

President's Message
October 2009

The Puget Sound Chapter year is off to a great start. For those of you who missed September's meeting, we had a great program about taxonomy and classification, Marc Simpson, our Region Manager, spoke to the group regarding the benefits of ARMA, we celebrated some 15 Year milestones for two of our members (Congratulations Marc Simpson and Kerstin Ringdahl!), and we had several attendees join us for their first-ever ARMA meeting.

Another first-ever will take place this month, as we are holding our October meeting at the WPUDA building in downtown Olympia. Leslie Koziara, ERMP will be doing a presentation about social networks and Web 2.0 computing and their impact on the workplace and records management issues surrounding their use. I look forward to seeing you there and sharing with you in this momentous occasion.

Unfortunately, last month due to scheduling issues, our "Creating Connections" Mentorship Training did not occur. We plan to have this training sometime in the very near future. We now have four Mentors and one Mentee on our participation roster. If you are new to the industry this is an incredible chance to learn and gather information from our seasoned professionals, who are available to share their wealth of knowledge. Watch for the training announcement in an email box near you. If you are unable to participate in the "Creating Connections" Mentorship program I encourage you to look at some of our other Committees which require member participation.

The Committees are the bread and butter of the programs and benefits the Puget Sound Chapter provides for its members. The Board cannot fill all Committee Chair positions on their own. The Board will support, and assist where available, but without the volunteerism of our members, some committees will suffer or become obsolete. I look to you, our members, to step up and prove why our chapter is so strong and amazing. Each member volunteer is a valuable asset; the more volunteers we have the easier to accomplish the goals of each committee. A list of available committee positions is available on our website, or by contacting me at tramos@ghpud.org or 360.580.7485.

We have an obligation to ourselves to be the best we can be. *"And In the end, it is not the years in your life that count. It is the life in your years."* ~Abraham Lincoln

I am proud to be a Puget Sound ARMA member. The resources, the networking opportunity and educational events are amazing and invaluable. For me it is not about how many years I can be a Puget Sound member, but rather what I accomplish while I am. The Puget Sound Chapter wants to motivate, inspire and guide you to reach your goals both professionally and personally.

Sincerely,
Tara Ramos