Greetings,

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Letter from the Editor

April 2024

Spring has sprung and the bluebonnets are in full bloom in Texas.

In this month’s newsletter Kiersten McAvoy, Marketing and Communications Regent has supplied us with a short piece about that Committee’s work. Susan Cisco informed us of the passing of Professor Ciaran B. Trace. Jesse Wilkins submitted an article about attending conferences. An in-depth examination entitled The Conference Attendance Lifecycle.

Are you looking for ways to get certification maintenance points? Well, ARMA International is seeking volunteers to help in updating the following publications: Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principles, Information Governance Implementation Model (v2.1), Guideline for Outsourcing Records to the Cloud and the Glossary of Records and Information Management Terms. Just follow this link to submit your application.

If you work in local government did you get your governing body to pass a resolution about RIM Month? If yes, would you be willing to share it with us? Please send to pakurilecz@gmail.com

Here are some RIM related news stories from the past 2 months:

- How Agencies Should Prepare for NARA’s Deadline to Digitize Federal Record
- 100 years later, long-lost silent film found in Omaha parking lot
- The Archives with 100 kilometers of historic London Documents
- Alaska’s archive of records into the millions of documents across 24 years (video story)
- New York strengthens data retention & disposal requirements
- Combustible cinema? The Nitrate Film Issue
- Records related to unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAPs) at the Nation Archives

As always, I am you obedient servant,

Peter Kurilecz CRM CA IGP FAI
ICRM Quick Poll

February Quick Poll Results
In February, we asked you what you had planned at your organization for Records and Information Management Month. Thank you to all who responded. We hope that those of you who were looking for ideas attended our RIM Month Mixer! Here are your responses:

- I am doing a series of posts on the company intranet to educate about records management and celebrate the successes in records throughout the organization.
- A series of weekly awareness articles around policy awareness and compliance, tips and tricks, ie how to search the retention schedule and some virtual weekly gaming activities, ie crosswords, trivia, word search.
- Not sure. This is my first year in my Records Manager position with xx company. My records background is 18 years in state government, Now, I am in the private sector and it is new for me. I would like to introduce RIM to my organization in an impactful way. How cool will it be to wake them up to the RIM field in a positive way. Only thing is - I need help!
- No idea - I hope the mixer will give me ideas!
- Nothing - looking for ideas!
- Nothing, we don't acknowledge this.
- nothing

June Quick Poll -
Conference season is officially upon on! What National or Regional RIM events are you attending in 2024? Click here to complete the poll.

From the Leadership: Marketing & Communications Regent Update from Kiersten McAvoy, CRM

Hello and happy spring! We have been really busy working on exciting stuff for our members and candidates. Last month, we held our first virtual mixer where we got together (over 100 of us!) to chat about different approaches to celebrate RIM Month. There were so many chat comments and engagement during the entire session and just seeing this level of interaction made me so proud to be a part of the ICRM community (sniff, sniff). We have already begun preparations for the next virtual mixer and we’re hoping you’ll join us to talk about RIM career planning – Stay tuned for that invitation coming soon.

OK, so let’s talk about what’s coming up in April. At long last, our website is getting a virtual facelift mid-month! In this first phase, we’ve streamlined our content to enable visitors to quickly access the information they’re looking for. Job seekers will also have access to a modern job board and career center and once you’ve secured that job interview, don’t forget to check out the new salary survey report! Seriously though, even if you’re not in the market for a new job, check out this valuable, member-only resource. Sneak peak…our members are seeing impressive salary increases…exciting stuff, right?! The marketing committee continues to work on providing a value-add experience for members and candidates. If you have any ideas that you’d like to share or if you want to join the fun, please let us know!

The Conference Attendance Lifecycle
By Jesse Wilkins, CRM, IGP, CIPP/US, CIPM, CIP, edp, CIGO, ICE-CCP

It’s April, and we are fully in the throes of the spring conference season. I’ve attended far more conferences than I care to admit, as a speaker, vendor, attendee, and as chapter and association leadership, and after over more than 20 years, these are my lessons learned. Most of these are specific to in-person events, but some may still be applicable for virtual events (like the after-action reports).
Remembering Professor Ciaran B. Trace

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Professor Ciaran B. Trace has passed away. Dr. Trace joined The University of Texas at Austin School of Information (iSchool) in 2010 and was a passionate advocate for the archives and records management fields. She led the effort in establishing the iSchool’s partnership with the Institute of Certified Records Managers, allowing students to apply completed coursework toward examination credit for either the Certified Records Analyst (CRA) or the Certified Records Manager (CRM) designations.

Susan Cisco

A Virtual Mixer Success!

Thank you to the over 100 attendees for joining us for our Inaugural ICRM Virtual Mixer to Leap into RIM Month. The February 29th event was a leaping success!

Thank you to our presenters: Jerry Lucente-Kirkpatrick, CRM, IGP, Kim Edwards, CRM, and Pari J. Swift, CRM

A special thank you to our marketing committee as well for putting on an engaging event to prepare us all for RIM Month.

Still looking for RIM Month ideas? Take a look at the RIM Month ideas shared by our attendees!

We can’t wait to see you for our next Virtual Mixer in June on RIM Careers & Resume Building! Information to be announced soon!

Here are a few photos from the event.

Wanted: ICRM Mentors
The ICRM is always looking for new mentors. 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 February & March 2024
Alyssa Walker, CRA - Austin, TX
Crystal Koutz, CRA - New Braunfels, TX
Elizabeth Moore, CRA - Lubbock, TX
Jennifer Link, CRA - Lexington, KY
Lauren Harmon, CRA - Brandon, MS
Lori Westernmire, CRA - Glade Park, CO
Pamela Clemencia, CRA - Clinton, MD
Patrick Kennaly, CRA - Carlisle, PA
Randall Pitt, CRA - Clarksville, TN
Sara Bench, CRA - Salt Lake City, UT

New CRMs from February & March 2024
Alicia Grudzinskas, CRM - Quesnel, BC
Amanda Smith, CRM - Riverside, RI
Hannah Courtney, CRM - Baton Rouge, LA
Jared Porter, CRM - Wilmore, KY
Kendra Whitaker Yates, CRM - Salt Lake City, UT
Megan Sokolow, CRM - Geneseo, NY
Terri Hicklin, CRM - Walnut Creek, CA

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.