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Candidate for: Nominating Committee-West

Candidate Position Statement
I would like to be part of NCRA leadership because I am drawn to advocating for the profession, whether it be engaging with future or current students or mentoring new Registrars just getting started in the field. I feel it is most important to engage the membership and assist with educational offerings. It is my opinion that ongoing education opportunities should be created and made available to new and experienced Cancer Registrars. With the constant changes of standards, rules and manuals it is essential that resources are made available at a nominal cost. To that end, we should also act as responsible stewards of our finances by offering affordable education options to encourage those who otherwise would not be able to utilize them. Students preparing for the CTR exam constantly ask what will be tested and how to prepare. I believe more guidance in this area is needed given that the CTR exam could potentially cover so many distinct areas.

RELEVANT SKILLS: Leadership to aid and assist upcoming Cancer Registrars as well as struggling peers. Excellent organization and planning ability. An expansive volunteering history spanning from soup kitchens and homeless shelters, hospitals and Big Brothers/Sisters to name a few. Advocating for education and financial assistance with opportunities for anyone that seeks them.

NCRA should provide: 1. Affordable ongoing education. 2. Mentoring. 3. Tiered financial options for education and conferences.
Title and Employer
CTR, Parallon

Current Occupation
Cancer Data Analyst-Abstractor

Job Experience
Medical Transcriptionist/HIM professional - 30 years

Education
Cancer Information Management Degree - 2014/ Santa Barbara City College
Health Information Management Degree - 2013/ Santa Barbara City College
Medical Coding Specialist Certificate - 2013/ Santa Barbara City College

NCRA History
I have been a member of NCRA since 2013-2014

Other Professional Association Experience
AHIMA, CCRA (California)