

Annual Report, July 2008 to June 2009
Past President's Report
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One of the activities undertaken by the Past President was in the area of recruitment. I had the privilege to recruit for board positions as well as volunteers to assist the board members. This included the position of the PR and Marketing director in the fall of 2008. In 2009 I recruited volunteers to assist the Programme Director and a SAIT student volunteer which was forwarded to the President.

Recruiting included completing the Chapter's 2009-2010 roster. Thanks to the the Nominations Committee members, Pat Hirsche and Joane Macqueen, we were able to present a full slate of candidates for the upcoming year. And we were most pleased to locate a Chapter member to assume the board appointed position of the Newsletter Editor.

The Past President was delighted to represent the Chapter at ARMA International's Conference held in Las Vegas in October 2008. Without any doubt the highlight of that conference was the Calgary Chapter's winning ARMA International's Chapter of the Year, Very Large Chapter category. It was thanks to hard work and dedication of the 2007-2008 membership and the board of directors that the Chapter achieved this award.

ARMA International's mission is to educate, advocate and provide resources that enable professionals to manage information and, on behalf of the Chapter, the Past President was able to support that mission by participating in SAIT's ad hoc committee in support of a diploma in Information and Records Management. SAIT is actively pursuing this initiative and is busy developing 3 additional IRM certificate programmes. These certificate programmes will be stand-alone as well as their eventual incorporation into the IRM diploma programme. The certificate programme and the diploma will not only enrich the profession but will also contribute to the professional development of our members so that they can "achieve the highest level of their professional competency."

To promote the Chapter, ARMA Canada and ARMA International I was able, on a number of occasions, to speak to the students in SAIT's current IRM certificate programme regarding the benefits and advantages of membership in ARMA. The students were amazed by the plethora of resources available through membership – it goes without saying that membership does indeed have its privileges!

And finally, I delivered presentations on a number of occasions on the History of Records and Archives and Implementing and Managing Contracted Destruction. I was honoured to become a member of ARMA International's Standards Development Committee as well as being a member of the Records Management for Information Technology and the Contracted Destruction task forces. And in recognition of Records Management in Canada, I am also involved with the Canadian Records Management History Project.