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Letter from the Editor

Has it really been 3 years since I volunteered to be this newsletter's editor?? Yes, it has and time really flies by when you're having fun.

This month's newsletter is chock-a-block with information. First up is Jerry Lucente-Kirkpatrick's report about the ICRM's virtual mixers. We have had two mixers (February and June) with our final mixer scheduled for the end of October. What better theme for a mixer than **Scary RIM Experience Stories** so be sure to submit your scary RIM story to ICRM@caphill.com and put Scary RIM story in the subject line.

Next up Caroline Waters Chair of the Board writes about her time on the Board of Regents and the various positions she has held. (Remember volunteering takes only 1 hour a week *wink wink)

Susan Marin Regent for Application and Exam Preparation explains what is involved with the position and how she became a CRM and a Regent.

Have you ever considered being a mentor? Mary Janicik, chair of the Mentoring Committee, provides us with a wonderful overview of the mentoring program and why it is so important. And why you as a member should consider becoming a mentor.

Deborah Robbins brings to our attention a new resource for CRM/CRA candidates. Now candidates can download a robust "Key Words" list for exam parts 1-5. The ICRM has already received positive feedback, so be sure to check it out

Rikki Chesley reports on a discussion panel that she was a part of at the recent NAGARA conference in Atlanta, Ga. Read her report to find out more and to learn about a question from an aspiring genealogist.

Inside ICRM is more than just a newsletter about the organization and its leadership, it is about our membership. It is about our professional lives and what we do outside of the workplace. In this issue Dave McDermott writes about his annual halibut fishing trip to Alaska. He was kind enough to provide photos of his catches and other sea creatures that he's seen. Do you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with us? Then consider submitting an article to Inside ICRM.

News and Events

Elections

Elections are open through August 15. Contact admin@icrm.org if you need your ballot resent.

ICRM Awards: Call for Nominations

Submit your [ICRM Award Nomination](#) by September 1

Upcoming Partner Events

The ICRM is happy to be at the following events in 2024. Visit the ICRM table to enter our drawing for a \$100 ICRM Credit.

[NIRMA, Summerlin, NV August 5-7](#)

[930gov \(DGI\), Washington, DC, Sept 4](#)

[InfoCon \(ARMA\), Houston, TX, Oct 14-16](#)

[VAGARA, Virginia Beach, VA, Oct 23-25](#)

Do you have an event with your chapter or region that you would like to see ICRM attend? Contact us.

Key Terms

Studying for the exams? Check out our list of [Key Terms](#) pulled right from our live test bank!

Careers

[Visit our career center](#) for career postings or to post a career opportunity!

Preapproved Events

Does your organization have an event over 2 hours you would like preapproved for credit? [Learn how you can get your event preapproved!](#)

Important Reminders

Have you moved or changed jobs recently? Make sure your contact information is up to date!

On a closing note, on July 6th James Douglas "JD" Pickett husband of Denise Pickett MBA, IGP, CRM/NS/FED passed away. JD served in the US Navy as a submariner where he was assigned to several submarines such as the USS Grayback and USS Pintado. Following his Navy career, he had a career in the nuclear industry where he met Denise. More about his remarkable life can be found [here](#). May he rest in peace

If you would like to submit an article, please send it to either pakurilecz@gmail.com or ICRM@caphill.com with newsletter article in the subject line

As always, I am your obedient servant

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ICRM Quick Poll

June Quick Poll Results

In June, we asked you...when you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? We thoroughly enjoyed reading your responses! Here is what you said:

Anaesthesiologist

An astronaut that found life on Mars. I was a science major in school.

The first woman President

Police Officer

Police Officer

A statistician

An archeologist.

Nurse

Musician

The Boss it did not matter what field I was in I just wanted to be the Boss.

Astronaut

Medical evacuation helicopter pilot

Teacher

astronomer

Dancer on Broadway

Movie Director.

August Quick Poll -

We all know the old aphorism "all work and no play makes Jack/Jill a dull person" What do you do in your off time to keep from being dull? Do you have any hobbies or activities that you enjoy? We know Dave McDermott loves fishing and hunting. Anyway, [click here](#) to complete the poll. We'll provide the results in the October newsletter.

Virtual Mixer Update

By Jerry Lucente-Kirkpatrick, CRM, IGP

Jerry provides us with an update on [ICRM's Virtual Mixers](#) and a reminder to keep a look out for more information on our Scary RIM Mixer coming in late October.

From the Leadership: ICRM Chair Update

By Caroline Walters, CRM

I became a board member in January 2018, when I took over the Regent for Exam Development, in 2022 I became President-Elect/Treasurer, then President in 2023, and am now finishing my service to the ICRM board for 2024 as Chair of the Board.

As the Chair, I am not able to vote, but operate in an advisory and project management role to assist with projects and discussions for improvements to the ICRM operations. I am also responsible for managing the selection of ICRM Award winners, and the recruitment of nominees for elections to the

Have you entered any CMPs lately? Submit your CMP Request within one year of the event.

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board.

I am also completing my service as the Executive Committee member who works with our association partners, such as ARMA and NAGARA. This responsibility will be transferred to the President-Elect/Treasurer in the elections in August/September.

I will review each of these items so that our members and candidates are aware of the processes for awards, elections, and association partners. [Read full article.](#)

From the Leadership: Regent, Application and Exam Preparation Introduction and Update

By: Susan Marin, CRM, CIGO, MS, PMP

I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself as your Regent of Application and Exam Preparation. I have been in this role since 2023 and thoroughly enjoy what I do to assist our ICRM candidates. The purpose of this article is to introduce myself and provide an update on the upcoming changes to the application process and exam preparation courses.

My professional career started as a litigation paralegal working in a variety of areas of law. From the filing of the complaint to the jury verdict, I served my clients for over 20 years. This litigation background provided a smooth transition into the Records and Information (RIM) world as I saw firsthand experience of what happens when retention schedules and policies are not followed. [Read full article here.](#)

The Joy of Giving Back

By Mary Frances Janicik

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." --- Winston Churchill

There is no greater feeling than hearing someone say, "I passed." These two simple words carry great satisfaction especially when followed by "I couldn't have done it without you." That's the joy experienced by CRMs across the world who offer their time and knowledge to guide ICRM candidates on their journey toward certification.

Since 2020, the ICRM Mentoring Program has offered candidates mentoring support for all six parts of the exam. As a result, the number of candidates entering the mentoring has grown steadily. While some candidates seek assistance with one or two parts, others develop a mentoring relationship that carries them through the entire process. To continue our success, we need you! [Read the full article.](#)

A New Resource for CRA/CRM Candidates

By Deborah Robbins, CRM

The ICRM has added a new resource this year for candidates working toward their CRA or CRM certifications. In addition to the Exam Outlines, acronyms, and sample questions, candidates can now download a robust "Key Words" list for exam parts 1-5. These keywords are a more detailed list than what is given in the exam outlines.

We have already received positive feedback on the usefulness of this new resource:

- "I like the key terms section...makes my own collection [of terms] seem miniscule. Pass on my thanks to all involved in putting this together." Lynette R.
- "This is a big help in refining what I need to study for each exam. Thanks for your support." Mike M.

We are excited to offer this new resource. You can access this by going to the ICRM website and looking at the drop-down menu under "Certification". The keyword lists are under ["Exam Resources"](#). This is the same area

where you can find practice questions, the acronym list, and suggested study resources.

Special thanks to Sheri Nystedt, Regent of the Exam Development Committee, and the exam writers for their efforts.

This is My Dance Space. This is Your Dance Space... Except for When It's Not

By Rikki M. Chesley, MA, CRM

The ICRM hosted a discussion panel at the 2024 NAGARA Conference in Atlanta, GA in July. I was very honored to be one of the members of that panel. During the Q&A at the end, I was asked if getting a CRA or CRM would be helpful for someone whose aspiration it is to become a genealogist.

My short answer was yes, but I immediately thought I would like to explore this topic further. We, as records and information professionals, cross-pollinate each other's specialties in so many ways. In a nod to my generation, I thought it might be fun to explore this using Dirty Dancing as a through line. [Read full article](#)

Fishing in Alaska

By Dave McDermott, CRM

It's a Saturday morning, and I'm sitting at my desk dreaming about my fishing trips to Alaska. Yes, I love fishing, hunting, golf, water skiing, snow skiing, and scuba diving. My lovely wife says if I take up one more sport, she will take up target practice. I sure wish I knew what she means by that.

Back to Alaska. I am very fortunate to travel to Petersburg, Alaska, three or four times a year for Salmon and Halibut fishing. I should be there right now. My dear friend has a place there, and a fantastic fishing boat (Xta - Sea) is harbored in Petersburg Harbor. The town is on the Inland Passage of Alaska for those who don't know where Petersburg is. It is south of Juneau and north of Ketchikan. The city itself is located on Mitkof Island.

[Read full article](#)

We hope to see you at DGI's @930gov Conference on September 4 in Washington DC!

Digital Government Institute's Records Management @930gov Conference and Tradeshow is the premiere event for government records management and information management professionals to learn and share industry best practices. Key government and industry experts will gather in September to discuss available solutions, policy updates/changes and review examples of successful electronic records programs. Conference content is developed with input and guidance from DGI's EDRM Educational Advisory Committee with the goal of bringing industry thought-leaders, solution providers, and practitioners together to deliver a thought-provoking, interactive, and solution-oriented program. [Learn More.](#)

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 June & July 2024

Andrea Cantu, CRA - Dayton, Texas

April Cona, CRA - Hudson, Florida

Caitlin Jane French, CRA - Naples, Florida

Jen Ciliska, CRA - Windsor, Ontario

Jennifer Dantchev, CRA - Cambridge, Massachusetts

Kris Ann Ellis, CRA - Northville, Michigan

Mark Buchanan, CRA - *Grantsville, Utah*
Melissa Walker, CRA - *Sun Prairie, Wisconsin*
Richard Carroll, CRA - *Phoenix, Arizona*
Nittanee Galema, CRA - *Scarborough, Ontario*
Stephanie Shedd, CRA - *Midland, Texas*

New CRMs from June & July 2024

Ahmad Zukhruf, CRM - *Islamabad, Pakistan*
Andrea Welton, CRM - *Madison, Wisconsin*
James Northway, CRM - *Scotia, New York*
Kristin Way, CRM - *Thousand Oaks, California*
Rodney Price, CRM - *Hanover, Maryland*

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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