

Indiana Abstract

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Peggy Downs, CTR: Vice President

Hello everyone,

I am excited to be serving as the Vice-President for 2018-2019. My goals for this year include attending the board meetings, assist the President as requested, submit articles to the newsletter and assisting other board members as requested.

Valerie J. Vesich, RHIA CTR: President Elect

Goals as an ICRA Board Member:

- Understand responsibilities of President-Elect and President
- Prepare for ICRA Presidency following the by-laws and collaborations with ICRA board and ICRA members
- Lead ICRA members forward with positive diplomacy
- Encourage mentoring, self-education, collaboration
- Support our members as we take on challenges from our standard setters

My role as President-Elect this year will be:

- Fall Conference Activity/Responsibility for 2019 and 2020, looking for helpers/donations- please email me or give me a ring! 😊

Martha Hill, AAS,CTR: Past President

2018 Successful Year for ICRA

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank my 2018 ICRA Board Members. Last year was a very successful year and nothing that was accomplished is my doing – but the doing of a very motivated and forward thinking Board. Thank You all for your time and hard work to make last year successful. It was honor to serve with each and every one of you.

I'd also like to thank Nancy Whipple and her committee for all of the hard work in organizing and putting on a successful Fall Conference. Our speakers were very informative. We had great fun with all of the different 40th anniversary celebration activities which happened throughout the Conference. Thanks to LeAnn Capps and Joann Schultz for the ideas and organizing all of the games, photo booth and drawings. Last and not least, I'd like to thank Lisa LaGue for the beautiful quilt that was raffled. I appreciate each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication.

By the end of July or early August, I will begin the process of nominations for the 2020 ICRA Board. Nominations will be going out via blast e-mail so please watch your mail boxes. I hope that each of you will consider running for an office or seek a position on the ICRA Board. Val Vesich will be our 2020 President and I know with her leadership ICRA will continue to grow as an association. New board members bring new ideas and new growth to the association. It is what is needed to move the association forward. I know we all have demands not only at work but also with our home lives. But I often find working on ICRA committee items gives me an outlet to relax and think of things other than STORE and dirty laundry! While some committees take time and effort throughout the year, others do not take as much. Seek our former officers or former committee members and speak with them. If you

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I am looking into having online voting in 2019. There will be more to come regarding this as I work on the details. Please look for blast e-mails and more information to come regarding this.

I look forward to hearing from each of you come nomination time.

Until then, Happy Spring!

Cassie Nobbe, CTR: Secretary & Website

The current user identification and password for the website will expire on March 31. As you renew your membership for the 2019-2020 cycle, you will be issued a new user identification and password. This combination will be live approximately April 1. ICRA launched a Facebook page last year. If you are a Facebook user, please request to join our page, Indiana Cancer Registrars Association.

ICRA will continue to use more on-line registration and payment options again this year. If you have issues with launching anything links from broadcast e-mails or website, please contact me via ICRA's e-mail address at icra_indiana@yahoo.com or Cassandra.Nobbe@mmhealth.org.

I will be working on adding ICRA Board Meeting Minutes to the Membership Only Section. Look for their arrival in the second quarter. My goal for this year is to send a monthly broadcast e-mail with upcoming educational events and resources. If you have any events or resources to share, please e-mail me.

Joann Schultz, RHIT CTR: Ways and Means

I hope you all stayed warm during the Polar Vortex. It was really cold in Northwest Indiana. What an educational & fun Fall Conference. Congratulations to LeAnn Capps, CTR winner of the 40th Anniversary Quilt, Tracy Paulus, CTR winner of the 50/50 raffle, and all the winners of the 12 hours of ICRA Christmas. Congratulations to Samantha Kunz, CTR the winner of the NCRA Scholarship.

Angela Koszyk, CTR: Treasurer

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association
Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2018-2019; Quarter 4: Calendar Year 2018

Beginning Balance	October	November	December	\$ 17,783.59
Income:				
Membership		\$ 230.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 635.00
Conference Registration - Checks	\$ 5,652.50	\$ 412.50		\$ 6,065.00
Conference Registration - Telusys	\$ 2,260.90	\$ 1,980.00		\$ 4,240.90
Public Relations (Vendor Sponsorships)	\$ 1,100.00			\$ 1,100.00
Ways & Means		\$ 1,463.00	\$ 70.31	\$ 1,533.31
Total Income:	\$ 9,013.40	\$ 4,085.50	\$ 475.31	\$ 13,574.21
Expense:				
Website Maintance (Vessio)	\$ 49.99	\$ 49.99	\$ 49.99	\$ 149.97
2018 Conference Gifts Cards/Bags		\$ 46.63		\$ 46.63
2018 Program Chair Hotel Room		\$ 231.66		\$ 231.66
2018 Conference - Primo		\$ 7,361.24		\$ 7,361.24
2018 Conference - NCRA CEU Hours		\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
2018 Conference Speaker Travel Expenses		\$ 564.72		\$ 564.72
2018 Conference Award Plaques	\$ 244.03			\$ 244.03
2018 Conference Decorations and Photo Booth		\$ 91.10		\$ 91.10
2018 Historian Booth/Supplies		\$ 78.36		\$ 78.36
2018 Conference Speakers		\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
Checkbooks	\$ 74.24			\$ 74.24
Thank You' Flowers for Marsha Lundy		\$ 61.96		\$ 61.96
Transfer to Savings (to keep account active)	\$ 1.00			\$ 1.00
2019 NCRA Basket			\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Total Expense:	\$ 369.26	\$ 10,160.66	\$ 104.99	\$ 10,634.91
Ending Balance				
Balance Savings Account	\$ 10,163.49	\$ 10,163.66	\$ 10,163.83	\$ 20,722.89
CD	\$ 10,349.39	\$ 10,349.39	\$ 10,349.39	
Total Assets for ICRA as of 12/31/18				\$41,236.11

Respectfully submitted 1/5/2019 by:
 Leslie Woodard, CHCM, CTR
 2017-2018 ICRA Treasurer

Lisa LaGue, CTR: Education Chair

Since many registrars are still expressing confusion over the changes implemented in 2018, I compiled the following list to assist registrars as they are now able to complete cases in v18 software.

Clarifications, Reminders and Supplemental Coding Instructions

- When coding histology for solid tumors, always use the Solid Tumor Rules first, then the 2018 ICD-O updates, and then the ICD-O-3 manual.
- When coding site and histology for hematopoietic and lymphoid primaries, always use the SEER Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Coding Manual/Database.
- Make sure you are using the most current version of a reference manual. If you download manuals, you need to routinely check on-line for revisions. Using references on-line is beneficial for ensuring you are using the current versions; however, your bookmarks may need to be updated so you are directed to new or revised pages. An example is SEER*RSA Cancer Schema List. It was updated to v1.5 on February 14, 2019. Your bookmark will take you to v1.4 (assuming your bookmark was current prior to that date), not v1.5. You need to update your bookmark so it goes directly to v1.5 now.
- A major change to the Breast Solid Tumor Rules affects coding the histology for *in situ* cases. Subtypes and variants are NOT coded beginning with 1/1/2018 diagnosed cases. The subtypes or variants may be described as the architecture, pattern or feature. The result of this change is the majority of *in situ* breast cases should be coded to DCIS (8500/2).
- For invasive breast cases, the Solid Tumor Rules also includes instructions for coding the histology involving subtypes and variants. Beginning with 1/1/2018 diagnosed cases, the subtype/variant for invasive breast cases is only coded when it comprises more than 90% of the tumor. This is a change from the 2007 MPH Rules for breast.
- A major change to the Colon Solid Tumor Rules affects coding the histology for polyps. (*Note, rectum and rectosigmoid are included with colon in the Solid Tumor Rules. They were included with other sites in the 2007 MPH Rules.*) Polyps are NOT included in the histology code beginning with 1/1/2018 diagnosed cases. Cases diagnosed prior to 2018 with “polyp” histology codes should be considered adenocarcinoma (8140) when determining multiple primaries; however, the histology code should not be changed in the abstract. It should remain with the polyp histology code as it was based on the rules in effect at the time of diagnosis.
- There is a change for coding histology in the Solid Tumor Rules for all sites except breast and CNS. The 2007 General Instructions for coding histology applied to all sites and they stated to code the histology from the “most representative tumor” specimen examined. Beginning with 1/1/2018 diagnosed cases, again with the exception of breast and CNS, the Solid Tumor Rules state to code the “most specific histology” from either the biopsy or resection. If there is a discrepancy between these reports so that there are two distinctly different histologies, code the histology from the most representative specimen.
- Carcinoma was added as an equivalent term for adenocarcinoma to the General Instructions of the Solid Tumor Rules in the January 2019 update. A variation of “Carcinoma; adenocarcinoma” was also added the equivalent or equal terms list in each site specific set of rules.
- A list of common metastatic sites was added the Solid Tumor Rules for each site specific set of rules. The list can be found at the beginning of the multiple primary rules, just before Rule M1, which is the rule used when it is unknown if there is single or multiple tumors.

- Cancer registries in Indiana do NOT have to collect SEER EOD. It is NOT required by CoC nor is it required by ISCR.
- Twenty-four new radiation treatment data fields were implemented in 2018 and are intended to replace six existing radiation treatment fields. Once converted to v18 software, the new radiation fields must be used for every case regardless of diagnosis date; however, NPCR (therefore, ISCR) is requiring two v16 radiation data fields for all cases diagnosed prior to 2018 even when abstracted in v18 software, #1360-RxSumm--Radiation and #1570-Rad--Regional RX Modality. This means any case diagnosed before 2018 abstracted in v18 software will be “double coded” for the radiation therapy since the old and new data fields will have to be completed.
- When HER2 testing is done by FISH, if a ratio is given, then it was a dual probe test. If you have a ratio to code for the SSDI HER2 ISH DP Ratio field, then you should be able to code the SSDI HER2 ISH DP Copy Number (*hint: DP stands for dual probe*) and the SSDI HER2 ISH SP Copy Number (*hint: SP stands for single probe*) will be coded XX.9.
- The breast SSDI fields for Allred Scores can be calculated by the registrar if both the proportion score and intensity are reported. Refer to the Allred Score for Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor Evaluation table in the SSDI manual for additional information on calculating the Allred scores. When either ER or PR is reported as 0%, you can assign an Allred score of 0 (code 00) even if the intensity is not reported. This coding clarification was documented in the SSDI section on the CAnswer Forum.
- The colon and rectum SSDI field for MSI can be coded if done by immunology. This coding change was made in SSDI v1.4. If you have a report with Mismatch Repair (MMR) results, this is the immunologic testing for MSI and is what you should code in the SSDI field as either 0 or 2. Only genetic testing will report the MSI as high or low.
- Do not rely on your software to stage and code cases. While look-ups in software are helpful, they should not replace actual reference manuals. They can also misdirect you. For example, if you use the look-up to select the prognostic stage group for an in situ breast case which did not have all the prognostic factors done (ER, PR & HER2) or does not have a grade, there is no line in the table that applies. You may think you have to use 99, but 0 is the correct stage group and can simply be entered manually. In fact, it is often easier to manually enter the stage group into your abstract than finding the correct line in the look-up table.

If you would like some “hands-on” training with the 2018 Solid Tumor Rules or the new 2018 grade fields, SEER*Educate has recently added several coding exercises for these areas.

<https://educate.fredhutch.org/LandingPage.aspx>

Don’t forget the ISCR Lunch and Learn Webcasts are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. If you can’t listen to the live streaming, you can listen to a recording when it is convenient for you. <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/channel/55/>

Questions or suggestions?

If you have any questions or suggestions for trainings, please send me an e-mail,
lisa.lague@comcast.net.

Tracy Paulus, CTR: 2019 Program Co-Chair

Ready? Set?? Mark your calendars!!

Our 2019 Annual Conference will be held November 7th – 8th. This year we will be meeting and staying in the same location...Embassy Suites by Hilton Indianapolis North, 3912 Vincennes Road, Indianapolis, IN 46528. More information on room rates and reservations to follow at a later date.

The planning is underway and Samantha and I are really excited for what is to come. Not everything is ironed out yet but what I do know is that learning will happen and lots of fun will be had ☺

As always, your input is greatly appreciated. If you have any speakers to refer or topics that you would like to hear about, please contact me at tpaulus2@goshenhealth.com.

Watch for more information on our website, ICRA Facebook page, and via emails.

Have a great spring!

Emily Freeman, RHIT, CTR: By-Laws

By-laws committee updates: New proposed By-law amendments are in the works to update some of the language used in the current By-laws.

Quick overview of By-laws committee responsibilities: Ensure that the Board of Directors meetings and Annual business meeting are in line with ICRA By-laws. Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition governs ICRA in all cases in which they are applicable and when they are not in conflict with our ICRA By-Laws. Serve as the ad hoc ethics committee as needed. Amendments to the By-laws can be proposed by individual voting members or the Board of Directors.

Leslie Woodard, RHIT, CTR: Historian

As this year's ICRA Historian I am beginning to go through the many different items that have been passed onto me from previous historians. Being one of (if not THE) youngest CTR's that is a member of ICRA I must say it is funny saying I am the association historian ☺ There is so much that has happened over the last 41 years that ICRA has been around, and I know such a small portion! This year I will be working on an idea for a fun activity to take place at the Fall Conference – if you have any ideas of what you would like to see, let me know!

For those that were unable to make it to the Fall Conference last year, below are the fun things we learned about some of our fellow registrars!



Your 2019 ICRA Board at the 2018 Fall Conference

2018 ICRA Historian's Conference Interactive Game

Please circulate and find the person that gave the answer listed. Enter their name in the space provided and return your completed form to the historian booth. Thank you!

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Person</u>
1. Favorite TV Show:	<u>Survivor</u>	Leigh Ann Hayes
2. Pets:	<u>St. Bernard (2 – Sissy and Maggie)</u>	Martha Hill
3. Favorite game as a child:	<u>Kickball</u>	Mindy Burch
4. Idol or revere greatly:	<u>April Fritz</u>	Jan Duncan & Lisa Lague
5. Bucket list item:	<u>Ireland</u>	Mary Sokolowski
6. Language you speak:	<u>German</u>	Jan Duncan
7. Cellphone wallpaper:	<u>"It is Well!!!"</u>	Jackie Kintz

8. Color/make of car:	<u>Red Malibu</u>	Lori Walker
9. Cartoon character to hang out with:	<u>Casper the Friendly Ghost</u>	Paul Rice
10. Return fashion trend:	<u>Platform shoes, because I am short</u>	LeAnn Capps
11. Two people to have dinner with:	<u>Ben Franklin & Leonardo De Vinci</u>	Samantha Kunz
12. Unlimited supply of:	<u>Knowledge</u>	Ellen Hurt
13. Plays musical instrument:	<u>The Flute</u>	Hanna Starr
14. Where in a time machine:	<u>Jesus Birth</u>	Joann Schultz
15. One thing shared about you:	<u>In my lifetime I have donated 4 foot of hair</u>	Melissa Craw

Thank you for playing and for submitting your answers. There were so many good ones, especially #15. First, I eliminated all (well almost all) the duplicates. Then, I choose one answer from each of you trying to find an answer for each question. I hope you enjoyed the game!

Sherry Dowling, CTR
ICRA Historian 2018

LeAnn Capps, BA, CTR; Public Relations Chair

Just a reminder- please contact Public Relations if you know of any member that has lost a loved one from their immediate family. ICRA would like to reach out to them to show our genuine concern and support at that time.

As always, the Public Relations Committee welcomes any ideas and articles that you would like to place in the Indiana Abstract in the future. You do not have to be a board member to submit articles for publication.

We have several new faces on the Board this year and I am looking forward to the ideas they will bring to the table for the year moving forward and for our Fall Conference in November! Everyone should think about suggesting/volunteering for a project or speaker topic for OUR Fall conference, it is what we make it! I personally still consider myself a newbie at this profession, but the networking and friends that I have made have been a valuable asset to me in terms of "Help me, I can not figure this out!" and anyone that I call or talk to can give a different insight into the problem.

Our new Facebook page will have announcements for upcoming events, but you have to join the group to get the information and some other fun things will be there as well!

Samantha Kunz, CTR: ICRA Liaison

As the 2019 ICRA Liaison, I have assumed many new duties since our 2018 Fall Conference; the most rewarding of which is that I have become an NCRA mentor. I implore each of you reading this to considering becoming a mentor as well. Not only is NCRA desperate for mentors but the experience, thus far, has been very positive. I have been emailing back and forth with my mentee about a variety of topics ranging from help with her studies to general questions about our profession. I highly encourage all of you to consider this opportunity as it does not take a lot of time and makes a huge difference in the life of a newbie in our field. Also, please be aware that being a mentor does not require that you help your mentee get a job or secure a practicum, as that has been stated as a reservation for some considering the opportunity. My mentee doesn't even live in the same state, so do not be worried about having to do anything but provide support and answer questions. In addition, NCRA has recognized the hardship that exam candidates are facing when attempting to get their 160 hour practicum hours and has now created an online program to help out. This is called the ICA – Independent Clinical Advisor program and it also needs volunteers. Please reach out to me if you need assistance in getting started and I can point you in the right direction.

Finally, I will be in DENVER!! So, please come and say hello to me ☺ I look forward to hanging with some ICRA colleagues.

Martha Hill, AAS, CTR: Membership

Membership Drive is Underway!

The 2019 ICRA Membership drive is currently underway. Our goal is be 100 members strong. This goal can be accomplished if we all work together. Being a member of ICRA provides many perks, such as our newsletter, "The Indiana Abstract", education, access to our website and discount to the ICRA Fall Conference. More importantly, being a member of ICRA, gives you an abundance of resources by virtue of networking with other ICRA members. I have made and continue to make so many friends and learned by the knowledge of networking with ICRA members. Membership fees are minimal at \$25.00 per year.

The next few years we are facing many challenges as we begin learning and using new rules with the STORE, SEER stage and grade changes. As we continue learning Eighth edition AJCC staging rules and teaching them to physicians. I cannot think of a better sounding board than my fellow ICRA members.

The membership drive supports the operating expenses of the organization. If you have not received your membership application, please feel free to use the one attached to this newsletter, or contact me and I will make sure that you receive one. Applications can also be found on the ICRA website. I ask that you encourage your co-worker who currently is not an ICRA member, to join our association.

**Indiana Cancer Registrars Association
Membership Application
2019 – 2020**

Name _____

Employer _____

Please print or type information you would prefer for communication and placed on the ICRA Website Membership Directory:

Check one: Employer Address Home Address
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Educational background: RHT CTR LPN RN RHIA

Number of years in Registry field _____ Current position _____

Are you a: Current Member Associate Re-Instated Member** Student*

 New Member of ICRA? Referred by: _____

 Active (\$25) Re-Instated** (\$35) Associate (\$20) Student* (\$10)

***A person who is enrolled in a college level curriculum and is interested in the purpose of ICRA and is not actively employed in a cancer registry.**

****A former member whose membership has been forfeited by non-payment of dues and new application is being submitted.**

Would you be interested in serving on a Committee? Yes No

Would you allow your name and work address to be released to vendors upon request? yes No
Director/Supervisor/Manager for important ICRA correspondence:

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____
Please make your check payable to Indiana Cancer Registrars Association or ICRA and mail to:

Martha A. Hill, CTR
ICRA Membership Chairperson
5096 South County Road 740 West
Medora, IN 47260

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____



It has been 26 years since our first ICRA Cookbook was published in 1993. We would like to create our 4th ICRA Cookbook, but we need your help with your favorite family recipes. Not only do we want to create and share the 2019 ICRA Cookbook with our members during the November ICRA Annual Fall Conference, but we are also hoping to have the cookbook available for sale when Indiana hosts the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) 47th Annual Education Conference, April 14-17, 2021, in Indianapolis!

Each contributors name & facility will be printed next to their recipe, and also there will be an index of each contributor and the name of the recipes submitted. Please look through your favorite recipes, reach out to your family and friends, and share your favorite recipes! Please complete the attached recipe form ([one recipe per form](#)), & include your name/facility where you work, then email your recipe(s) to Mindy Burch at Mburch1@iuhealth.org.

Mindy Burch, CTR
2019 ICRA Cookbook Committee Chair



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