



JULY 2017 MONTHLY EMAIL

40TH ANNUAL NIRMA CONFERENCE:

The 41ST Annual NIRMA Conference is coming up very quickly, August 6-9, 2017. It is being held at the beautiful J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Summerlin, NV. This is going to be an amazing Conference and you do not want to miss it. Spread the word and bring all co-workers and peers that can come and benefit from the training, sessions and exhibits being offered. You will go back to your organization with new and valuable information. Register at: <https://www.nirma.org>.

PARTICIPATION in NIRMA BUSINESS UNITS:

We would like to encourage everyone to think about attending one of the Business Unit (BU) Meetings. Check it out – see what they are all about – attending a meeting does not mean you have to join the BU. No matter your experience level, your knowledge and skills will be developed and challenged. This is where your voice matters, where you become a part of the rule making, guidance development and is where the true ROI of being a part of NIRMA is achieved.

- PDBU – Sunday, August 6, 2:00pm to 2:30pm in the Madrid Room
- NS (Nuclear Specialist) – Monday, August 7, 10:30am to 11:00am in the Sevilla Room
- M&M – Wednesday, August 9, 1:45pm to 4:00pm in the Sevilla Room
- RIMBU – Wednesday, August 9, 1:45pm to 4:00pm in the Madrid Room (Castilla – Breakout)
- RIMBU – Thursday, August 10, 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Madrid Room (Castilla – Breakout)
- RIMBU – Friday, August 11, 8:00am to 12:00pm in the Madrid Room (Castilla – Breakout)

Access the full Conference schedule at <https://www.nirma.org>.

STILL TIME to SIGN UP for TRAINING:

Certified Records Managers (CRM) Exam Prep

- ✓ Saturday, August 5th, 8:00am to 5:00pm in Leon Room
- AIIM Enterprise Content Management (ECM) Course – 6.5 CRM, (IT) IGP or AIIM CIP Credits**
- ✓ Saturday, August 5th, 9:00am to 5:00pm in Madrid Room
- Information Governance, Electronic Management & Big Data**
- ✓ Wednesday, August 9th, 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Suite 6100

Register at <https://www.nirma.org>.

NATIONAL ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM:

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP! Trip (via bus) to the National Atomic Testing Museum on Flamingo Road in Las Vegas on Wednesday, 8/9/17, following the close of the NIRMA Conference. If you are interested, please email Anita Beren at asberen@sgh.com.

2018 NIRMA BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTION:

Please look for an email that is sent out by nirma@nirma.org via surveymonkey.com to cast your very important vote for the 2018 NIRMA Board of Directors election. There are two positions on the Board of Directors to be filled for 2018. Voting is open until July 28, 2017 @ 12:30pm EST. All ballots received after that date shall be deemed invalid. The NIRMA members who are running for these positions on the Board are:

- Anita Beren
- Chris Boudreaux
- Janice Hoerber
- Bruce Miller

Please take a few minutes to cast your vote, as it is your voice that shapes the future of our Association. Please contact the NIRMA Office at nirma@nirma.org with any questions.



FEATURED SPEAKER: TIM O'CONNOR, Xcel Energy Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

Tim O'Connor was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer for Xcel Energy in 2012. He is responsible for the Xcel nuclear strategic direction, business plans, finance and operations in the various operating jurisdictions for the company. Currently that includes corporate, the operations of the Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear generating plants as well as the decommissioning and nuclear fuel storage.

O'Connor joined Xcel Energy in 2007 as Site Vice President at the Monticello plant. During the period of

2007 to 2012 the site was recognized by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations for exemplary plant operations. In June 2012 he was appointed Vice President of Corporate Engineering/Nuclear Regulatory Compliance and Licensing for the nuclear fleet. In September 2012 he was named acting Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer and then made permanent in February 2013.

He has over 34 years of commercial nuclear experience with both boiling water and pressurized water reactors. O'Connor, over that period, held a variety of leadership positions in very complex situations. He served as Site Vice President at Constellation Energy Group's Nine Mile Point station in New York; Vice Presidential roles at the Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) for the Hope Creek and Salem plants. Other roles were with Exelon as Plant Manager at the LaSalle station and operations manager at Dresden and Zion plants as well as other senior management positions in Maintenance,

Operations, and Engineering. O'Connor held a position with the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) as a Nuclear Plant Evaluation Team Manager on a reverse loaned assignment.

O'Connor received his Mechanical Engineering degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee and has completed executive business programs with the Chicago Kellogg School of Business. O'Connor serves on the USA Board of Directors, Chairman of EPRI and NEI Industry High Level Waste Management (Nuclear Fuel) Committees and Co-Chairman of the Industry Regulatory Issues group for the Nuclear Energy Institute. O'Connor is also on the Board of Advisors for the Monticello community Economic Development group and has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Jeremiah charitable organization.



**FEATURED SPEAKER: AL CAPRISTO,
Executive Vice President Chief Administrative
Officer STP Nuclear Operating Co.**

Aldo Capristo is Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer. He is responsible for the oversight of several support and business functions including Physical Security, Emergency Preparedness, Human Resources, Access Authorization and Fitness for Duty, Information Technology, Cyber Security, Employee Concerns, Nuclear Oversight, Performance Assessment and Communications. Capristo also serves as Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer.

Previously, Capristo was Vice President, Licensing and Common Services at Xcel Energy in Minneapolis, MN.

Capristo has been in the commercial nuclear industry for 25 years following an eight-year tour of duty in the US Nuclear Navy, serving as a Nuclear Engineering Laboratory Technician and Machinist Mate.

Capristo has advanced through positions of increasing responsibility, including Radiation and Chemistry Technician, Radioactive Waste Shipping Coordinator, Fleet Employee Concerns Program Manager, Licensing Manager, Business Director, Senior Director of Projects and Vice President Licensing and Common Services.

Capristo earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Technology from New York Regents College and then earned a Master's in Business Administration from New Hampshire College.

Capristo also completed the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations' Senior Nuclear Plant Management course.



**FEATURED SPEAKER: EDMOND
BRUMAGHIN, CISCO Talos**

Edmund Brumaghin is a threat researcher with Cisco Talos. He has spent the past several years protecting environments across a number of different industries including nuclear energy, financial services, etc. He currently spends his days hunting malware and analyzing various threats as they emerge and continue to evolve. In his time with Talos he has researched ransomware and other threats being distributed using various attack vectors. He has also worked to expose large scale malware campaigns and raise awareness of security threats observed across the threat landscape.



**FEATURED SPEAKER: NELSON
COCHRANE**

Nelson Cochrane has more than 38 years of participation in the nuclear weapons test program. He began his professional career as a field diagnostic engineer for EG&G. During the next 25 years he continued working for EG&G in ever increasing roles.

In 1996, the Nevada Test Site contract was awarded to a Bechtel and Lockheed Martin partnership. Nelson worked for Lockheed Martin and he held a variety of operational and programmatic management positions during the next decade.

In 2006, National Security Technologies LLC (NSTec) assumed the Nevada Test Site contract. Nelson managed both the programmatic and operational work supplying diagnostic support to the Nevada Test Site and the National Laboratories for the DOE Stockpile Stewardship Program. In early 2008, Nelson retired from NSTec and became a casual employee.

Nelson holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Arizona.



**FEATURED SPEAKER: RYAN ZILM, Vice
President ARMA**

Ryan M. Zilm has been an active contributor to the Information Management profession since 1998, currently leading the Records & Information Governance Program at Tesoro Companies, Inc. based in San Antonio, TX. He participated in the development of ARMA International's Glossary of Terms, is a Certified Records Manager and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Administrative Leadership. Ryan has served in multiple capacities at the ARMA local chapter level across three states and is currently pursuing an Executive M.B.A. from the University of Texas San Antonio and is the President-Elect for ARMA International BOD.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Wessman, 2017 NIRMA President
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