

Presidents Report Fall 2010

Fall is here already and I do hope all of you are doing well!! My Presidents Report is long overdue and I want to apologize to all of CCRA membership. I, as you, have been busy abstracting at all my facilities attempting to finish 2009 cases before the states conversion to 2010 to no avail.

The concentrating on the new 2010 changes has been just a little overwhelming to say the least. I'm sure that all of us will overcome this hurdle in time, as we did with the conversion to Collaborative Staging, and the Multiple primaries changes. Questions are abundant still; I'm sure pertaining to these new changes. I as your president would like to have these questions and answers put together on our website for all to view. I believe changes of these questions/answers should be on a quarterly basis. This time line would allow enough time for all to review. I do hope that I can count on CCRA membership to help in this endeavor. If you haven't been to our website, please go to <http://www.coloradocancerregistry.com> and take a look. More suggestions from our membership about how we can improve/change our website, please contact me as I would like to get a website committee started, if you are interested on serving on it just let me know.

THANK YOU to Amy Kendall, and ALL of her co-workers who volunteered and hosted our spring 2010 educational conference in Aurora. We all enjoyed the speakers and all that was presented to us. Another THANKS goes to Louanne Currence who spoke to use on the 2010 CSv2 changes, and on the exercises she presented to us.

Valerie Somma from the State office has volunteered to host our Fall 2010 educational conference at the American Cancer Society –Brooks Conference Center, 2255 South Oneida St., Denver, CO 80224. Date is November 5th, 2010 from 8:30-5:00. Hope to see you there!

We are still looking for other individuals &/or hospitals to volunteer for our 2011 year, as of yet none. So step forward and be the first to volunteer now!

I believe that in the past we had a newsletter; it was put together by Chris Miller. She has since left us for Florida, and currently no one has come forward to take it over, so HERE IS MY OFFICIAL REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERSHIP!!! IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OVER WITH PUBLISHING??? I know that this will be time consuming, but maybe we can get some additional member volunteers with stories and or ideas to start this back up. WHAT DO YOU SAY??

I do want to mention that a survey went out to our membership asking basic questions. Please take the time and fill it out. I know that there were a couple of errors, but was unable to correct them before being sent out. Oh well!

I also want to CONGRATULATE Karen Hill on receiving the CCRA Certification Testing Grant, and KUDO's. On passing the CTR exam in which she sat for in September. Way to GO Karen!!

Sincerely,

Karen Monjaras, CTR, CCRA President