Greetings,

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings and salutations,

Well the dog days of summer will soon end. Hopefully the sweltering heat that has descended upon North America will soon end. Here in North Texas, we are in our 16th straight day of 100+ degree temperatures. But that is nothing, back in 1980 we experienced 42 straight days of such temperatures.

As members of the ICRM what responsibilities do we have towards the organization? The ICRM depends greatly on our membership. So what can you as a member do? Well volunteering of course as a mentor, a Part 6 grader, Part 6 test writer, or a committee member are just a couple of examples. Volunteers are never turned away, everyone brings something to the table. Next up is deciding to run for a board position. As a regent, you help to shape and guide the ICRM. Finally, we are all responsible for participating when it comes time to take a survey, vote in Board elections, and to nominate individuals for recognition.

This month we have three opportunities to participate. Board elections are currently taking place. Up for election are President/Treasurer, Regent for Exam Administration and Member Relations, and Regent for Legislation and Appeals. The polls close on August 18th, so be sure to vote. The link for voting can be found below.

Every other year the ICRM conducts a salary survey. Over 125 members have already taken the survey which was sent in email to your email address on file. The more members that participate the better and more accurate the results are. Please contact admin@icrm.org if you need the link resent to you. The survey closes on August 25th.

Nominations are being sought for ICRM Member of the Year, ICRM Lifetime Achievement Award, and the ICRM Mentor of the Year Award. Members can self-nominate. Here is an opportunity to honor one of your fellow members. Nomination forms are due no later than September 1st.

Our feature article this month is by Shirley Derrick CRA who wrote about her journey to becoming a CRA.

We have several interesting stories that appeared in the news. Learn about how NARA preserves our government’s records. Meta recently created Threads a new social media tool. Read about what NARA has to say about it. Are there consequences for failing to follow retention requirements? You betcha, read about the $4 million fine that the SEC slapped JP Morgan Securities LLC for failure to retain millions of electronic communications. An archive can be just about anything, learn about a soil archive that contains 8,000 mason jars of Illinois soil.
dating back to 1862.

I’ll close with one more form of participation. This newsletter is about you the members, so consider submitting an article to Inside ICRM. It can be about yourself, a project you completed, your hobbies or anything you think would be of interest to other members.

With that said I bid you adieu until the October newsletter.

I am as always your faithful and humble servant,

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ICRM Quick Poll

June Quick Poll Results
In June we asked you what your summer plans are. Click here to see our favorite responses and our least favorite response.

August Quick Poll
What does being a member of the ICRM mean to you? Click here to complete the poll. Results will be shared in our November issue.

Feature: My CRA Journey
Shirley Derrick, CRA reminds us, "...it is not always about the journey but rather how we embrace the challenges of the journey." Click here to read about Shirley’s journey to becoming a CRA.

Announcement: John Krysa Remembrance Award: Dues Waiver
The ICRM is pleased to announce the John Krysa Remembrance Award. The award will serve as a dues waiver for our newest members and to recognize the positive contributions of John Krysa, ICRM Past-President. Find the full announcement here.

ICRM Member Checklist
It is a busy month to be an ICRM member. Here is your checklist to make sure your voice is heard.

- Board of Regent Elections - Voting closes August 18
- Salary Survey - The deadline is August 25
- Award Nominations - The nomination deadline is September 1

Need help or have questions? Reach out to our office at admin@icrm.org

Records and Archives in the News

How to Preserve Priceless Documents at the National Archives
New York Times July 14, 2023
When a department runs low on space, it boxes up older files and sends them to record centers operated by the National Archives. The department still legally controls the records stored there, but ownership later shifts to NARA. Presidential records are different. When an administration comes to an end, White House files are immediately transferred to the custody of the National Archives. Archivists place newly acquired records in acid-free Hollinger boxes, trying to replicate their arrangement when officials still used them, and create a rough index of their contents.

Federal agencies are on Threads, here’s what the records agency says about that
Government Executive July 7, 2023
“Government use of social media platforms, including Twitter, Meta, and applications provided by these platforms, has exploded over the past decade,” Laurence Brewer, chief records officer at the National Archives and Records Administration told Government Executive on Friday. “However, our 2013 guidance on managing social media records remains in effect. In particular, as we said then, agencies should assess their business needs and evaluate risks associated with leaving these records in social media.”


Data Classification Policy: What it is and How it Can Boost Your Information Governance Efforts
JDSupra
An estimated 82% of the data breaches that occurred in 2022 involved human error or intentional misconduct. That’s why organizations need to be diligent in protecting their data from both internal and external threats. One way to do so is by implementing a strong information governance (IG) program that will keep an organization’s data organized, secure, and accessible.

https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/data-classification-policy-what-it-is-5205811/

The SEC Provides 4 Million Reasons to Ensure Required Records Are Maintained
JDSupra July 3, 2023
On June 22, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) published a consent order against J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (JPMorgan) for an alleged failure to retain millions of electronic communications as required by Rule 17a-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from the deletion of approximately 47 million electronic communications in about 8,700 retail banking group electronic mailboxes during a data remediation project.

https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/the-sec-provides-4-million-reasons-to-9184032/

World’s Largest Soil Archive Brings History to Life
Farm Journal May 31, 2023
In 2018, a barn on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) main campus was set to be demolished. On demo day, Andrew Margenot, associate professor of soil sciences, walked into the dusty, dilapidated barn to size up the job at hand. That’s when he stumbled upon a once-in-a-lifetime discovery. Nestled within the confines of the decaying barn walls sat 8,000 mason jars filled with Illinois soil dating back to 1862. At 450 sampling locations spanning 21 million crop acres, it’s the world’s largest soil archive. This unique find is likely the oldest collection, as few soil archives exceed 40 years.

https://www.agfax.com/2023/05/31/worlds-largest-soil-archive-brings-history-to-life/

DOD 8180.01 (Records Management) First Thoughts
Deep Analysis August 8, 2023
Although it is a coincidence DOD Manual 8180.01 (Information Technology Planning for Electronic Records Management) was released this past week, the timing could not be better. And as far as such documents go, it’s a fascinating read for any Information Management professional and a must-read for any IG or RM practitioner or vendor regardless of whether they work with the DOD or any other Government Department. At 88 pages, I will not attempt to summarize or review the whole document. But I want to point out a few high-level observations that affect our industry.

https://www.deep-analysis.net/dod-8180-01-a-big-shift-for-ig/

DOD Manual 8180.01 Information Technology Planning for Electronic Records Management
https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodm/818001m.PDF

Wanted: ICRM Mentors
Since the ICRM began offering a mentoring program for all exam parts in 2020, we have seen tremendous growth in the number of individuals requesting mentors for their certification process. This unprecedented interest has left us with a need for new mentors to meet this demand.
If you are interested in becoming a mentor or have any questions, please contact us at mentor@icrm.org.

Join Us in Congratulating our Newest ICRM Members!

**New CRAs from June & July 2023**
Carmen Hubbs, CRA - *Aiea, Hawaii*
Elizabeth Ann Larmon, CRA - *Worthington, Ohio*
Ellen Millar, CRA - *Barrie, Ontario*
Hannah Courtney, CRA - *Baton Rouge, Louisiana*
Judy Graven, CRA - *Austin, Texas*
Linda Thai, CRA - *New York, New York*
Mark Poshepny, CRA - *Lakewood, Colorado*
Sehri Strom, CRA - *Minneapolis, Minnesota*
Sharon Glover, CRA - *Addison, Texas*
Stephanie Baltzer, CRA - *Bismarck, North Dakota*
Tabatha Robbins-Deutsch, CRA - *Lacombe, Alberta*

**New CRMs from June & July 2023**
Duncan Robak, CRM - *Des Moines, Iowa*
Elizabeth Adigwu, CRM - *Phoenix, Arizona*

Get Involved!
Do you want to get involved in the ICRM or have an article you would like to contribute? Contact our business office at admin@icrm.org.

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