



GNW Region November 2010 Message

Wow, hard to believe it is already November and we are 3 months into the beginning of another ARMA year! I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the more temperate weather this year. I particularly enjoyed the not too hot weather, but yet still warm enough to have lots of picnic dinners outside with the kids and the deer. I know, deer aren't very exciting, when we visit my father-in-law in the mountains of North Carolina, they are all over the place. But when you live in the middle of suburban Kirkland with two young children, this is a major event! The few appearances it made this summer were a big deal at our house and we have enjoyed seeing how the deer has changed from May to our last sighting about a month ago. It was young and small and is now very large and has beautiful antlers. Of course this led to a discussion with my oldest child about how things change over time and change can mean growth and new opportunities. For example, the deer grew "pretty" antlers and his height let him to the new opportunity to eat some of the leaves off our crabapple tree.

This year brings a change to the GNW Region Team. As you may recall, Marc mentioned at the end of the 2009-2010 year that our former Region Treasurer's term was coming to an end. I know Marc included words of thanks to Cindy Fredrickson in his final Region message last year, but I wanted to take a few minutes to also thank Cindy for her dedication and hard work on keeping our books on track. She was extremely helpful during the 2010 Region Conference in tracking registration payments and coordinating our PayPal account (I know many attendees appreciated being able to pay on-line!). Many thanks to you Cindy! And with this change, came an opportunity for Marc and I to reach out to our GNW members to fill Cindy's shoes, and we are happy to announce that Tim Hunt, also with the Oregon Chapter, has agreed to serve as Region Treasurer. Tim has served in many positions in the Oregon Chapter, including a stint as President. Marc and I are looking forward to working with Tim and welcome him to the Region Team!

Fall is also the time that brings the ARMA International Annual Conference. This year the location has changed to the West Coast (anyone remember the last time ARMA was on the West coast.....Vegas doesn't count!)? From November 7th to 10th San Francisco is about to be invaded by records and information management professionals to explore new opportunities and presentations in records management. I for one am looking forward to the change of flight times from 6 hours to 2! There are lots of great sessions being held at conference, it's going to be hard to choose which to attend but I never miss an opportunity to see current and former GNW members so I definitely have those sessions circled. As in years past we will be coordinating a GNW no-host luncheon for those attending. If you are going to be in San Fran for the conference, please let either Marc or I know and we'll keep an eye out for you. We will scout out the area for potential lunch places and make sure to post a note on the event board they usually have near the registration area.

Fall is about change....for many of our Chapters, leadership may have changed. But there is one thing that is constant....the opportunities to learn from new programs and presenters, informative newsletters and resourceful websites! I hope you take the opportunity to embrace any changes you have going on and see how they can be an opportunity for you!

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