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Letter from the Editor

Happy New Year everyone

Hopefully everyone had a marvelous holiday season and is ready and eager to get back to work.

Wendy McLain is once again serving as President of the Institute and has supplied us with full President's column that looks back to 2017 when she first served as President and what has taken place since then. Welcome back, Wendy.

Have you ever wondered what pathways CRMs took to get into records and information management? Most, I suspect started in library science school, others started out as archivists, but did you know about the rock and roller who became a records manager? If not check out Michael DeVanna's article.

Have you ever attended one of the ICRM's Virtual Mixers? Jerry Lucent-Kirkpatrick masterminds them for us and they are held three times a year. The last one took place around Halloween. To learn more about it, check out Jerry's article.

In a past newsletter I announced that I will be stepping down as the editor of this publication once we find a replacement. So far, we've received one application. If you are interested, please send in your application which is a short item describing (minimum of 50 words) why you want to be the editor. Send no later than Jan 31st to admin@icrm.org with the subject heading "Newsletter Editor application". Be sure to include your name and email address.

April is RIM month. Would you like to share with others what you've done for RIM month. If yes please send your article to me at pakurilecz@gmail.com by February 15th and we will run it in the March issue of Inside ICRM.

On Tuesday January 13th, Caroline Walters CRM Records Manager for the University of Virginia, passed away on Friday, January 9th. If you would like to send in a remembrance of Caroline for the March issue, please send them to me by February 15th for our March newsletter.

Finally, don't forget to pay your membership dues. You have until January 31st to pay them.

As always, I am your obedient servant

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News and Events

Dues Reminder

It's that time of year again! If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so by January 31!

Salary Survey Update

Members: Keep a look out for the Salary Survey in your inbox!

2026 Partner Events

February 19-20

Sunshine Conference

March 19

E-Discovery Conference

April 14

ARMA Houston

April 19-20

InfoNext

May 12-15

FRMA

Do you have a RIM, legal, or court of clerk event that ICRM should attend? Contact us at admin@icrm.org

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!](#)

[Have you entered any CMPs lately? Submit your CMP Request within one year of the event.](#)

A Note From ICRM President, Wendy McLain, MLIS, CRM

Happy New Year, ICRM Community!

As we begin 2026, I am honored to once again serve as President of this great Institute. My previous service on the ICRM Board from 2012–2018 included roles as Regent of Legislation and Appeals, Exam Administration and Grading, President-Elect, President, and Chair. It is truly exciting to be back in the President's seat and to see how the thoughtful planning and hard work of so many continue to produce outstanding results for the ICRM and the broader RIM/IG community.

Read full article [here](#).

January Quick Poll

We want to hear from you! Complete this [quick poll](#) to tell us what you did over the holidays!

Michael DeVanna – Musician to CRM

By Michael DeVanna

Life before records management taught me many skills I still use as a records manager. As a musician, you learn cooperation, develop creativity and, hopefully, the capacity to laugh when the audience gets restless. You learn to tune your senses, all of them. My old musical haunts, back in the day, were throughout New England and New York. Records management has taken me from coast-to-coast in the U.S., to the Middle East, and to Europe. I've swapped the stage costumes for business casual. Although, I still occasionally feel like a time traveler from the 80s (minus the hair).

Read full article [here](#).

Scary Virtual Mixer Recap

By: Jerry Lucente-Kirkpatrick, CRM, IGP

On Thursday, October 30, the ICRM held its second Scary Virtual Mixer. We hold these Virtual Mixers three times a year and always have good attendance. For this Scary Mixer, we had 6 stories of RIM events that were challenging and could have been disastrous except for the skills of our 8 speakers. For the first time, we had a speaker from outside of North America, Winny Nekesa Akullo, who joined us from Uganda to talk about her scary RIM experience. We have included the text of all six stories so that you can learn more fully from what was shared, but the following is a sample of what was shared.

Read full article, and enjoy pictures and scary stories [here](#).

A Tribute to Caroline Jane Walters, CRM

By: Peter Kurilecz CRM, CA, IGP

On Monday, the Institute of Certified Records Managers (ICRM) received word that Caroline Walters CRM, University of Virginia Records Manager passed away on Friday, January 9.

Her career was a long and distinguished one as record manager and a volunteer. Her career began in 1994 when she served as a research associate at the University of North Carolina. In 2004, she became a records management analyst for the University of North Carolina (UNC) eventually becoming the University Records Manager at UNC. In 2008, the University of Virginia hired Caroline to create the records management program at the University.

Please find the full article [here](#).

ICRM Partners



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 November 2025 - December 2025**

Alison Macdonald, CRA - *Cambridge, Massachusetts*
Jennifer Colvin, CRA - *Westminster, Colorado*
Lizany Ungo Lopez, CRA - *Humble, Texas*
Mason Kae, CRA - *Vancouver, Washington*
Patty Cox, CRA - *Manassas, Virginia*
Radhika Sharma, CRA - *Yuba City, California*
William Cahoon, CRA - *Victoria, British Columbia*

New CRMs from November 2025 - December 2025

Alison Macdonald, CRM - *Cambridge, Massachusetts*
Anna White, CRM - *Houston, Texas*
Cadis Stuart-Hodges, CRM - *Roswell, Georgia*
Jenna Feeney, CRM - *West Des Moines, Iowa*
Stacie Peters, CRM - *Lititz, Pennsylvania*

New CRM/FED

William McClements, CRM/FED - *District of Columbia*

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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