

SPRING NEWS LETTER

Tumor Registrars Association of Connecticut



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PR and Communications

President's Message

It's spring and still the winter weather lingers here in New England. Yet, if you listen quietly in the morning as the sun begins to rise, you can hear the song birds, a sign of Nature's awakening. The Executive board has been active too.

Education

Vice President's Report

Pre-registration required



Membership

Treasurer's Report

Our 2018 Membership Drive has concluded however people may join our organization at any time. Becoming a member of our organization is easy, simply complete an application and remit dues for the current year. You can contact our treasurer for any questions.

National Cancer Registrars Week
April 9-13, 2018

Cancer Registrars:

Hidden Jewels of Cancer Care



PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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President's Message

BROOKE CHANG

I'll admit, I had much trepidation in taking on this new role as I knew Organizational Leadership would be a challenge. I also know, it will provide opportunity for my professional development and build upon my character. I must say, working with a team who is committed to our organization and to one another is always a great experience. Our organization is composed of smart and experienced professionals who are happy to help when asked.

Like the birds have been hard at work preparing for a new season, the Executive Board has been hard at work too. We have concluded our membership drive and planned an educational meeting. Even though this organization is a professional one, I have inspiration for planning a social outing in the future. I hope there is interest. I have been posting on our Facebook page in attempts to stay more connected. Remember to like and follow us. I will not be attending NCRA this year. I have asked our past president to attend the President's luncheon in my stead. Thank you Donna Lanphear for your continued support. Our website is due for renewal this May and Amy Baldwin-Stephens is our webmaster.

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Cancer Registrar's week is this week!

I hope you all find a way to celebrate our profession and your accomplishments as a cancer data professional. Our work is the foundation for cancer research, finding cures, and improving outcomes. You and your work matter.



NCRA: The Conference is scheduled **May 20-23** and will take place in New Orleans, LA. If you have not yet signed up, you have missed the early bird registration. You can still attend, regular/ onsite registration is available. NCRA secured a block for lodging which will expire on April 20, 2018. NCRA invites all local organizations to participate in the State Association Basket Raffle each year. If anyone would like to participate in building a basket, I will co-ordinate and ship it. Please email me at brooke.chang@ynhh.org

Last Year's Basket from TRAC.



From the Treasurer's Desk

MICHELE WOJEWODZKI

We have concluded our membership drive for 2018. There are currently 41 members in our organization. The list of members for 2018 has been made available by email. If you have not yet done so, please review for accuracy. As in meetings past, a financial report will be emailed prior to the upcoming May meeting for review.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHERI AMECHI

Our Spring Educational Meeting has been planned and space is limited. The topic of focus will be on SEER standard updates and changes for 2018. Jennifer Ruhl will be our speaker for majority of the meeting. It will be hosted at the HOCC Cancer Center on May 15, 2018. A big THANK YOU to the committee members Anne Marie, Nicole and Donna G for your help. Registration for this event will close on May 7th.

Past President's Report

DONNA LANPHEAR

I stepped down last year as TRAC President after serving 3 years. I am proud to have worked with a dedicated team to achieve many accomplishments for our organization. It was a great experience and I look forward to seeing everyone again. I hope everyone had a chance to celebrate Cancer Registrars Week!

I will be going to the NCRA conference in New Orleans May 20-23. In addition to continuing my education, I will attend my last Board meeting as Public Relations and Communications director for NCRA. During my 2-year term, I oversaw the NCRW, Connection, Journal of Registry Management, Social Media and Website committees. I will also represent Connecticut at the Presidents' Luncheon on May 22nd.

I continue to work as Cancer Registry Manager in Palm Springs, CA and still come home one week each month, racking up those frequent flyer miles! I really love living in California.

THANK YOU

Terri Vega would like to thank the membership for the beautiful basket and condolences she received with the passing of her mom.

Other News: NCRA Job Analysis Survey Data

NCRA has published the *Salary Considerations 2017 Survey Data* to provide registrars and human resource departments with accurate and timely salary information to assist with hiring of our critical health information profession. The salary data was collected in 2017 as part of the most recent Job Analysis (JA) Survey of cancer registry professionals. “NCRA is the only national organization spearheading research on the cancer registry workforce. Its most recent success was the establishment of the new occupation code of ‘Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars 29-9021’ in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system.”

Here’s the link to read the full publication

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/Workforce/Salary-Considerations>

Happy Spring and Happy NCRW everyone!

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.” Aristotle