

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

Arkansas Cancer Registrars
Association



versus

Arkansas Central Cancer Registry



Do you know the Difference?



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What is the Arkansas Cancer Registrars Association a.k.a. ArCRA?

- ❑ A non-profit volunteer association made up of individuals involved in cancer registry activities, primarily those individuals working in Arkansas, who pay annual membership dues to the association.
 - ❑ Chartered on April 23, 1975.
 - ❑ Membership may be on an individual or organizational level.
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ArCRA Purpose

- ❑ To promote research and education in a Cancer Registry and to be a greater service to the cancer patient and physician
 - ❑ To raise the level of knowledge and performance of Cancer Registrars through continuing education
 - ❑ To disseminate information to members of the Association regarding current activities, research and trends in the cancer field
 - ❑ To initiate and/or participate in programs to improve and standardize the complying of Cancer Registry information
 - ❑ To be a non-profit organization and not a trade union or collective bargaining agency
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Membership Categories

- ❑ **Active** – CTR or person whose primary occupations is involved with any or all facets of cancer registry work
 - ❑ **Associate** – any person interested in the purpose of ArCRA who does not meet the qualifications of active membership, shall not vote, hold office or chair a committee but may serve on a committee
 - ❑ **Student** – person enrolled in a college level curriculum with same rights as Associate
 - ❑ **Honary Membership** – any person who has made a significant contribution to the profession of cancer registry or has rendered distinguished service in the profession or its related fields
 - ❑ **Charter Membership** – any persons signing adoption of the ArCRA Bylaws on April 23, 1975 who joined the association on or before the first annual meeting
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Officers

- President
 - President-Elect
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Immediate Past President
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Executive Committee

Article VI-outlines the 12 duties of the executive committee

- ❑ Fill Vacancies
 - ❑ Handle Business Affairs
 - ❑ Required to have Executive meeting before and after annual meeting
 - ❑ Address all concerns regarding membership i.e. grievance, censor, mediation
 - ❑ Discipline a member violation of ArCRA Code of Ethics/provision of Bylaws
 - ❑ Remove from Office
 - ❑ Establish budgetary/financial control procedures
 - ❑ Audit Treasury Books at end of term
 - ❑ President appoints Nomination Committee
 - ❑ Call meeting upon request and provide a complete report of each meeting.
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Committees

□ 5 Standing Committees

- Ways & Means
- Education & Program
- Newsletter
- Nominating & Membership
- Bylaws-Chaired by the Executive Committee

□ Special Committees

- Ways & Means May be created by the Executive Committee
 - Membership may recommend a special committee
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Liaison Representation

- ❑ Immediate Past President serves as a liaison to NCRA and must be a member of NCRA
 - ❑ President will appoint a liaison if Immediate Past President is not a member of NCRA
 - ❑ A member of the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry serves as a liaison to ArCRA
 - ❑ President and President-Elect serve as liaisons to the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry Advisory Board.
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ArCRA Activities

- ❑ Annual Educational Conferences
 - ❑ Education Scholarships – ArCRA state conference meeting and CTR examinations
 - ❑ ArCRA Fundraisers – silent auction at annual ArCRA meeting
 - ❑ NCRA State Basket – ArCRA sends a basket to the national meeting that represents items from our state
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What is the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry?

- ❑ A population based registry whose goal is to collect timely and complete data on all cancer cases diagnosed in the state.
 - ❑ Located within the Center for Public Health Practice of the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services
 - ❑ Partially funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
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ACCR Functional Responsibilities

- ❑ **Responsible for maintaining a statewide cancer incidence reporting system; monitoring data accuracy, reliability, and completeness through systematic quality assurance procedures; analyzing cancer incidence and mortality data; disseminating cancer information and facilitating studies related to cancer prevention and control.**
- ❑ **Cancer Registry data are used to identify populations at increased risk of cancer, investigate public concerns of suspected excesses of cancer due to environmental or other factors, and monitor trends in cancer incidence and mortality so that appropriate and timely interventions are undertaken.**



ACCR Mission Statement

- The mission of the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry is to reduce incidence and mortality of cancer in Arkansas. By collecting, analyzing, and researching cancer information it is hoped cancer incidence and mortality rates in Arkansas will decrease over time.
 - By reducing the burden of cancer in Arkansas we are fulfilling the mission of the Arkansas Department of Health, which is to assure conditions which encourage a healthier quality of life for people in the state.
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ACCR was designed to:

- Ensure the quality, accuracy and timeliness of data reported to the state registry. This is achieved by various means:
 - Casefinding and re-abstracting audits
 - Visual editing of data
 - Consolidating cases
 - Monitoring timeliness of statewide cancer registry data submissions
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ACCR Activities

- Provide support to hospital/reporting cancer registries
 - Provide updates on all known cancer registry standards, rules and guidelines
 - Provide training for registrars to help enhance and improve skills in the field of cancer registration
 - Monitor cancer trends
 - Determine cancer patterns in various populations
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ACCR Activities (continued)

- Guide planning and evaluations of cancer control programs
 - Help set priorities for allocating health resource
 - Advance clinical, epidemiological and health services research
 - Provide information for a national database of cancer incidence.
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ACCR Community Service

Team members with:

- Arkansas Cancer Coalition
 - American Cancer Society
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Summarizing the Differences



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- Volunteer organization
 - Made up of dues paying members
 - Members are cancer registrars from various healthcare organizations throughout the state who collect and submit that cancer data to ACCR
 - Main mission is to focus on advocacy and education of the membership – cancer registrars
- Mandated by law
 - Staffed department within the Center for Public health practice of the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services
 - State and federally funded
 - Population-based cancer registry that collects and analyzes cancer data from cancer registries and other healthcare entities located throughout the state
 - Conduct casefinding, re-abstracting and timeliness audits on cancer data submitted by cancer registries
 - Conduct educational sessions for cancer registrars
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- ArCRA Executive Board
 - Process Improvement Committee
 - Bylaws Committe
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