

President's Message
September 2010

Despite the 2010 summer days quickly coming to an end, I envision the sunny days to come, as we reconvene the Puget Sound Chapter ARMA Year!!

I am proud to be leading the Puget Sound Chapter as your President again this year, and I hope you all look forward to what is to come. As with any new beginnings there are potential challenges and obstacles to overcome. I hope our event offerings prove to ease those challenges and obstacles by providing a realistic fresh approach and understanding to the Records Management Profession, while at the same time confirming your already brilliant practices.

Before I go much further talking about the year to come, I want to recognize the people who coordinate all the events throughout the year, and who volunteer their time to ensure the chapter's success. I Thank **YOU**, my Board of Directors, for volunteering to lead the Chapter with me for the coming year. Without your support, we would not be the successful chapter we are. I look forward to working with all of you, and sharing experiences and knowledge, while learning from each other.

During our annual transition and planning meeting, we discussed our coming programs for the year. We collectively decided having a streamlined program center was going to be the key; and what better topic to use as the core of our programs than GARP, the Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principles.

Our goal is to provide engaging, informational programs which include "take home - real life" learning tools. In addition, we are striving to provide educational programs which encourage benefit and justification of your attendance from your employer. Joy Sage, our Program Chair has been diligently working on such a program slate, which I for one, am looking very forward to sharing with all of our members.

In addition to a streamlined program slate, the Puget Sound Chapter will continue to hold the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association seminar in October, and it's Annual Holiday Auction in December. It is possible we will be offering one webinar in place of our February meeting, but more on the logistics of this are to come. April will be the only Olympia meeting this year, where we plan to discuss training, training, and more training!

I hope you are all able to join us for at least one event this year. Here is to a fantastic 2010-2011 ARMA Year!

Sincerely,
Puget Sound Chapter President,
Tara Ramos