

President's Message
May 2010

April was a very busy month, and I truly appreciate all of your support at all of the Puget Sound ARMA events. The Great Northwest Region Conference took place in Bellevue, and WOW; what an outstanding conference!! The Puget Sound Chapter had the most attendees, and the feedback we have received thus far was very positive. If you were able to attend, watch for the email survey, and please provide your honest feedback on the conference. This will assist the Region for future conference planning!!

Speaking of future planning, I want to thank the members who took the initiative to cast a ballot for the 2010-2011 Puget Sound Chapter Board of Directors. Without your votes and voices, we would not have the incredible Board we have, leading our way to greatness! In addition, I hope you all took the time to complete nomination forms for your fellow Chapter members for the following awards: Chapter Member of the Year, Leader of the Year, Hero Awards, Wendy Finch Records Professional of the Year and the Vendor of the Year. I look forward to recognizing our Chapter Members during the June meeting.

We are on the downhill slide of educational and networking events for the 2009-2010 year. I hope you are able to join us for the final two meetings this May and June. Our upcoming event is the May business meeting and program. We will be holding a lunch time meeting at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma, where Patty Holmquist and Greg Trosset will be giving a presentation providing a lessons-learned perspective on where King County is today in its electronic records program and what drivers influenced various decisions made in getting there. This is an update to the meeting held last year, and I for one am looking forward to hearing about their progress, trials and tribulations!!

Next, coming in June, not only will we have a spectacular program and CRM Workshop, we will also be holding our annual Awards Ceremony as I mentioned earlier. We will end the year by letting our Chapter Members know how important they are! As always, it is a motivational way to end the year.

Lastly, I want to remind you to Save-the-Dates in June. The Great Northwest Region Leadership conference is scheduled to take place 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? If so, ARMA International gives away two \$400 grants for members from our Region to use towards the Leadership Conference. If you are interested, you can check out the details on the headquarters' website, or contact me, Tara Ramos, at t Ramos@ghpud.org.

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