An Overview
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GATRA 2011 Fall Meeting

History of NCRA

NATIONAL TUMOR REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION

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NCRA Presentation by Michael Hechter

**NTRA’S 1976 Article of Incorporation**

1. The corporation is incorporated under the nonprofit corporation law of the State of Texas, as amended from time to time.
2. To promote research and education in tumor registry administration and practice in order to be of greater service to the cancer patient.
3. To establish standards of education and systematic courses of study for tumor registrars.
4. To raise the level of knowledge and performance of tumor registrars through continuing education.
5. To disseminate information to members of this Association regarding current activities, research and trends in the cancer field.
6. To initiate and/or participate in programs to improve and standardize the compiling of tumor registry information.
7. To maintain good relations with professional and governmental organizations which utilize data derived from tumor registries.
8. To engage in other charitable, educational and advancement activities relating to the health professions.

**NCRA Key Dates in History**

- May 1974: The National Tumor Registrars Association chartered in Dallas
- October 1976: NTRA incorporated
- 1983: First CTR Exam
- 1992: Name change to the National Cancer Registrar’s Association
- May 2001: Our own staff!

**NCRA Today**

- **Mission Statement**
  
  Serve as the premier education, credentialing & advocacy resource for cancer data professionals.

- **Vision Statement**
  
  Improving lives through quality cancer data management.
Who We Are

- National Non-Profit 501 c 6
- Membership Organization (5,000)
- Headquartered in DC Metro (6FTE, 2 PT)
- $1.7 Million Budget
- 80% of budget raised through direct services; balance cooperative agreements & contracts
- Volunteer Leader Driven
  - 12 member elected Board
  - 50 volunteer committees

2011-2012 Board of Directors

Strategic Goals

I. Education/Professional Development
II. Credentialing
III. Recruitment & Retention
IV. Member & Customer Services
V. Advocacy
VI. Administration & Finance
Cancer Registrars

- Demographics
- Key Responsibilities
- Relationship to the Cancer Care Team

Snapshot....

- The Connection newsletter
- Journal of Registry Management
- National Cancer Registrars Week
- Web site
- CE Maintenance
- Program Recognition
- NCRA Accredited Formal Education Programs
- Textbook

A Few Current Key Efforts

- Workforce
- Workload
- Cyber Registry
- Recruitment & Retention
Partnerships

- Formal Liaisons with:
  - AJCC
  - COC
  - CAP
  - NAPBC
  - NAACCR

Snapshot:

- Multiple educational and networking opportunities
- Documents and publications to support professional development
- Annual national conference to build knowledge and expertise
- Workforce studies
- Professional credential
- Some grassroots advocacy

Other Key Partnerships

- NCI SEER Program
- CDC NPCR Program
- C-Change
- IACR
- AHIMA
In Summary

- NCRA focuses its efforts to support professional development for cancer registrars.
- We reach out to and engage our stakeholders through a combination of volunteer leaders and NCRA staff.
- NCRA seeks strong partnerships to enhance opportunities to meet our vision and mission.

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So.........What Has NCRA Done For Me Lately?
Standard Occupational Code

- One of the Recommendations of the 2006 NCRA Workforce Study
- Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics
- A Standard Occupational Code Will Provide National Public Data for Research and Analysis
- Can Reapply in 2013

Comparison of Organization Activities

- Education – NCRA 55% Other 46.7%
- Credentialing – NCRA 9% Other 8%
- Recruitment and Retention – NCRA 9% Other 4%
- Membership – NCRA 14% Other 12%
- Advocacy – NCRA 8% Other 4.2%
- Administrative and Finance – NCRA 5% Other 32.3%

Danielle Chufar Memorial Scholarship

- Provides Financial Assistance to Members Who May Not Otherwise Have the Opportunity to Attend the NCRA Annual Educational Conference
- Apply online
- Check the website in December 2011 for more information
Mentoring and Networking
- Yahoo Groups Have Been Replaced with Online Discussion Forums
- Topics Include:
  - CoC Requirements/Standards/Surveys/Surveyors
  - CTR Credential/Exam
  - 2010 Changes
  - And More!
- NEW! State Presidents Discussion Forum

Workload and Management Study
- Support from the American College of Surgeons CoC and AJCC
- Developed in Response to Feedback from NCRA Members Revealed a Need for Staffing Management Advocacy Tool
- Results Presented at the Annual Conference

Textbook
- This is the third edition of the textbook
- Combined Hospital and Central registry into one resource
- 42 chapters in 6 sections
  - Planning and Design of Registries
  - Informatics
  - Operations
  - Uses of Registry Data
  - Standard Setters and Professional Organizations
  - Central and Other Registries
- Appendices include a glossary of registry terms and an index
- NEW! Review Guide (on CD)
NCRA Education Foundation

- Main Goal:
The NCRA Education Foundation supports the advancement of the Cancer Registry profession through education and research. To accomplish this, the Foundation identifies and prioritizes projects consistent with our mission and vision.
  - CTR's Determining the Impact on Cancer Surveillance
  - Informatics Brochure
  - Marketing Brochures

Did you know????

Collaborative Staging Training

- Collaborative Staging Version 2 Training Webinars
- Archived Webinars
- CS Manual

A Place at the Table

- Unlike Many Years Ago, This Time NCRA has a Place at the Table With Standard-Setters, Vendors, and Interested Agencies
- NCRA Members Are Part of Workgroups, Teams and Even Chairs
- NCRA Provides Timely Education on New Requirements
- Frequent Updates Provided in The Connection
NLM’s Medline
- NCRA’s Journal of Registry Management was Accepted for Indexing in the National Library of Medicine’s MEDLINE Database

Revised Strategic Objectives
- The NCRA Membership was Surveyed, The Governance, Planning and Evaluation Committee will finalize the enhancement NCRA’s Strategic Management Plan

NAPBC
- As Breast Centers Across the Country are Gearing up for Accreditation, NCRA Established a Liaison Relationship with the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers
NCRA Liaison Conference Call

- The NCRA Liaisons, ATPDs, President and Executive Director have been meeting regularly on a conference call.
- Provide updates and share important information.
- CoC Liaison carried feedback from NCRA to the Commission regarding the proposed 2012 Standards.

Raise Your Voice

- The Raise Your Voice feature on NCRA’s website continues to prove to be an effective way to send concerns to leadership and to the attention of the Board of Directors.

NCRA Annual Awards

- Distinguished Member
- Outstanding New Professional
- Literary
- Educational Achievement
- NEW!!!! Volunteer Excellence
Education

Affordable Conference, Workshops and Webinars are Offered Annually

- Affordable Conference: In-person educational events.
- Workshops: In-person educational events.
- Webinars: Virtually live educational events.
- Visit NCRA’s Online Education Center for CE credited web-based modules.
- Accredited College Programs in Cancer Registry: Nationwide and world wide web colleges.
- Partners in Education (PIE): Mentoring and Volunteer opportunities.

And More!

Please Volunteer!

- We need your help!
- Network with other Cancer Registry Professionals
- Contact your Nominating Committee members in the eastern region to nominate yourself or a colleague: Inez Evans and Dolores McCord
What We Strive to Avoid!!!

stop me
before
I volunteer again