



TUMOR REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Fall is a time of year when the air gets crisp, the leaves turn color and drop to the ground, and we get just a little busier. The kids are back in school, Halloween is in our review mirror, and we look forward to special days like Thanksgiving. Many New Englanders say this is their favorite time of year.

In September, I attended my second NCRA Board meeting in the Washington, DC/Maryland area. We stayed at the Gaylord Hotel—the same hotel that the NCRA Annual Educational Conference will be held. The hotel is beautiful with Carrera marble everywhere and rooms that overlook the atrium inside and the waterfront outside. I included some pictures at the end of this newsletter.

National Cancer Registrars Week is April 10th through April 14th. The theme for 2017 is “Putting the Pieces Together” which is an appropriate slogan. Submissions for the 2018 theme are being accepted until January 12, 2017. Please go to the NCRA website and check out past submissions then rev up your creative engines! The winner gets a free NCRA membership.

TRAC held our annual meeting at Yale New Haven Hospital on November 9th. Terri and her team provided a fantastic day of education, as always. The speakers were excellent, the food was really delicious. The TRAC 40th year celebration continued with giveaways and a money/lottery tree! Congratulations to TRAC and to the Yale cancer registry staff for 90 years of data collection. You might know that Yale started the first cancer registry in the country. Look how far we have come.

Finally, I want to thank the TRAC Board for all their hard work in 2016. There were many accomplishments that included two educational meetings with national speakers and experts in their field, a scholarship, renewal of the website, and increased membership. We celebrated 40 years of working together as an organization. Our balance sheet is strong. I look forward to a great 2017.

Vice President's Report/Education Committee:

The survey result for the scholarship award was most members wanted officers to draw the name of the recipient. Officers held a drawing of 3 applicants on 10/1/2016. Deborah Lobb's name was chosen to receive the scholarship to attend the annual CRANE meeting. Members voted to continue to offer the scholarship next year. CRANE is going to be held in Connecticut in 2017 so that should encourage a high level of participation.

We were pleased to offer the annual meeting at Yale New Haven November 9th. The education committee will begin planning our meetings for next year soon. If anyone is interested in hosting, please contact us.



Bylaws Committee:

A survey result about how many years in the registry field should be required in order to be considered for Emeritus status was tied at 10 and 20 years. A second survey was sent. The result was very close but eleven members voted 10 years, ten members 15 years, and nine members 20 years. At the annual meeting, the 10 year requirement and reduced membership was approved for the new membership category.

Treasurer/Membership Committee:

Our membership drive will begin in December. Marta Roper earned her certification and received her pin at our annual meeting.

That is all for now. Best wishes for a happy and safe fall, everyone. From all of us, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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