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## Florida Cancer Registrars Association

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### FCRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### 2019-2020 ELECTED OFFICERS

##### **President**

Heather Burner, CTR

##### **President-Elect/Secretary**

Marcia Hodge, CTR

##### **Immediate Past President**

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##### **Treasurer**

Sally Kruse, CTR

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Mayra Espino, BA, RHIT, CTR

##### **Historian**

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Vonetta Williams, PhD, MPH, CTR

##### **FCRA Education Foundation Liaison**

Jamie Suarez, RHIT, BS, CTR

##### **Public Relations/Editor**

Jennie Jones, BS, CHDA, CTR

##### **Presidential Advisor/Web Master**

Walter Sanford, CTR

##### **Physician Liaison**

Pedro Heinz Diaz Pow Sang, MD, CTR

##### **2020 Program Chairs**

Sally Kruse, CTR

Barbara J. Dearmon, BS, CTR

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Heather M. Burner, CTR**

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Seemingly, hourly drop-offs on our front porch by UPS and Fed-Ex, the kitchen island totally covered and surrounded by gift wrapping paraphernalia, office parties everywhere you turn with cookies beckoning (oh oh – I have to bake some!) and of course those surprise, last-minute plan changing happenings like visitors/house guests, appointments for family members and pets...It's happened again: I blinked, and now it's the holidays!

Those 2018 challenges are hopefully much less problematic at this point. That's super, because for we, who are CoC-accredited have just received notification, It's Call for Data time again. (*Groan!*) Couple that with brand-new CoC program standards and I'm thinking it's a perfect moment for "Calgon, take me away!" Yes, I realize my reference to this product's tagline does indeed show my age. ☺

This on-line picture that I frequently include in my work emails also says it all. Imagine added garland and candy canes for the season:



Yes, that's me...after all, Orlando IS the theme park destination location, right??

Luckily for us, there's excellent educational information available, including our upcoming 2020 FCRA and FCDS annual education meetings. This year we're at the gorgeous Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2000 Bayport Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. The FCRA meeting will be held Monday/Tuesday, July 27/28; and the FCDS meeting follows on Wednesday/Thursday, July 29/30. The hotel has a shuttle to/from the Tampa International Airport. More details to follow, but I encourage you to attend and network with your peers! A HUGE thanks to Sally Kruse for accepting appointment as Program Chair with Barbara Dearmon to assist. Honestly none of the FCRA board members' tasks are "solo jobs" as many of you can attest; and that's the driving force behind the success of this group: teamwork!

Many people have been emailing the FCRA "contact us" address regarding your FCRA Membership, issues logging in, paying dues, etc. **Please see the important information from Membership Chair, Elizabeth Elrod, in her article in this issue! I think you're going to be pleasantly surprised!**



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*Here's wishing you all the best this holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends, and throughout the whole New Year too!*  
*Heather Burner, CTR*  
*FCRA President*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Sally Kruse, CTR**

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FCRA's fiscal year is from September 1, 2018, beginning balance \$54,002.08, to August 31, 2019 and the ending balance was \$54,827.19. The **average** cost of our annual meeting is about **\$15,500** dollars per year. This year the approximate total cost was \$17,213.43. The bulk of FCRA funds come from the annual meeting and approximately \$3,300 from the membership dues. We are financially doing very well. As of November 30, 2019, the **FCRA bank balance is \$55,122.33.**

I'm a firm believer in communication and transparency, but don't want to give out information until all accounts are verified. Hope everyone had a great year and if not, may 2020 be a prosperous and healthy New Year.

*Sally Kruse, CTR*

FCRA Treasurer

2020 FCRA Program Chair

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## FCRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**Jamie Suarez, BS, RHIT, CTR**

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The FCRA Education Foundation would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season. Sometimes we would like to give a gift to someone, but just don't know what they might appreciate. Please consider the FCRA Education Foundation as a way of remembering your friends and family. The monies donated go toward the education of cancer registrars and is a tax deductible donation for you. Also, remember if you make purchases through Amazon, please use Amazon smile and select the FCRA Education foundation to receive a donation. Another way to participate is donating your new or gently used items to the Foundation auction which is held at the FCRA Annual meeting. For additional information, assistance or helpful information on identifying donations, call or email **Gayle G. Clutter at 727-954-6221 or [gclutter@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gclutter@tampabay.rr.com)**

We wish you all a wonderful 2020 and may we continue learning and adapting to the many changes that face registrars in the future.

*Jamie Suarez, CTR, RHIT*

FCRA Education Foundation Liaison



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## Just "What Is" a Cancer Registrar?

Cancer registrars are passionate about quality data and committed to patients they never meet.



Cancer registrars can work in very small places with books on their laps and papers on the floor. Sometimes the office is the size of a closet!

Cancer registrars are fighting the war on cancer one patient at a time.



Cancer registrars' are conscientious and disciplined.

Cancer registrars can pronounce long words with ease and actually know what they mean: Thrombocytopenia, glioblastoma multiforme, oligodendroglioma, or leiomyosarcoma.

Cancer registrars know about body parts people don't even know they have!



Cancer registrars can pronounce prostate correct; not pRostRate!

Cancer registrars use their creativity to create charts and graphs with shapes and colors to display their data.



Cancer registrars often are detectives and follow patients from diagnosis through the remainder of their life.



Cancer registrars are organized, meticulous and use numerous manuals. If you take away their manuals, there will be an uprising!

Cancer registrars' are one of the first to learn about new tests and treatments for cancer patients.



Cancer registrars network with their counterparts at other hospitals. Registrars become friends with their neighbors even if the hospitals are competitors. If they ever meet, no one ever looks like they expect.



Cancer registrars are familiar with change. Change in advances in cancer diagnosis and treatment but also changes in standards and coding rules.



Cancer Registrars are required to know all of the diagnostic tests and modalities of treatment for each cancer site and each stage of disease. Registrars often feel like part of the medical team because they know what is expected.

Cancer registrars can resurrect an expired patient, at least in their database. Who knew they had special powers!



Cancer registrars often have more work than can be completed but they come back the next day! Their level of commitment is profound.



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## MEMBERSHIP

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES - Your membership and support are important!!**

With the recent changes to our new website, many members and new subscribers have not been able to access their old account, which is a result of the transition and the inability to recover our old membership roster.

We need your help in restoring our Membership information! Since we are unable to recover previous Username and Password information, we are asking everyone to establish a new account. To assist us in establishing our database with current member information, we are offering a **FREE** one-year membership to everyone who signs up as a **NEW** member on the current website portal [[https://fcra.org/choose-your-status/?action=mepr\\_unauthorized&redirect\\_to=%2Fmembership%2F](https://fcra.org/choose-your-status/?action=mepr_unauthorized&redirect_to=%2Fmembership%2F)].

Please use the coupon code **FCRAMEMBERSHIP** to enable you to register for a **FREE** one-year membership. If you have already signed up on the new website this year, we will extend your membership an additional year, **FREE**.

Some of our member benefits include:

- Member Rates for Annual Educational Conference
- Access to online website
- SunTimes Newsletter
- Job Bank
- Directory Listing

Let us know if you have any questions - we value your commitment to our membership community of CTRs!

If you have any questions or need help navigating the FCRA Web Page, <https://fcra.org/>, please e-mail me and I will be happy to help you – [elizamelrod@gmail.com](mailto:elizamelrod@gmail.com).

*Elizabeth Elrod, BS, RHIA, CTR*

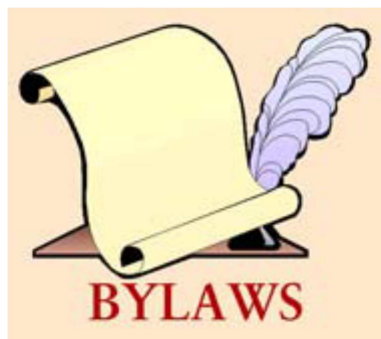
Membership Chair

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## FCRA BYLAWS

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Bylaws are about the governance, the structure, of FCRA. Our association is to promote the exchange of knowledge and information among its members and the general public through the FCRA website, our newsletter the SunTimes publications and educational conferences. The purpose of bylaws is to allow the FCRA executive board and members of our organization to understand the rules, policies, and procedures. FCRA did an annual periodic review of the bylaws and felt that the following proposed bylaws were necessary in order to keep them congruent with time. Your participation as a member is to review the existing FCRA bylaws and propose any amendment changes. As a reminder, any proposed bylaws changes must be sent in writing, preferably an email attachment enclosing the amendment and the requested change, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting which will be reviewed by the Executive Board Members

and voted on. Any proposal would be presented at the following year's annual meeting. To date there are NO proposed bylaws.



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Any FCRA member interested in submitting a proposal for a new bylaw or to update/amend an existing bylaw should submit it in writing with the recommendations and include the appropriate section and page number from the bylaw's manual. These changes can be sent via email, and/or an attached word document. Any future updates of the bylaws will be made available on the FCRA website. If you have any future recommendations to the FCRA bylaws please submit them to the email above.

*Mayra Espino, BA, CTR*

Bylaws Chairman

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## 2020 FCRA PROGRAM COMMITTEE 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

The FCRA Program Committee is charged with developing an educational program to promote continuing education and training for cancer registry professionals. We are in the early stages of soliciting speakers. The program committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the *Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel at 2900 Bayport Dr, Tampa, FL 33607*, which is centrally located on the waterfront of Tampa, convenient to Rocky Point Golf Course, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa International Plaza, Westshore Plaza and much more. This 4-star hotel amenity includes complimentary wireless internet, airport shuttle, health club, no resort fees, restaurants and a bar on-site, self-parking, outdoor pool, spa and Nature Trial.



We are looking forward to greeting attendees in Tampa, located on beautiful Tampa Bay, along Florida's Gulf Coast. Please visit the website for additional information regarding reservations <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/TPARW/G-FCRA> or call (877) 803-7534.

### DATES:

July 27<sup>th</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>

Standard guestroom rate is \$149 single/double

Deadline to make hotel reservations is Friday, July 6, 2020

### REGISTRATION:

FCRA members \$225

Non-Member \$300

F/T HIM Student \$150

To register online, visit <https://fcra.org/> or make checks payable to FCRA and forward to:

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Program Chair  
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**All vendors are welcome!** If you would like to request information about exhibitor space, please email the program chair at the contact information above. Please contact the program chair for additional questions or concerns.



## Maximize the potential of your cancer registry

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- Securely access and work with your registry data from any web-enabled device
- Dashboards reports provide managers and administrators with an instant snapshot of key performance indicators
- Export registry data into Journey Forward's Survivorship Care Plan builder
- Concurrently monitor the latest Quality Measures
- Expanded data set efficiently collects information to assist in monitoring both Cancer and Breast Program Standards
- Import data for Casefinding and Follow-Up from multiple sources
- Present data in 3D graphs, charts or customizable spreadsheets using our powerful reporting module

To learn more about ERS & CRStar by ERS please visit our website at [www.ers-can.com](http://www.ers-can.com)



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