



CANCER REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

NEWSLETTER

**Volume 11, Issue 3
Fall 2018**

www.craneweb.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018

ELECTED OFFICERS

**Brenda Joseph, MS, CTR
President**

**Georgette Santilli, CTR
President-Elect**

**Nancy Lebrun, CTR
Immediate Past President**

**Christine Hesemeyer, CTR
Vice President**

**Paula Darsney, CTR
Secretary**

**Lynn Zollin, CTR
Treasurer**

STANDING COMMITTEES

**Deborah Perriello, CTR
Bylaws**

**Susan MacKenzie, CTR
Education (Interim)**

**Susan MacKenzie, CTR
Ethics**

**Mary Lemieux, CTR
Membership**

**Tracey McDuffie, CTR
Nominating**

**Laurie MacDougall, MS, CTR/
Jeannine McKinney, CTR
Public Relations**

**Jeannine McKinney, CTR
Website**

Change of season, how I love Fall. I am not alone - for many Fall is their favorite season. Then those are others who dread the change of season...because to quote Ned Stark from Game of Thrones, "Winter is coming".

Well, the goal of the upcoming 43rd CRANE Annual Conference is to please all. Embrace the crisp, freshness of Fall but heed the motto of "Winter is Coming" and be prepared for the coming changes. We all know there are many changes and we seem to be in a holding pattern. The agenda is filled with topics that address the upcoming changes. There is also educational information on SEER, AJCC, NAACCR, NCRA and I even registered for one on Facebook. If you have any time to review these before October 22nd it may be worthwhile.

I do want to thank the CRANE Executive Board for all their work over the past months. This includes the annual meeting, proposed bylaws change, call for nominations and a new format for the Treasurer's report.

There was a recent "News from the Board" sent out that highlighted the conference agenda. I am sure the topics and education will be terrific. What I am most excited about is the networking – talking with fellow registrars and the vendors. We rely on the vendors to provide some financial support to exhibit. This year, in keeping with change, we did three levels of sponsorship. Level I: Corporate Sponsor (sponsoring a break), Level II: Exhibitor, and Level III: Informational Table.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we will again be "giving back". Susan MacKenzie & Deborah Perriello will be working the local food pantries and we will again be asking for donations. Don't forget we also do a raffle.

Just a note about the area, there are lots of restaurants & stores within minutes. The Marriott has a shuttle that can take you to these areas; Wayside Commons, The District, or 3rd Ave.

In closing, I really look forward to seeing everyone in October! Thank You, Stay in Touch!

***Brenda A. Joseph, MS, CTR
2018 President***



MEETING UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Members!

Happy Fall! Hope everyone is getting excited for the 43rd Annual Meeting. The agenda is packed with great topics, useful information, and some nationally recognized speakers. We have been awarded 12.25 CEUs by NCRA, with 8.25 being Category A.

The opening speaker, Dr. James Frank, is going to address Quality Standards. If you are an ACoS/CoC-accredited facility, these are Standards 4.6, 4.7 & 4.8. If you are not an accredited Cancer Program, this is valuable as it will show you how to look at your data, compare it to national guidelines, improve practices, report out results...in other words, "How to Highlight" your hard work. Dr. Frank has asked that we provide him with some questions beforehand, so if anyone has any questions, please pass them on to Brenda or Christine.

Back by popular demand is Louanne Currence, CTR, who will be speaking on various topics both days: Grade & SSDI, STORE, 8th Edition AJCC colon & prostate. She will be joined by two New England CTRs, Ren Garcia and Shannon Leighton. Ren will address Solid Tumor Rules and Shannon will show us how Survivorship Care Plans are done in Maine.

For local flavor, we have some clinicians from Lahey Health. Taryn Rourke will tell us what is happening in the world of Genetics. Linda Weller-Newcomb will discuss Lahey Health Cancer Institute's participation in the Oncology Care Model (OCM), the focus of which is to provide quality care at lower cost through better coordination of care. This will check off many of the ACoS/CoC Eligibility Requirements: National Guidelines, Navigation, Distress, and Survivorship Care Plans. Dr. Andrea McKee is going to impress you with her commitment to lung cancer screening. Rescue Lung, Rescue Life was started by Dr. McKee and a team of specialists who were determined to educate anyone and everyone that low-dose CT scans for high risk individuals save lives. Some of us saw Dr. McKee in Framingham this year and requested her as a speaker.

Dina Kandil, MD, was also in Framingham, where she was the speaker for the Hospital Tumor Registrar Session. Every Registrar in attendance thought Dr. Kandil would be a great addition to the annual CRANE meeting. She will help us understand the close to 50 pages of the AJCC 8th edition chapter on Breast Cancer. Then, when you think you cannot absorb any more information, Dr. Kandil will give a clear, concise presentation on endometrial cancer.

Did we mention **12.25 CEUs**? Also, we have reached out and received a lot of vendor support.

October is a beautiful time of year and the Burlington area has some great dining and shopping. There has been much growth in the area; with every food option you can think of available. The Marriott has a nice dining area, lounge, and (weather permitting) an outside fire pit.

Hope to see you there,

Brenda Joseph and Christine Hesemeyer

Food Pantry Collection – CRANE Gives Back

A reminder that we will once again be collecting canned/non-perishable foods for a local food pantry at the annual meeting. We did an amazing job last year – let's beat it this year!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION FOR 2019

Membership renewal for 2019 will open early in November, 2018. The following are the fees, according to the date of renewal.

Membership Date	Amount
-----------------	--------

NEW MEMBERS*

All New Members (anytime during year)	\$35.00
---------------------------------------	---------

***An Individual who has never been a CRANE Member**

RENEWALS

Membership renewal on or before January 31	\$35.00
--	---------

Membership Renewal (includes \$5.00 Late Fee) – between February 1 and February 28	\$40.00
---	---------

**Membership Renewal (includes \$5.00 Late Fee plus \$10.00 Reinstatement fee) – after March 1	\$50.00
---	---------

****If membership dues, plus the late fee, are not received by March 1, the member shall be automatically removed from membership roster. Unpaid dues will result in forfeiture of membership and a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 will be required.**

ATTENTION NEW CTRs!

If you are a new CTR, or know of one, please contact Susan MacKenzie at susan.mackenzie@lahey.org so you/they can be recognized at the Annual Meeting!



BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The membership has been presented with two revisions to the current CRANE bylaws. Discussion and voting will occur during the CRANE Annual Meeting in October 2018. The following appeared in the previous CRANE newsletter and is presented again for review.

Annually we reach out to the members to nominate CRANE members to hold positions on the Executive Board. During our Annual Meeting, we select members to form the Nominating Committee. Bylaws, Article VII, Committees, Section II, Nominating Committee, states:

The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members to be elected at the annual meeting. This committee shall be responsible for conducting and implementing all elections of CRANE. The elected committee shall meet at the close of the annual meeting to elect the chairman.

CRANE has recently moved to electronic voting and it was suggested by members of the Nominating Committee and the CRANE Executive Board to reduce the number of Nominating Committee members from five (5) to three (3). This was suggested because the volume of work for the committee was reduced when CRANE moved from manual/paper to electronic voting.

The second bylaw revision involves the term of office for the CRANE treasurer. Section V, Term of Office, in the bylaws currently states:

The term of office shall be from January 1 to December 31. The term of office shall begin January 1 "yyyy".

The board is suggesting the term of office for the position of the CRANE Treasurer be changed. The proposed bylaw change would read:

Each officer, except the Treasurer, shall hold office for one year or until his successor has been elected and qualified. The Treasurer shall hold office for a two-year term or until his/her successor has been elected and qualified. The term of office shall coincide with the calendar year of the organization, from January 1 to December 31. The term of office shall begin January 1 "yyyy".

The justification for these changes will be officially presented to the membership as outlined in Article X of

the bylaws, Amendment of Bylaws:

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting at any business meeting of CRANE, provided that the amendment has been proposed by the Executive Board, Standing Committee, or by an active member in good standing. All proposed amendments will be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for review. The Bylaws Committee will be responsible that a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to every member one month prior to the business meeting at which it will be voted upon.

Deb Perriello, CTR
Bylaws Committee Chair



CENTRAL REGISTRY UPDATES



Maine Cancer Registry

The staff of the Maine Cancer Registry (MCR) has been busy preparing for our annual call for data for the 1995-2016 data years to the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR). We have sent out requests to hospitals and physicians for information on patients found with a 2016 cancer diagnosis through review of death certificates as well as cases found from review of pathology reports from a large Maine pathology laboratory.

On September 17th, I was one of the presenters at the Cancer Registrar's Association of Maine annual meeting held at the MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. My presentation focused on updates to NPCR requirements for 2018 data submissions as well as the changes to data items for abstracting 2018 cases (SSDI, Grade, Solid Tumor Rules, etc.). Other presentations at this conference included Dara Sorchini, CT (ASCP), CMIAC from Central Maine Medical Center who discussed on myelodysplastic syndromes; Timothy Cowan, MSPH from the Health Index Initiative, MaineHealth who spoke on Cancer in Maine: Using Data to Direct Actions; Cindy Hayward, CTR, from Maine Medical Center, who discussed Radiation Therapy Coding and the Solid Tumor Rules; Andrew Antov, Ph.D. and Jens Rueter, MD from Jackson Laboratories, who presented a Mock Genomics Tumor Board with Case Study Presentations; Adam Whalley, PharmD from VA Maine Healthcare, who gave an update on immunotherapy; and Chesley Flotten, LCSW, who ended our day with a talk on how to recognize burnout. There was also a panel with three CTRs from our larger hospitals (Eastern Maine Medical Center, MaineGeneral Medical Center, and

Southern Maine Health Care) who spoke about different topics pertinent to large medical centers. 6.25 CEUs were given for this meeting; the meeting is free to Cancer Registrars Association of Maine members.

Cancer Registrars of Maine awarded a full conference registration to the NCRA meeting last year and this year for a poster presentation at this meeting. The organization plans to continue this award next year, so if you are interested in becoming a member and presenting a poster at next year's meeting, please contact Amanda Fearon at fearonam@cmhc.org.

Finally, Maine Cancer Registry will be undergoing a major change in staff at the end of September with the retirement of our director, Dr. Molly Schwenn. Dr. Schwenn has been the director of our registry for the past 15 years. Plans are not yet finalized about who will be replacing Dr. Schwenn, so if you have any requests or concerns that need to be addressed, please contact me by e-mail or phone. I will forward any requests that I cannot address myself to the appropriate individual.

The staff at the Maine Cancer Registry would like to thank all Maine registrars and reporters for their help throughout the year with data reporting and follow-back requests. MCR has received Gold Certification from NAACCR and various certificates from NPCR for data quality and completeness because of the contributions from our Maine hospitals as well as out of state central registries.

***Kathy Boris, CTR, Data Quality Manager
Maine Cancer Registry***



Massachusetts Cancer Registry

MCR/DF/BWCC Seventh Annual Educational Workshop

The MCR's 7th Annual Educational Workshop will be hosted by Dana-Farber / Brigham and Women's Cancer Center on Thursday, November 1st at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Yawkey Building, Conference Room 308, Boston, MA.

***Susan T. Gershman, MS, MPH, PhD, CTR
Director, Massachusetts Cancer Registry***



Rhode Island Cancer Registry

The Rhode Island Cancer Registry (RICR) is busy getting ready for our yearly submission to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) and National Program for Cancer Registries (NPCR). The RICR is also getting ready for the submission of Early Case Capture of Pediatric and Young

Adult Cancers (ECCPYAC).

Last year, RICR was selected to participate in the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) Data Quality Evaluation (DQE) audit. The NPCR-DQE assesses the data quality of NPCR-funded, population-based cancer registries. The evaluators looked at five specific areas: assessment of data quality, text documentation, data consolidation, completeness of treatment information, and assessment of utilization of the Multiple Primary/Histology (MP/H) rules for multiple primary tumors. At the conclusion of the report, RICR's overall data accuracy rate of merged data was 99.1%. With this, RICR should be commended for this result.

The majority of RICR will be attending the CRANE Annual Meeting in Burlington, MA. The agenda is packed with some terrific speakers and we are looking forward to it!

Nancy Lebrun, CTR
Director, Cancer Information Systems
Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Cancer Registry



Nancylee Campbell, CTR
Free-Lance
Call: 781-447-6920

Cancer Registry Specialist
Quality Performance

BACKLOGGED?

NEED AN EXTRA PAIR OF
HANDS?

718 Priscilla Road
Whitman, MA 02382

Please note my address has changed to 72 Priscilla Road, Whitman, MA 02382



medical
record
associates

Cancer Registry Services

Keeping your registry accurate and compliant

BENEFITS

- Ensure timely performance of abstracting, case finding, and follow-up duties.
- Eliminate expenses associated with recruiting, training, benefits, and staff turn-over.
- Reduce outsourcing expenses through remote service option.
- Ensure continual compliance with both state and ACoS guidelines.
- Reduce management burden while protecting future revenues for your facility.

MRA's cancer registry provides Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) staff to ensure up-to-date registry commitments are met. On-site or remote, MRA can complete abstract information accurately, completely, and on time! Best of all, MRA staff provide years of industry experience to ensure programs receive the proper level of attention they deserve.

Experienced healthcare managers are also available to oversee your entire cancer registry program, giving you the confidence that functions are performed properly and efficiently to ensure your facility meets regulatory requirements and is in compliance. Central Registries also benefit from MRA's services. MRA's team provides clients with assurance that their cancer data is being collected in compliance with state and national regulations and standards.

For more information
or a free assessment,
visit mrahis.com or
phone (617) 698-4411

Cancer Registry services include:

- Concurrent and backlog abstracting
- Case finding and follow-up
- Complete program outsourcing
- ACoS survey preparation by an ACoS-trained consultant
- Tumor board and cancer committee support



It's about the data **AND** the cure.

nThrive drives innovation in Cancer Registry Services

Major hospitals and health networks use **nThrive Cancer and Clinical Registry** expertise to support their Cancer Centers of Excellence. Stay ahead of the 2018 changes to cancer surveillance reporting with our team of Certified Tumor Registrars (CTRs), including managers, abstractors and data technicians, representing the largest and most qualified team in the industry. nThrive has a 100% American College of Surgeons (ACoS) survey success rate and our registry team abstracts more than 100,000 cases annually.

For more information on nThrive's cancer registry solution and our Patient-to-PaymentSM portfolio, visit us at **info.nthrive.com/crane**.

Build a Brighter Future

Do you want to work
in a **supportive team
environment**?

Do you want to feel
**valued and
appreciated** for the
work that you do?

Do you want to be a
part of a company
that **invests in your
career**?

Act Now...

*Registry Partners is hiring
part-time and full-time CTR's.*

- Competitive Pay
- Benefits at 30 Days
- Growth/Advancement Opportunities
- Flexible Work Schedule
- Continuing Education Support
- Full-Time Guarantee

Contact our Clinical Resources Team at:

careers@registrypartners.com / (336) 226-3359



RegistryPartners

DATA ABSTRACTION / REGISTRY MANAGEMENT / CONSULTING