



August DIGEST

Greater Seattle Chapter of ARMA International

Message from the President

Dear member,

The new 2009-2010 ARMA year will be starting in two weeks!! The Greater Seattle board is energized to bring you engaging topics and programs at a very low cost. My pitch for these meetings are--*cheaper than your local coffee shop*. The board is committed to provide you all year long low cost meetings to ensure you are receiving Records and Information Management education. So, this year don't expect fancy dinners at hotels, but breakfast and brown bags around downtown Seattle and throughout our area. Dean Koga and Paul White are working furious locating great speakers and great topics. I hope to send out a list of the programs in the next few weeks.

Our next meeting will be on September 3, at Stoel Rives, 600 University St., Suite 3600 in downtown Seattle. Our speakers will be Greg Trosset and Patty Holmquist, who will share with the Greater Seattle Chapter some of the successes and failures they've encountered in applying technology to achieve an effective RIM Program in the last four years at King County. To find out more details the meeting please go the [Greater Seattle Website](#).

I hope you plan on attending!

Andrea Bettger

ARMA International Education Foundation Raffle Tickets

The Greater Seattle chapter has ARMA International Education Foundation Raffle Tickets. You may be asking yourself a few questions. So here are some frequently asked questions. *What is ARMA International Education Foundation?* They are an on-going research entity of ARMA International. Funds are available for continuing education, graduate students, and research on Records and Information Management Topics.

What are the ARMA International Education Foundation Raffle Tickets? They are raffle tickets for some great prizes. You can win a Wii, Blackberry, or FREE Registration to ARMA International in San Francisco, California or the 2010 ARMA International conference.

How much are the raffle tickets? Raffle tickets are only \$5.00!!!

How can I get a raffle ticket? Contact me, Andrea Bettger President Greater Seattle Chapter.

How can I found out more about [ARMA International Education Foundation](#)? Follow the link provided.

Do I need to be present to win? No, you don't need to be present to win. Make sure to fill out the information correctly.

Good Luck!!!

ARMA International Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for [ARMA International's 54th Annual Conference & Expo](#) in Orlando, Florida! The Conference & Expo is a must-attend event for RIM professionals and individuals associated with the field. The conference and expo will be held October 15-18, 2009. The 2009 conference features more than 100 education sessions, seminars, and workshops. These [sessions](#) will be presented by the top thought-leaders in their respective fields, you can learn the skills you need to move forward in your profession and help your organization rise to the many emerging challenges posed by today's economic and technological realities. Also, remember to invite legal, IT, and others on your corporate compliance team, because good records and information management requires a cooperative effort among all the key players. *Andrew SanAgustin will be speaking in Orlando—congratulations!*



MER Brown Bags

The Greater Seattle Chapter purchased Cohasset Associates MER streaming presentations and we have been hosting one or two a month. Cohasset Associates annual MER Conference is an internationally renowned event on Managing Electronic Records (MER). These one hour webinar presentations are available for you at the local level to experience MER experience. MER brown bags will continue throughout the rest of the year, so our chapter members can receive great electronic records management education. At the moment, we don't have one scheduled, but please let me know if you would like to host a MER brown bag.



Upcoming Webinars

As a member of ARMA you may go online at anytime and hear Podcast or listen to previous Webinars. Or, schedule to attend a Webinar. The following two are the upcoming courses:

- Seven Questions Guide Records Management Strategy and Implementation, September 4,
- Keys to Effective Business Communication, September 18

To register for these Webinars go to the [ARMA International Website](#).

Western Washington Student Master Thesis

Danelle Roath, student at Western Washington University and a chapter member is working on her master thesis. You should have received the request to complete her survey. Her thesis question is: how people are implementing electronic records systems, which include but are not limited to: electronic records management systems (ERMS); electronic document management systems (EDMS); electronic content management systems (ECMS) or e-mail archiving systems.

To take the survey go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6fAvClk_2bCf0YMOdmibRrmg_3d_3d

The survey will close Friday, August 28.