

President's Message
February 2010

Last month's President's message talked about New Year's Resolutions and the goals and plans we resolve to make this year. Well, I know all of you are on the right track to accomplishing those resolutions, but I would like you to stop and take a moment to thank yourself for your commitment and continued support to the Puget Sound Chapter and the Records Management profession. I recognize the fact you all did wonderful things last year, and I do not believe resolutions should only be about improving or changing, but also remembering your already victorious accomplishments from years past. Accomplishments and failures make us who we are; so, look in the mirror and say, "I AM PROUD OF MYSELF and I DESERVE THE BEST IN LIFE!!" Reach up, then back and start patting yourself on the back!! You do deserve the best in life, and I hope the Puget Sound Chapter offers you some of those "bests" you are looking for and need.

We are offering several educational and networking events this coming year. I hope you are able to share, take advantage and/or increase your experience and knowledge from these opportunities. Our next upcoming event is the February business meeting and program. We will be holding a lunch time meeting at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma, where we are going to be trying something new and different, a vendor forum. A number of vendors will be available to answer ECM RFP and RFQ processes and more in a "no-pressure" forum. Each vendor will provide a very brief overview of their products and services, and the rest of the session will be open to audience questions about what implementing ECM entails, what vendors need from a customer when developing an RFP, and what to expect during implementation. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please contact Leslie Koziara, Program Director at 360-586-4893 or email to Leslie at leslie.koziara@sos.wa.gov.

Coming in March, not only will we have a spectacular program, we will also be holding our annual nominations for open Board positions. Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Chapter? If so, please do not hesitate to get yourself nominated for one of our open Board positions. Open for nomination will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director and two Director Positions. Please refer to page 7 of this newsletter for additional Board Position responsibilities, or feel free to contact any Board member for further information.

Lastly, I want to remind you to save the following dates in April. The Puget Sound Business Meeting and Program has been changed from Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to Tuesday, April 13, 2010. I want to ensure all have the availability and open schedule to

attend the Great Northwest Region Conference on April 15-16, 2010 in Bellevue, Washington. Hopefully you all received your conference Save-the-Date card in the mail within the last couple of weeks. The Region Team, and the Puget Sound, Greater Seattle and Bellevue-Eastside President's have been hard at work to put together, what should prove to be, an excellent conference.

I encourage you to participate in the educational opportunities offered through ARMA International and the local Chapter's.

"Life is full of challenges both personally and professionally...some may humble you but most make you stronger!" ~ Michelle Ward

Thank you again!

Puget Sound Chapter President,

Tara Ramos