

ICRA Abstract

February 2005



Presidents' Corner

Greetings from your ICRA President.

I would like to hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a good start to 2005. To those who are abstracting the 2004 cases I would be interested in your thoughts on the collaborative staging, any questions, any tips for success.

Congratulations go out to the following for passing their CTR exams. Kari Suhr, Evelyn Dekoster, Cindy Burgin, Wanda Mattingley, Carol Anderson-Soy, and Jodi Waddell. They were also given \$100.00 for passing the exam. We can be very proud of the number of CTR's that are from the state of Iowa.

The Spring Meeting will be held at the William R. Bliss Cancer Center, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames, Iowa. The dates will be Wednesday April 6th and Thursday April 7th. Carol Anderson-Soy and her staff have been working hard on putting this together. A ICRA business meeting will be held over the lunch hour on Thursday April 7th. This week is also Cancer Registry Week. I would like to continue the ICRA's COC focus group and will plan for meeting early Wednesday evening. Please let me know if there are topics you would like to see for the agenda.

The NCRA meeting is April 10-13, 2005 in New Orleans. I am planning on attending and will look forward to reporting back to the members of ICRA on what I learned.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at 641-422-6367 or larsonk@mercyhealth.com

Thank you for electing me your President and I am very proud to represent the state of Iowa, we have a good group working in the cancer registries, keep up the good work.

Kathy Larson, RHIT, CTR



QC Corner

It seems hard to believe another half-year has passed. The final results of the Reliability Study have finally been received.

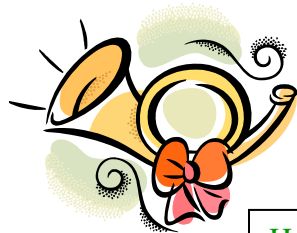
CONGRATUATIONS to everyone who participated in the study because of your efforts the SHRI placed first in the large group participants. Each and every one of you deserves a high five! Your dedication to your profession is acknowledged and appreciated. I am in the process of preparing a summary of the overall results and will be providing that information to everyone.

QC activities will once again begin in an effort to provide education and

information to staff more than twice a year at meetings. In the fall of 2003, a benign brain education module was present at the ICRA meeting. Since then additional changes have been made to the CS coding not only for benign brain but malignant cases. Therefore benign and malignant brain coding will be addressed in the first QC activity.

Currently NCI/SEER staff and representatives from NAACCR, COC, NPRC and individual SEER registries are in the process of working on the 2006 manual. The manual will incorporate new data items and guidelines. Currently several of the SHRI staff is involved in an online web based test of proposed primary site and histology coding guidelines. This activity provides the SHRI an opportunity to give input at the ground level and affect the final outcome.

In closing if anyone has suggestions for education he/she would like offered please send me an email.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Cindi

ICRA Fall Business Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 2004
7:30 a.m.
The Cottage Bakery and Cafe
Iowa City, Iowa

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindi Dryer, President; Carol Anderson Soy, Vice President; Lori Odle, Past-President; Cindy Kalvig, Treasurer; Karla Stork, Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes from previous ICRA meeting were noted in ICRA newsletter. Judy Sebern-Beachy made motion to accept minutes as distributed, motion was seconded.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Balance of \$3,950.79.

SECRETARY: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

BYLAWS: No changes.

NEWSLETTER, CAROLYN

HEMESATH: Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2004.

OLD BUSINESS

STIPEND WINNER – CAROL

ANDERSON SOY: It was a good time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Thank you to Virginia Forest and Wanda Mattingley.

NEW BUSINESS

CTR RECOGNITION: Congratulations to Kathy Larson, Leanne Haiwick and Virginia Forest.

FORMATION OF COC COMMITTEE: Hope that committee continues and best wishes to them.

ICRA SPRING WORKSHOP – HOST

SPRING 2005: Mary Greeley in Ames has volunteered to host spring workshop. Thank you to Carol Anderson Soy, Beth Bunn and Mary Greeley for hosting our next workshop.

OTHER:

- CEU hours have been submitted for today's

workshop on collaborative stage. This morning's breakfast was made possible by ICRA dues.

- President thanked present board members, Freda Selk for website designs, Carolyn Hemesath for newsletter publications, nominating committee and their many volunteer hours.
- Highlights over the last two years during the current board's term include:
 - Participated in two baskets at annual NCRA meeting
 - Reimbursement of \$100 to each ICRA member who took and passed their CTR exam
 - Purchased CTR prep on CD-rom
 - Purchased dividers for Collaborative Stage manual
 - COC committee formed
 - ICRA newsletter now posted on ICRA website

INSTALLATION OF NEW ICRA

OFFICERS: Duties of each position were read and accepted by all new board members. Your new ICRA board is as follows:

President: Kathy Larson
Vice-Pres: Liz Ostrander
Secretary: Kari Suhr
Treasurer: Sheila Janda

Best wishes to new board members!

Bobbi Matt made motion to adjourn meeting. Cindy Kalvig seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Stork
ICRA secretary



Congratulations to our NEW CTRs!!

Each has received a \$100 check to put toward the exam costs.

- Carol Anderson Soy
- Kari Suhr
- Cindy Burgin
- Jodi Waddell
- Wanda Wattingly
- Evelyn DeKoster

EXAM DATES AND DEADLINES

Application Deadline: January 31, 2005
Testing Begins: March 5, 2005
Testing Ends: March 19, 2005

Application Deadline: July 31, 2005
Testing Begins: September 10, 2005
Testing Ends: September 24, 2005

EXAM APPLICATION FEES

NCRA Members = \$200 US
All other candidates = \$275 US

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Pictures from Fall 2004 ICRA Meeting



Tania Viet and Julie Risinger



Leann Haiwick, Cindy Burgin,
Kari Suhr



New Board Members
Kathy Larson, Liz Ostrander,
Kari Suhr, Sheila Janda