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ARMA CANADA

WINTER 2006 NEWSLETTER



Region Manager's Message:

Welcome to the 2006 ARMA Canada year! I trust you are having a wonderful winter. I know that your Chapter Officers and Directors have been busy these past few months preparing for upcoming events in your area.

I would like to welcome a new member to the Region Leadership team. Valdene Wager from the Southwest Ontario Chapter is the new Region Coordinator for Central Canada. Valdene is the primary contact person for the Montreal, National Capital Region (Ottawa), Toronto Chapters and her home chapter, Southwestern. Valdene has been an active member of ARMA for 17 years. I have known Valdene for many years and am very honoured to work with her in this new capacity at the Region level.

Please mark your calendar now for upcoming events. **ARMA Canada Leadership meetings (May 27-28, 2006) and the 2006 ARMA Canada Conference "New Challenges, New Dimensions" (May 28-31) in Toronto, Ontario.**

Leadership meetings will focus on improving our Region, addressing topics such as liability insurance for chapters, partnerships, communications and policies and procedures. As well, ARMA International will be updating leaders on the RIM Competency Project, the Customer Relationship Management System and will present leadership training. We are pleased to announce that Cheryl Pederson, CRM, President of ARMA International will be in attendance for Leadership and for the Conference. As well, we are hoping to have Thomas Killam, the newly appointed Director of Member Services attend Leadership along with Peter Hermann CEO. Pat Vice will be presenting on behalf of ARMA International Foundation.

Contact me by April 14th to confirm your attendance at Leadership. Please specify how many leaders from your Chapter will be attending.

We will be selecting the 2009 Conference Site there. Chapters are invited to submit proposals for the upcoming conference. In this newsletter, you will find information on what chapters need to do to qualify.

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Our Conference “**New Challenges, New Dimensions**” will bring together the leading edge of global technology and information management. Besides the traditional education sessions, exhibitors will be able to reserve and present relative topics in the comfort of a private meeting room.



Exhibitors old and new will be present to show participants their products and services.

And, as Chapter Presidents, you have the opportunity to highlight your chapter by introducing speakers at the educational sessions. You “have the floor” for 2-3 minutes to introduce yourself, your chapter and so on, as you welcome the delegates for the session. And for doing this, you will receive complimentary registration for the conference. If you have not contacted Bernita Cogswell (bernita.cogswell@gnb.ca) please do so now, so as not to miss out on this opportunity.

For more information about the Conference go to <http://www.armacanada.org/conference/Conference2006.htm>.

Invitation to Host 2009 Canadian Conference

Canadian Chapters are invited to present their bid to host the 2009 Canadian Conference. At the Leadership session, on May 28, all Chapters are invited to provide a presentation. If interested in becoming a host chapter for the Regional conference, all Chapters must express interest to the Director of Conferences, Bernita Cogswell at least 4 weeks prior to the Leadership sessions. For more information go to http://www.armacanada.org/documents/sites/election_process.pdf.

Call for Nominations ARMA Canada Member Recognition Award

You are invited to submit nominations for “ARMA Canada’s Member Recognition Award”. These awards will take place at the Awards Banquet at the Canadian Conference in Toronto on May 30, 2006. Nominations are due April 15, 2006. For more information, go to http://armacanada.org/documents/member_recognition.pdf where you will find the Guideline for submitting nominations.



New Certified Records Manager



Congratulations to Katalin (Kathy) M Fur, CRM from the Toronto area for receiving her Certified Records Manager designation effective January 1, 2006.

ARMA International Election

As you know, the election for officers of ARMA International was delayed pending the membership database audit results. The Election Management Committee met to discuss these results and recommended that the election proceed.

As Chapter Leaders, I urge you to exercise your right to vote for the individuals that you feel will do the best job at leading this organization to meet the strategic goals set out. And please send this message down to your membership.

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DID YOU KNOW.....

that regional funding is available to chapters that are unable to underwrite the Chapter President's (or other chapter leader) expenses at the Leadership Meeting? This year the deadline for submitting application is April 15. Go to http://www.armacanada.org/documents/funding_guideline.pdf for more information.

Support the ARMA International Education Foundation

The ARMA International Educational Foundation is a funding resource for individuals and organizations for the advancement of knowledge in the field of information management through research and education.

The Foundation concentrates its funding and promotional activities in three areas, it:

- Supports research to address critical issues in information management.
- Provides education development grants to enhance knowledge, skills and abilities of practitioners in the field.
- Fosters educational initiatives that develop information management skills and programs.

For the last two years, ARMA Canada has held a ***Silent Auction***, the evening of the Awards banquet to raise money for the ARMA International Education Foundation. Each Chapter across Canada donates a useful auction item for the silent auction. Typical items include office essentials, art or crafts that represents their region, sport memorabilia, etc. For more information, contact Joe Kulyk, Central Coordinator, ARMA Canada (JKulyk@winnipeg.ca).

Chapter News

A new Records Management Officer course will be offered at the New Brunswick Community College this fall. The ARMA Atlantic Chapter Education Committee has been working with the community college to develop curriculum for this upcoming course. Recently, the local newspaper picked up on this course offering and wrote an article on the need for records management professionals in the workplace. Hats off to the Atlantic Chapter for partnering with their local community college to develop this course.

Vancouver and Vancouver Island Chapters are working together to host a Disaster Planning Workshop to be held in Vancouver on March 13 and in Victoria on March 14. The Vancouver Chapter recently donated \$1000 to hurricane victims. A big thank you to the membership for their thoughtful endeavors.

The Halifax Chapter is reviving their scholarship for this year! Great News!

Check out our Chapter's Websites! What a great resource we have in our chapters and our membership!

Chapter Anniversaries

Congratulations to Southwestern Ontario Chapter and the Atlantic Chapter. Both Chapters recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary!

Upcoming Milestones

Montreal celebrates 37 years this year; Toronto celebrates 36; Ottawa NCR 35; Edmonton 31; Calgary 30; Winnipeg 28; Saskatchewan 23; and Halifax 20 years!

Congratulations!

ARMA Canada Helps Hurricane Victims



At the Canadian Party at the International Conference in Chicago last year, donation boxes were set up at the entrance in support of victims of the hurricanes in the United States. With the help of some gentle persuasion and fun, ARMA Canada collected over \$600 US for the American Red Cross! Bravo to those who assisted in this effort.

ARMA Canada Committee Updates

Five committees are now established to assist with the development of policies and procedures for the smooth running of the region. They are:

- Administration & Communications Committee (Joe Kulyk, lead)
- Finance Committee (Kit Bright, lead)
- Conference Committee (Bernita Cogswell, lead)
- Education Committee (Sharyl Madigan, lead)
- Awards Committee (Valdene Wager, lead)

Chapter leaders have been assigned to each committee and meetings have been held. As one can understand, this is a slow process and as volunteers, it is very difficult to accomplish the tasks outlined quickly. Thank you for your continued support to these committees.

WHAT'S NEW AT ARMA CANADA!

Have you checked the ARMA Canada website lately? It has changed significantly. Leonora Casey is now our Webmaster and has brought our website to it's current look. We have very big plans for this site and hope to implement a repository for all our official documentation and records for the ARMA Canada Team and Chapter Leadership to use. "Check it out" at www.armacanada.org.

The Region has acquired bookkeeping services and Quickbooks to assist us in managing our finances!

.....and in closing

A big *thank you* to the ARMA Canada Team for their commitment to the Region, the Association and to the Records and Information Management Profession. We are very fortunate as a Region to have such a dedicated group of individuals to work with.