

President's Message
June 2010

The 2009-2010 ARMA year is coming to an end, and I for one, can hardly believe the year passed so quickly. I hope this year has brought you the joy and triumph that it has for me, and the Puget Sound Chapter. The first thing I want to do in my last message of the year is to acknowledge my Board of Directors. Thank you for everything you have done this year. This year was a success because of your hard work, dedication and support. My experience as President proved rewarding and beneficial because of you. You are all appreciated more than you know.

This year was not only outstanding, due to my fantastic Board, but also due to member's participation and the number of wonderful networking opportunities, programs and events which were offered. We had successful meetings on classification, social networking, SharePoint, implementation of an EDMS, privacy and security regulations, imaging and, as always, we held our annual holiday auction. In addition, the Puget Sound Chapter, along with the Greater Seattle and Bellevue Eastside Chapter's, assisted the Region with a very successful Region Conference; but, before we call it a year, let's not forget our final events coming in June.

During our June 9, 2010 meeting, we will be offering our "How to Become a CRM" workshop, presented by Bob Dalton. Following the CRM workshop we will celebrate and recognize those members in our chapter who are truly inspirational and encouraging as records management professionals. Lastly, we will have a presentation by our chapter, Joy Sage, regarding the initial process of purchasing and preparation for implementation of a ECMS solution at the City of Tacoma. I encourage you to join us for an evening that will be fun, interesting and motivational to all.

In addition to our last meeting, I want to remind you all of the Great Northwest Region Leadership conference which is scheduled to take place, in Bellevue, WA, June 11th and 12th. Are you interested in learning more about the duties and responsibilities of our Board of Directors, the Region Team and/or would you like additional leadership training? Remember, this conference is open to all, and we would love to have you there. If you are interested in attending, but are in need of financial assistance, ARMA International gives away two \$400 grants for members from our Region to use towards the Leadership Conference. If you have any questions, please contact me, Tara Ramos, at tramos@ghpud.org, or you can check out the details on the ARMA headquarters' website.

I know I said this last month, but I felt it important to say again...YOU, our members, are the success of the Puget Sound Chapter!! Our integrity, wisdom and accomplishments speak loudly to our reputation. You should all be very PROUD to be part of such a wonderful association, because I know I am.

Sincerely,
Puget Sound Chapter President,
Tara Ramos