



TUMOR REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Fall is here! The crisp air and falling leaves are all around us. The holidays are right around the corner. . Thanksgiving has always been my favorite. There are many ways to celebrate; traditions may differ and circumstances change as the years go by but I remain grateful for the good things in life.

The election is complete and we have a new leadership team for 2018-2020. Two members of our Board, Rosemary and Michele, have chosen to continue their service. Their experience will be very valuable to our new President as she comes on board. Welcome President elect, Brooke Chang, and Vice President elect, Sheri Amechi. Thank you for stepping up to the challenge. I believe it will be a great experience for you both.

I want to thank our current Board and recognize some accomplishments during our term. Our goal of providing quality education with national speakers was realized, a scholarship was instituted, and our bylaws were reviewed and updated. Communication was improved as a result of starting a quarterly newsletter, launching a new website, and surveys in between meetings. As we accomplished our goals, our balance sheet grew, as well. Together, we worked to make TRAC a stronger organization.

TRAC expanded their reach to contribute to the success of other organizations. TRAC collaborated with NYCRA to provide a regional meeting. Members attended CRANE meetings to support our colleagues. Volunteers created baskets with Connecticut items for the 2017 NCRA and CRANE meetings. TRAC contributed to an education fund that was created for April Fritz.

Our next TRAC meeting is scheduled for November 15th. In addition to a day of education, new officers will be installed and planning for 2018 will begin. This is your chance to get involved and make a difference as we go forward.

Vice President's Report/Education Committee:

The CRANE annual conference was held in Mystic, Connecticut in October and many TRAC members attended. The program was a great two days of education and collaboration. The scholarship to CRANE was not used this year but our commitment to offer educational opportunities continued. In keeping with April Fritz' wishes, TRAC donated to an NCRA Education Fund that was created in her honor.

I hope to see everyone at our annual meeting in New Haven on November 15th. Terri and her team have put together a wonderful program. As always, we welcome volunteers to host future meetings.

Website update: There have been 1,253 page views in the past 12 months; average 89 page views a month!

Treasurer/Membership Committee:

Wendy and Mary Beth from Bridgeport Hospital donated the basket of Connecticut items for the CRANE meeting raffle in October. The basket was beautiful; thank you so much!



Nominating Committee

On behalf of Jen Cantillo-Mena, Tammy Corso and myself, I would like to thank all members that voted during this past election. Initially, there was a little confusion with the online ballot, however, that was corrected quickly and the election process was executed according to our bylaws. Most of our membership voted and was supportive of the process. The 2018–2020 TRAC officers were voted in by considerably high numbers. Special thanks to Amy for creating the survey monkey process.

The Nominations Committee has counted the ballots submitted via survey monkey and the new officers for 2018-2020 are as follows:

- President: Brooke Chang
- Vice President: Sheri Amechi
- Treasurer: Michele Wojewodzki
- Secretary: Rosemary Crawford

Respectfully,

Nominations Committee

Terri Vega (Chair), Jennifer Cantillo-Mena, Tammy Corso

Remembering April Fritz

April Graham Fritz passed away at her home in Reno, Nevada on September 12, 2017. Her contributions to the Cancer Registry field as a teacher and author will always be remembered. Her inspiring love of our profession was contagious. April was charismatic and had a great sense of humor. She was such a sought-after speaker and yet she always found time to come to our TRAC meetings for training.

April was a teacher, a friend and mentor to many of us. She was well respected in our Cancer Registry field. She provided many hours of training for our TRAC organization. We will miss her but never forget her. Our thoughts and prayers are with April's family during this difficult time. Teresita Vega

I had the opportunity to attend the NCRA fall Board meeting in New Orleans, the site of our 2018 National Cancer Registrars Association Educational Conference. It was really fun; enjoy the pictures.







That is all for now. Have a great Thanksgiving, everyone!

Donna M. Lanphear, President

Amy Baldwin-Stephens, Vice President

Michele Wojewodzki, Treasurer

Rosemary Crawford, Secretary

Public Relations/Communication Committee, Chair: Donna M. Lanphear

Education/Liaison Committees: Amy Baldwin-Stephens, Chair; Donna Goss

Membership/Ways and Means Committees: Michele Wojewodzki, Chair

Ways and Means: Eliza Cleaveland

Bylaws Committee: Cathryn Phillips, Mary Jeanne Pierce, Brooke Chang

Nominating Committee: Teresita Vega, Chair, Jennifer Cantillo-Mena, Tammy Corso