to support ICRA through a monetary donation you can do so online.

Membership Dues:

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

Conference Fees:

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

Sponsorship Fees:

[Sponsorship Fees | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](http://www.icra-indiana.net)

Update Contact Information

If you would like to have your contact information updated, please complete the on-line form.

[Update Your Contact Information | ICRA](http://www.icra-indiana.net)



Nominations Reminder Past President - Mandi Kraushaar

In July, we will open nominations for spots on the ICRA Board of Directors. All the descriptions for each position are on the member only section of the website. You can also email me directly and I am happy to send you all documents for each position or answer any questions you might have about running for an elected position. Being part of the board is a great way to get more involved and network with others in the state!

Positions available for nomination:

President-Elect

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer (2-year term)

Please reach out to me to learn more about these or other ICRA positions!

MandiK.ODS@gmail.com

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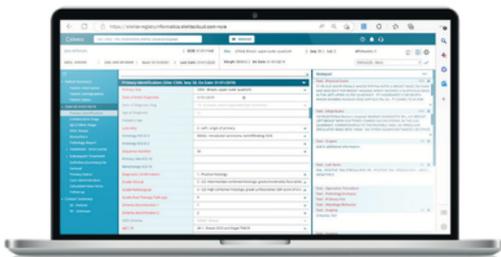
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