

Why I'm a member of ARMA and the Puget Sound Chapter of ARMA

In January 2014 I celebrated my 31st year as a member of the Puget Sound Chapter of ARMA and I still look upon my membership as a cost-effective way to receive training in my profession and meet other professionals in the field of records and information management (RIM).

With dues of only \$205.00 a year for my membership (ARMA International and Chapter Dues) I can receive up to 8 chapter meetings with educational content by local RIM professionals, workshops and reduced rates to a regional and ARMA International conferences.

Here are a few more reasons why I retain my membership in ARMA. Where else can you ...

- Meet people working in your profession in an informal setting with the opportunity to discuss common records management challenges?
- Build your skills and knowledge in the profession that will make you a more valuable employee of your organization?
- Check out a book on current records management topics? Your Chapter Library is available for your use as a chapter member. You can review the book on loan for at least a month. This can be a real benefit for someone new to the profession or an organization with limited funds available to purchase books. An Index of the current holdings and some of the chapter newer books are available at the display table at our monthly meeting for your convenience. The Chapter website www.pugetsoundarma.org also has a copy of the index in the Members Lounge. You can also recommend books for purchase by the chapter. The records and information management publications are available for purchase through the ARMA Bookstore (www.arma.org/bookstore). You might check out Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com to see if they have the book at a better price. You can also reserve a book or check out any books or articles in our chapter library by contacting Bob Dalton, (253) 229-4555 or daltonconsulting@hotmail.com.
- Find an annual education conference that provides educational sessions, vendor show and opportunities to speak too many of the movers and shakers in our profession? If you want to meet and talk with the key vendors in the RIM professional then this is the conference to attend. The next conference will be held in San Diego, California in October 2014.
- Have access to a bookstore where you can purchase technical publications, standards and guidelines at a members discount price (www.arma.org/bookstore)? Our local chapter has a majority of the books published during the year that are available for loan. In June you can check out the books and return them at the September meeting.
- Find Web Seminars on current topics of interest to the records and information management professional (www.arma.org)? A majority of them are FREE. If you are a certified records manager (CRM) it is a good way to pick up a few hours of credit that are required for re-certification.
- Receive a professional journal, "Information Management", that provides excellent articles on current topics that would be of interest to a records management professional?
- Get email messages on the current issues in our profession from ARMA Headquarters and the chapter?

I do hope that you take advantage of your opportunities of being a member of your local chapter to increase your knowledge of your chosen profession.

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