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President's Letter

Greetings Everyone,

I hope that you had a great Thanksgiving, with some rest thrown in alongside good food and fellowship.

To those who couldn't attend our virtual conference in October, I sure am sorry—it was a very good morning of presentations, followed by a semi-raucous game of records and state history trivia. Congratulations to Amy Roper, Records Officer for the Virginia Lottery, on her win. A textual round of applause to Dan Elam, Chad Owen, Katie Ray, Deloris Bailey, Jessie Graham, and Anita Vannucci for the work and delivery they put into their sessions. The survey returned favorable responses for the conference. We look forward in hope to gathering again in person next year, and just a reminder—October 26-28, for those who plan ahead.

My grateful appreciation to all who contributed to make the conference a success, with a special shout out to Jessie Graham for juggling the program, presenters, the Zoom and prize tech, and taking the minutes of the meeting. Lesson learned—divide the work better next year! Thank you to Nicki Taylor for managing the ~190 registrations (and all the fits and starts that come with that). And—thank you to all who registered and participated, especially those who stayed and participated in the annual business meeting. A unanimous vote carried the slate of officer nominees to fruition; your new Board will begin in January. I wish Jessie, president-elect, and all the members of the incoming board the very best.

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President's Letter continued....

As this yet-another-odd/crazy year winds down, to restate from my February letter, it has been an honor to fill the role of VAGARA president for 2021. I've appreciated hearing from those who sent words of encouragement. I will encourage you to let your board know how we may better serve the membership and to think about (maybe act upon) how you can serve the association and the industry, as well. Thank you for what you do to manage-well the records in your care and keeping.

Wishing you a joy-filled Season.

Warmest regards,
- Glenn

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Membership Update

Currently VAGARA has 149 active individual memberships, 3 vendor members, and 9 honorary members.

Please remember that your VAGARA annual membership of \$20.00 for individuals and \$100 for vendors comes due January 1, 2022 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Membership gives you resources and links to other members to assist in your daily Records Management procedures 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, 2022, your membership will be suspended but can be re-instated for payment.

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

[JOIN OR RENEW NOW ►](#)

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 and she will send a card on behalf of VAGARA.

2021 Virtual Conference

Thanks to all who joined us at VAGARA's 2021 virtual conference! We had over 160 people from all areas of the Commonwealth (and beyond) join us for three informative sessions.

The presentation slides and session recordings are available to members in the [VAGARA Presentation Repository](#) (log-in required). We look forward to seeing everyone in person at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront in 2022!

As always, if you have ideas for future virtual or in-person education sessions, please email executiveboard@vagara.org.



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Vendors

Did you know?

Vendor members of VAGARA are eligible for **FREE** advertising in the Newsletter! Paid vendor members may contact the Newsletter Editor for more details.



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 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.

- Deloris Bailey, Library of Virginia
- Tiana Branch, Cumberland County Administration
- Gwendolyn Douglas, City of Richmond
- Crystal Fitzgerald, Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle County Emergency Communication Center
- Virginia Fuentes, County of Albemarle
- Judi Green, Mathews County
- Michael Hatfield, County of Wise
- Jessica Hawks, Danville Public Schools
- Kelly Hockaday, Virginia Community College System
- Jeff Kozak, Virginia Military Institute
- Tonya Lacey, City of Fredericksburg
- Hope Lewis, Chesapeake Mosquito Control Commission
- Elaine Newman, Town of Pulaski Police Department
- Katie Ray, Library of Virginia



VAGARA Trivia

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

Send responses to:
announcements@vagara.org

Question:

What program provides the citizens of the commonwealth with free access to publications produced by state government agencies, boards, commissions and other government entities?

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