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The newsletter of the Virginia Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators

President’s Letter

Hi VAGARA Members,

Welcome to 2024's first edition of the VAGARA newsletter! I'd like to welcome all the new members who have joined, and thank the members who have renewed memberships since the last edition was published in December. Speaking of membership - dues for 2024 were due on January 1. Members should have received several emails regarding dues payment over the past several weeks. Please renew by the April 1 deadline to ensure a seamless transition to 2024 membership.

Thanks again to all who were able to attend the conference in October. We will be back in Virginia Beach again this fall, so please save the date: Wednesday, October 23rd through Friday, October 25th! A group of your peers and board members is already hard at work planning the conference based on the results of the interest survey so many of you filled out in February. We appreciate your input! Also, make sure to keep an eye out for the Conference Theme Contest. Voting on member-submitted theme ideas opens on April 2nd.

The board has been busy with various activities, including the 2023 financial audit, filling committee spots, and proposing updates to VAGARA's Constitution & Bylaws. The board is committed to increased member involvement and transparency, and I encourage you to reach out if you are interested in serving VAGARA.

Happy Spring!

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2024 Annual Conference

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Oceanfront

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Call for Conference Session Proposals

Keep an eye on your email! Mid-April a call for conference session proposals notice will hit your inbox.

VAGARA Member and Vendor Award Nominations Open April 30th!

Is there a VAGARA member whose leadership makes a significant impact in the field of Records Management? Is there a vendor that always goes the extra mile for records management services? Nominate them for either the VAGARA Member of the Year Award or VAGARA Vendor of the Year Award and give them the recognition they deserve. Nominations open April 30. More details on nominating requirements can be found [here](#).

Membership Update

Currently VAGARA has 211 active individual memberships, 4 vendor members, and 7 honorary members. Please remember that your VAGARA annual membership of \$20.00 for individuals and \$100 for vendors comes due for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Membership gives you resources and links to other members to assist you in tackling your archives and records management issues, as well as access to past conference presentations. Your membership affords you the opportunity to share, collaborate, and develop both professional and personal relationships with your peers. If not renewed by April 1, 2024, your membership will lapse but can be re-instated with payment.

Please contact the current membership coordinator at membership@vagara.org for more information and thank you for continuing to be part of the VAGARA family.



We Care Program

As part of our We Care program you are encouraged to review and update your membership details. Be sure to add your birthday month, so VAGARA can send you a birthday email during the month of your birthday.

Also, do you know of a member that could use a “pat on the back,” a “thinking of you,” a “get well,” or another spirit-lifter? If so, please email membership@vagara.org and a card will be sent on behalf of VAGARA.



VAGARA Discussion Board

The discussion board is place to share timely information, like job postings, questions, educational events, and to connect with fellow records management professionals. The discussion board is available under the member section of the website. Subscribe today and never miss a post.

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Announcement Corner

Benjamin B. Smith, CRM retired from UVA Health December 2023.

Margie C. Tacci of Herndon received her Municipal Clerk’s certification in November 2023.



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When did the current Library of Virginia open to the public?

Submit responses to: announcements@vagara.org

First place winner receives a \$10 gift card.

THANK YOU VENDORS

