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President's Letter

Dear VAGARA members,

What a terrific year 2022 has been for VAGARA! We've seen membership rebound as the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and we just wrapped up an amazing in-person annual conference in Virginia Beach! It was a whirlwind of fast-paced planning to get the conference off the ground, and I'm so proud of board for putting in the hard work to make it happen. Thanks to all who attended and those members who went the extra mile to serve as speakers. The board appreciates your participation, and we are already looking ahead to next year's conference. We received a lot of great feedback from the conference surveys and will work to implement some of the ideas for 2023.

Next year the VAGARA Nominating Committee will again form to produce a slate of nominees for the 2024-2025 VAGARA board. This letter is your invitation to participate in a VAGARA leadership role! If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to executiveboard@vagara.org for more information on what board service entails. Planning for next year's conference will also start in early 2023. If you're interested in serving on the conference committee, please email conference@vagara.org to let us know. Many hands make light work!

As 2022 comes to a close, I'd like to wish each of you a joyous winter season however you choose to celebrate. Seeing so many old friends and new faces at the conference has made me grateful for VAGARA and its mission to connect archives, records, and information professionals from around the state. Together we can do great things and I'm excited to see what 2023 holds for VAGARA! Happy New Year!

Jessie
VAGARA President

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Conference Review

The 2022 VAGARA annual conference in Virginia Beach was an overwhelming success! Attendance was double what we initially expected in the post-pandemic landscape, which proved that VAGARA members are resilient and eager to share and learn from each other. The survey responses indicated that the conference ran smoothly, the hotel accommodations were satisfactory, and the session topics were useful and well-presented. The board appreciates the candid feedback and will work diligently to implement some of the innovative ideas our members provided. If you attended the entire conference and need a certificate of completion, please email margie.tacci@herndon-va.gov. If you'd like to revisit sessions from the conference, all of the [2022 speaker presentation slides](#) are available for download if you are logged into the vagara.org website

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Membership Update

Currently VAGARA has 171 active individual memberships, 4 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, 2023 for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. 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, 2023, your membership will be suspended but can be re-instated for payment.

Please contact the current membership coordinator at <mailto: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.



ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER



VAGARA Forum

Members are invited to congregate, collaborate, and discuss ideas on the relaunched association discussion board. Members can post messages and reply to others, making this an ideal spot to share challenges and solicit suggestions from fellow records management professionals.

The discussion board is available under the Member section of the website. You must be logged in to access the board. From there you can click *Create topic* to start a new conversation, or read and reply to an existing topic. To receive email notifications when new topics or replies are posted, click *Subscribe to forum*.

Please follow these simple rules when posting:

1. **Identify yourself.** Let others know who they're talking to! Include your first and last name, position, and locality/agency.
2. **Start with a good Subject line.** Use descriptive titles for new posts. Avoid generic subjects like "Help" or "Question."
3. **Be kind.** We want this discussion board to be a friendly and helpful place for members to connect.

Join the discussion at <https://vagara.org/forum>

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!



VAGARA Trivia

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

Send responses to:
announcements@vagara.org

Question:

What does HENTF stand for and what does it do?



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.

- Sean Broadus, Fairfax County Government
- Danielle Burch, Albemarle County Police Department
- Debra Collins, Richard Bland College
- Diamond Cooper, City of Norfolk
- Lamika Crocker, City of Newport News Department of Waterworks
- Robin DeLorge, York Poquoson Social Services
- Mary Folkes, Chesterfield County
- Lynn Gregory, Town of Floyd
- Elizabeth Hamilton, Monacan Soil & Water Conservation District

- Rae Henderson, Campbell County Public Schools
- Kim Henry, Town of Haymarket
- William Keeler, Fairfax County Government
- Monica Mallory, City of Charlottesville
- Dale Mason, Virginia State University
- Cori Rivara, Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- April Seitz, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
- Lorraine Spaulding, Town of Blacksburg
- Mark "Bo" Taylor, Scott Circuit Court
- Maryann Valleau, Virginia Employment Commission

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