

Welcome to the 24th Annual Conference!



VAGARA

Virginia Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators

- VAGARA's Foundation
 - Began with an ARMA Conference in Canada.
 - To hold a Records Management Conference for representatives from Cities and Counties in Virginia.
 - The founders worked tirelessly from October 1984 to February 1985 to coordinate the First Conference.
 - The Executive Board works year round to plan and prepare for the Annual Conference.

First Conference

- Records Management Workshop – Alexandria Virginia
 - February 5, 1985
 - Old Town Ramada Inn
 - Two day event included local speakers who covered topics such as indexing city council minutes, establishing retention rules, preserving vital records, using micrographics effectively, and managing records center operations and selling a program to governing officials
 - Over three dozen attendees braved a wintry mix morning to conclude the two day event with a tour of the Alexandria City Records Center and City Hall

First Officers - Structure

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| ■ President | Bob Friedman |
| ■ Vice President | Dick Harrington |
| ■ Secretary | Bea Berry |
| ■ Treasurer | Lettie Neher |
| ■ Member at Large | George Hruneni |
| ■ Member at Large | Bill Powell |

Present Officers - Structure

President – Nancy Tyler
Vice-President – Earlene Dixon
Treasurer – Angela Mitchell
Secretary – Mary Lee Wood
Historian – Cindy Moser
Member – At – Large – Alondo McClees
Member – At – Large – Ervin Jordan, Jr.
Member – At – Large – Lois Dalton-Ritger
Member – At – Large – Chris Koch
Past President – Pat Noble
Membership Coordinator – Stacey Slonaker
Newsletter Editor – Cameron Waite
Website Curator – H. Cary Adams

Proud History

- VAGARA has evolved into an association dedicated to professional excellence through
 - Scholarship
 - Fellowship
 - Leadership
- VAGARA reaches all records officers in the Commonwealth.
- VAGARA has a quarterly Newsletter.
- VAGARA is on the Internet.
 - www.vagara.org

Snapshot of Website



Proud History - 2

- Annual Conference
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Networking Opportunities
 - Special Breakout Sessions for Specific Groups
- Sponsor Workshops & Seminars
 - In Cooperation with Library of Virginia
 - National Seminar Speakers
 - Hot Topics – Cutting Edge Technology
 - VAGARA-hosted One-day workshops

Proud History - 3

- Continuing Education Credit Provided for:
 - CRM, MMC, CP or CLA
 - Recertification credit for CMC
- Displays Fiduciary Responsibility
 - Annual dues \$ 20.00
 - Conference fees \$160.00
- Promotes legislation in the best interest of our members

How You Can Help

- The VAGARA Executive Board seeks members who would like to participate in Committees.
- If you would like to submit an article for the Newsletter, or if you would like to help with any Committee – please let a Board Member know, and please give them your contact information.

A Key to Success

VAGARA has been successful because of our:

- Membership – they are where the rubber meets the road.
- Members participation in sponsored events.
- Succeeding generations of leadership.

A Key To Success - 2

- Unity of Purpose
 - VAGARA Members Work Together to Educate, Enable, and Empower.
- Diversity of our Membership
 - Clerks, Records Managers, Archivists, Analysts, Technicians, Systems Administrators, IT Managers, Law Enforcement Professionals and Educators.
- Productivity of Effort
 - Many Hands Make Light Work.

A Key To Success - 3

VAGARA needs YOU!

- You are the future of this organization – we look forward to celebrating our 24th Annual Conference and hope that you will be with us for our 30th, 40th and 50th.
- We need your ideas and suggestions for future Conference locations and Programs.
- Ask an Executive Board Member how you can participate in the planning of next year's Annual Conference.
- We're glad that you are here! Enjoy the conference!