



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is hard to believe that we are going into the Holiday Season already. I hope everyone has a glorious and blessed Thanksgiving!

PLANNED EDUCATIONAL/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES at 2018 CONFERENCE:

The planned educational/development opportunities for the upcoming 2018 NIRMA Conference are being revealed in advance so members can begin working on their 2018 development plans at work!

1. Rae Haliday will do Sunday sessions for the ICRM CRA (Certified Records Analyst) designation.
2. The AIIM Session is ERM (Electronic Records Management), provided by Jesse Wilkins.
3. Mitch Farbstein from Feith Systems is giving a workshop on Saturday, topic is TBD.
4. Bruce Miller is giving a workshop on Saturday, topic is TBD.

AIIM and GRAPHIC IMAGING SERVICES WORKSHOP:

AIIM and Graphic Imaging Services are hosting a CIP Workshop in Las Vegas Jan 9-12, 2018. This is a one-time event with limited seating and a special discounted price. Don't miss out!

<http://graphicimaging.net/event-id/certified-information-professional-cip-training-2018/>

NIRMA RIMBU SPRING MEETING:

The 2018 RIMBU Spring meeting will be held in Sugarland, Texas at the Hilton Garden Inn on March 6-7, 2018. More details will follow on topics to be discussed. One topic to be covered is the Decommissioning paper.

Hotel Reservations are reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Sugarland, Texas. In order to ensure appropriate hotel room block, please email Michelle Smith at mmsmith@STPEGS.COM with your attendee name if you plan to attend.

CERTIFIED RECORDS ANALYST/MANAGER INFORMATION:

Think sitting for the Certified Records Manager (CRM) exams might be just too much to handle? Not sure if you qualify? Well, how about baby steps? There's just one application process to follow for acceptance to sit for the exams through the Institute of Certified Records Managers, but you can start by working toward your CRA (Certified Records Analyst) and later continue for your CRM.

College degree? Some college? No college? All can work when you add some RIM experience to your application. If you haven't been to college at all, but have 5+ years of RIM experience, you may very well qualify. The qualification process has been simplified in recent years. That means many of us with 5+ years of RIM experience can qualify to sit for the exams. The exams themselves will dictate what knowledge you have rather than the qualification process.

Now the easiest way to go for your CRM is to first aim for passing Parts 2, 3, and 4, which will earn you the CRA designation. Part 2 - Records and Information Creation and Use

- Part 3 - Record Storage, Retrieval, Conversion, and Facilities
- Part 4 - Records Appraisal, Retention, Protection and Disposition

Parts 1 through 5 consist of 100 multiple choice questions. Get a 70% or better and you pass. Earn your CRA and the 5-year time requirement goes away, then you can focus on passing Parts 1 and 5 before the two-part essay exam in Part 6.

Are the exams easy? Not really. But nothing that's worthwhile in life is easy! If it were easy, everyone would be a CRA/CRM. But when you have earned your CRA, then your CRM, you will have accomplished something meaningful, something to be proud of yourself for accomplishing. Many of our NIRMA members have the qualifications to sit for the exams. The question is, do you have the gumption? Take the first step by going to www.icrm.org to find out more about it.

Respectfully,
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