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President's Letter

Hello members! I am pleased to return to VAGARA as the President for 2010-2011 and look forward to continuing to work hard for VAGARA and its members. The new board is in place and beginning to work together on many new initiatives.

The Executive Board had a retreat the day before the 2009 Conference. I am excited and pleased at the results of our day. The participants spent a great deal of time discussing the future of the organization and deciding how to remain relevant and important in a tough economy. We were facilitated by Glenn Smith's wife, Vonda, who did an outstanding job and helped all of us stay on task and accomplish a tough agenda. The retreat goals and strategies are listed later in the newsletter.



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One of the first tasks to be taken on is a program where experienced members in records management and archives agree to mentor a new member to VAGARA or someone who is new to the archives and records management field. If you are interested in

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President's Letter

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becoming a mentor, or a mentee, please contact Lois Dalton Ritger at Lritger@vb.gov.

Another committee is also in the process of updating the VAGARA brochure. This is the first step in modifying and expanding the web content on the VAGARA website. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see as part of our website, please contact Caroline Walters at cw8de@virginia.edu.

There are several other committees that have been formed and I will continue to brief you on their prog-

ress and accomplishments. As always, I encourage any member to step up and volunteer to participate on these committees. They are a great way to contribute to the success of our great organization and a great way to network with your colleagues.

Enjoy the arrival of spring and please feel free to contact any member of your Executive Board!

Harry E. Tyler

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Retreat Results: VAGARA's Updated Vision and Mission

VISION:

To be Virginia's premier resource for education and best practices in the management of public records

MISSION:

To promote education, best practices, and professional networking in support of the professions responsible for the administration of public records

GOALS:

Education:

Provide useful/relevant educational content to our membership.

Best Practices:

Identify or Develop Best Practices in information and records management

Professional Networking:

Develop tools or programs to facilitate membership connectivity

STRATEGIES

Professional Networking

Education

Best Practices

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Need to be published?

Have an announcement to share?

Public Record needs articles! And we can post any announcements regarding upcoming lectures, events, and chapter meetings of interest to your colleagues. Local or statewide announcements are welcome.

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VAGARA's 3 New Executive Board Members

Caroline Walters



Caroline has been the University Records Officer at the University of Virginia since 2008. Before coming to Virginia, she was the University Records Manager at UNC-Chapel Hill and a Records Management Analyst for county and municipal governments with the State of North Carolina. Caroline has spoken at the VA Scan Conference on records management and e-discovery and will be speaking later this month at the AIIM Conference & Expo about managing electronic records in a diverse and uncontrolled electronic environment. In 2008, she spoke to the North Carolina Governors Investigative Panel on Email Management, and has developed and presented training sessions on many records management topics for UNC-CH, UVA and the State of North Carolina. She has a BA in History and a MA in Public History concentrating in archival and records management from North Carolina State University, and a Masters in Library Science from North Carolina Central University.

Esther Grace



Esther has been with the County of Albemarle for six years; the past two as Records Management Officer for the Department of Community Development. This was a newly created position for the department, and she has been busy developing and implementing a records program for the department. Currently, Esther is working on a team that is seeking to establish a more defined County-wide records program.

Prior to her employment with Albemarle County, Esther worked for Centel (local telephone company) for 23 years, the last 7 years as Budget Coordinator for the Virginia/North Carolina Division.

Esther has an Associates Degree in Business Management from Northern Virginia Community College, with additional credits in Accounting. As to her education in Records Management, she gives credit to the "professors" of Records Management; Dick Harrington, Earlene Dixon, Cary Adams and Pat Noble as well as the Library of Virginia and ARMA.

Her husband is named Jim and she has 5 grown children and 7 grandchildren. Most of her family lives close by, so her free time is spent at little league baseball, youth softball, and JV football games.

John Breeden




John has 30 years experience in records/document management. John has been active in national and international standards, including serving as a member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group for document management applications (TC171). He was co-recipient of AIIM's Electronic Imaging Award in 1994, is a recipient of AIIM's Distinguished Service Citation, and is a member of AIIM's Company of Fellows. He has served as President of the Richmond, VA AIIM chapter and is a Certified Records Manager. He was recognized as VAGARA's Outstanding Member in 2003. He is currently the records manager at the Virginia Department of Transportation and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

VAGARA is pleased and proud to report that Ervin L. Jordan, Jr. was selected by Archival Outlook: Newsletter of the Society of American Archivists as the first featured archivist for the new series titled "Someone You Should Know". Congratulations Ervin!





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