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ARMA VI NEWS!

ARMA-VI MEMBERSHIP
Enjoy a Sense of Belonging!
 A Message from the President

Let's talk about memberships for a moment.

Although ARMA is dedicated to sharing records management information and expertise to members and non-members alike, ARMA is a membership driven association. Specifically, we draw our board members from the pool of ARMA VI members and it is the local members who direct the course of our chapter.

So, let's talk about memberships...

First and foremost, if you are someone who has tried and failed to sign up for a membership through the international web site (www.arma.org/join/apply.cfm), please contact me ASAP (Ken Oldenburger, koconsult@shaw.ca, 250-881-1237). There have been a couple of problems with the connections between the web site and the international membership database.

If we can't sort out the problem, I or another member will personally visit you and get your membership the old fashioned way; with an application form and a cheque in US funds.



Second, if you are still wondering about the value of an ARMA membership, let me give it to you in point form:

- Information Management Journal (six issues of relevant and professional articles)
- Networking opportunities
- Lower costs for ARMA events and conferences
- Ability to participate in directing the local chapter

Next, let me tell you about our past and current membership situation. December 9th, 2003, we chartered the ARMA VI chapter with 18 members.

Two years later, we received a much needed boost when EDS (www.eds.com) joined our chapter. Their participation was vital to last year's efforts and **Deb McClintick**, is still very active on the board.

ARMA VI has entered into a healthy growth period. Quality events and conferences are attracting members from all records management fields, including local and provincial government, educational institutes, consultants and vendors. I believe that the next several years we are going to see steady growth and diversification.

More on Membership...

I would like to invite you who are members or are about to become members to provide some of your time to the local ARMA chapter. The smallest involvement may actually be the most important.

Once we gain the necessary resources, we will be able to ensure that every new member is welcomed by a membership committee representative. In this way, we all expand our network of local RIM professionals.

I encourage you to attend this year's Annual General Meeting in June. Bring us your comments so we can direct the activities of the local board according to your feedback. Or volunteer to sit at the registration table at our upcoming conference. These types of involvement add to the depth and scope of our chapter.

You may be willing to join the board for a two or three year stint. In the last twelve months we had four board members leave due to changes in their lives and careers! It isn't healthy for an organization to have the same people in the driver's seat for years on end. Not just because of the risk of burnout, but because new ideas and skills are necessary to foster the steady growth and diversification I mentioned above.

I am pleased with the small but significant progress we have made over the last two years and I look forward to our continued maturing and membership growth as a chapter.



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Members at Large

- **Randy Jacobsen**
- **Deb McClintick**
- **Ann Cummings**

ARMA VI Events are a great opportunity to network and learn more about RIM!

2006-2007 ARMA VI Goals

- To support the Records and Information Management Professionals by offering at least four "events" that will provide support and ideas for our members and associates.
- To expand ARMA VI by focusing on gaining new memberships from Nanaimo and the North Island communities.
- To ensure that Records and Information Management Professionals in the private sector feel welcome to attend our events.
- To extend our membership in the private sector.

Watch for Details!!!

EVENT #3

Our third event for this year is scheduled and we want to see you there!

Date: **May 22, 2007**
Topic: **Implementing Electronic Records Management**

Time, Place, Speakers and Menu are all being nailed down and we will let you know soon how to register for this great event!

In the meantime, make a note that **May 22nd** is a day you won't want to miss!

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!



EVENT #4

The ARMA-VI Annual General Meeting will be held in June. This important event is when we set the direction and goals for the coming year. Plan to attend and help us sail to success!