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## President's Letter

Summer Greetings,

What happened to Spring? Did someone flip a switch? The average June temperature for Virginia was 86.1 degrees. In July and early August, we saw temperatures in parts of Virginia rise into the upper 90's and that's without taking into account the humidity. So, by the time you read this it will most likely be even hotter!

COVID-19 still is at the forefront of everyone's mind and while some have returned to work, others are still teleworking and even furloughed. Many of you have cancelled long planned vacations, but I do hope you are able to enjoy summer even with the pandemic limitations.

The VAGARA Board continues to hold its meetings virtually. Even those meetings cannot fully replace the face to face communication and sometimes I wish I could jump into my laptop or pop out of the telephone to see my fellow Board members! We have all had to learn how to participate in these virtual meetings. While there have been a few technical hiccups, the new meeting method has proven to be effective and well-received by the Board members and will probably grow in usage in the future.

In terms of VAGARA business, the organization remains financially strong and membership is stable. We are on course for the October 2021 conference.

In lieu of the annual conference this year, I am excited to announce that the Board has chosen to host a virtual workshop in October. Two of our members have volunteered to present!

President's Letter continued...

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Be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for details about how to sign up. It will be a half day workshop and FREE for VAGARA members.

Wishing everyone a safe & joyful summer.

*Dianna*

## Membership Update

[JOIN OR RENEW NOW ►](#)

We currently have 151 members including our honorary and vendor members.

Have you had changes to your name, place of employment, title, address, or email? If so, please sign into <https://vagara.org/> and update your contact details. You do not have to create a new account. If you have forgotten your password, you can request a reset by clicking on the *Forgot Password* link on the home page.

Thank you for your continuing participation and support of VAGARA. Please contact [ntaylor@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:ntaylor@culpepercounty.gov) with any questions or concerns.

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## 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 Nicki Taylor at [ntaylor@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:ntaylor@culpepercounty.gov) and she will send a card on behalf of VAGARA.



## Fall Virtual Workshop

Join us for VAGARA’s first fall virtual workshop on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Session 1: *Records & Information Management Basics*, presented by Amy Judd, VITA.

Session 2: *What to Do When You Inherit a Mess*, presented by Glenn Smith, Library of Virginia.

This is a free event, but registration is required:

<https://vagara.org/event-3959371>



# ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER



Do you have a job posting you'd like to announce? A retirement or promotion you'd like to celebrate? Please consider emailing [announcements@vagara.org](mailto:announcements@vagara.org) to have it included in a future newsletter and/or on the website!

## Welcome New Members!



VAGARA welcomes those that have become members since our last newsletter. We are thrilled to have you and cannot wait to get to know you. Should you need any assistance, please feel free to contact any VAGARA member.

*Bryan Blevins, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office*



## VAGARA Trivia

The first to respond with the correct answer(s) wins a gift card!

Send responses to:  
[announcements@vagara.org](mailto:announcements@vagara.org)

### Question:

The Library of Virginia sponsors two electronic discussion groups that are open to interested researchers worldwide. What are the two groups?



## Do you have photos?

If you have photos taken at VAGARA Annual Conferences, 2012-2019, please email [announcements@vagara.org](mailto:announcements@vagara.org). We would love to have them as we compile the organizational history for this time period.



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