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President's Letter

Hi VAGARA members,

I hope this edition finds you well and enjoying the summer so far. The board is working hard to bring the 2022 annual conference to life! Thanks to those of you who took our survey and provided feedback about your attendance plans and topics of interest. Our goal is to create the best conference experience possible, and we hope you will attend. This will be VAGARA's first in-person conference in two years! Mark your calendars for October 26-28 and plan to join us. Registration is now open!

Welcome to all the new members who have joined since the March newsletter was published. We appreciate your support and hope you will reach out with comments, questions, and suggestions. Please also plan to attend the conference to meet and network with records personnel from across the Commonwealth. Please also keep an eye out for communications about the Connis O. Brown conference scholarship application, and the nomination forms for Member of the Year and Vendor of the Year. We can only recognize folks if we receive applications and nominations!

Thanks for your continued support!

Jessie

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Membership Update

Currently VAGARA has 141 active individual memberships, 2 vendor members, and 9 honorary members.

If you did not pay your 2022 dues by April 1st your account was suspended. You can request to have your account reactivated, and pay your 2022 dues, by sending an email to ntaylor@culpepercounty.gov.

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.

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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 and she will send a card on behalf of VAGARA

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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.

New Members Since Last Newsletter:

Mary Corby, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Heather Huling, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Ashley McCormick, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Becky McNeely, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Eric Perlas, Fairfax County Department of Information Technology
Bonita Vaughan, Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority
Justin-Mychal White, Newport News Commissioner's Office



KEEPING THE RECORD: GATEWAY TO THE PAST & BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

After two years of virtual events, we're going back to the beach! Join us for two days of engaging speakers at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront. It all kicks off with a Wednesday night reception where you'll network with peers and meet new friends. Speakers include Joy Banks (Council of State Archivists), Mary Beth Weaver (Cadence Group), Megan Rhyne (Virginia Coalition for Open Government), Caroline Walters (University of Virginia), Dan Elam (Lighthouse Global) and VAGARA's Ben Smith (UVA Health System), plus more! The full program is coming soon.



Members who need financial assistance are encouraged to apply for the [Connis O. Brown Scholarship](#).

[Registration](#) is open June 29 through September 23.

Book your [hotel room](#) as a part of the group block by September 26.

We encourage you to nominate a member and vendor for the [VAGARA Member of the Year and Vendor of the Year awards](#).





ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters Office, Ecological Services Program seeks a records professional with Federal experience. USFWS has an open contract position, which is part-time. They seek applicants who are age 55 or older and who have digital records expertise. The contractor will help the office finalize its file plan and transition paper files to digital format. Please see this link for more details and to apply: https://newsolutions.org/jobs/position-details/?position_id=6627

Congratulations to Janice Deem, Records Officer for Bath County Administration for earning **NAGARA'S Government Archives and Records Management Certificate!!**



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 was established in 1981 to guarantee access to government information, regardless to proximity to Richmond, and to ensure that information published by state agencies remains available to the public?

calling all 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.

Thank you to our current Vendor Members!

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