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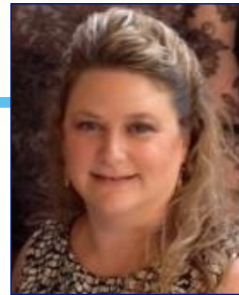
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President's Message

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Conference Recap

What a success the 2022 Conference was. We had about 80 members in attendance, 41 were first time attendees! I hope you all felt welcomed and will come back next year. I enjoyed meeting all of you. Some people that come to mind fondly are Joy and Georgina from Village of Northport (thank you for traveling from Long Island to be with us); Liz from Niagara County (I hope the snakes get removed from your records room); and Charles from Saratoga County.

I would also like to send a special thank you to all our vendors – without whom our conference would not be a success. Special thanks to our coffee hour sponsor DRS Imaging Services LLC, Info Quick Solutions and Absolutely Auctions/Realty. Another special thanks to Just Water for their donation.

Congratulations to Denis Meadows, recipient of our annual award for excellence in records management. Denis currently serves as Director of Government Records Services with the New York State Archives and previously oversaw the Grants Unit. He is an asset to our community, and I am so glad we selected him to receive our award and to be acknowledged.

Congratulations also to our four scholarship winners: Tracy Maggio, Records Clerk - Town of Woodbury; Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk – Town of Bethel; Barbara Krizen – Deputy Clerk Treasurer - Village of Brockport; Valerie Wagner, Records Retention Clerk – City of Oneonta.

Thank you to all our speakers. We opened the conference with Andrew Maggio who spoke about understanding neurodiverse customers and coworkers. He was very engaging and funny. Everyone took something from his presentation, and I believe we will all have more patience when working or assisting individuals on the spectrum. I was happy to hear members talking afterwards about hiring individuals on the spectrum as well. We closed the conference with representatives from the Archives Partnership Trust educating us how our records can assist our local schools to educate the youth of our community on New York history. If you would like more information about these topics, please reach out to me.

As always, the conference would not be possible without the fourteen individuals that volunteer to serve on the NYALGRO Board of Directors. I thank each one of you for your dedication to our great organization.

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Planning for 2023 Conference

In late September the Board will be meeting to plan the agenda for the June 2023 conference, which will be held at the Hotel Ithaca in Ithaca. If you have any suggestions for class topics, please email them to me at nyalgro2020@gmail.com. Your input is appreciated and essential to making the conference great!!!

Follow us on Facebook® We put a lot of information on our Facebook®, including secret challenges to be done at conference to win a prize! Please take a moment and check it out.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions about NYALGRO or just to say hi! 845-928-6829 x7.

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A Note from the Vendor Committee

The NYALGRO school was a success thanks to the participation of our Vendors! Attendees had the opportunity to learn what each company has to offer to make their lives as Records Management Officers easier. Thanks again to Absolute Auctions, Accelerated Information Systems, Canon, Donnegan Systems, DRS Imaging Services, ICC Community Development Solutions (formerly known as General Code), Image Data, Info Quick Solutions, Polygon US Corporation and NYS Archives.

NYALGRO Mentor Program

Are you a veteran RMO who would like to impart your wisdom on a new RMO? Are you a new RMO who would like to have someone to ask your questions to? Well look no further! NYALGRO will be introducing a new Mentor Program where we will connect a veteran and new RMO together. Our first step is to create a list of folks who would be willing to serve as mentors for any of the new folks. If you are interested please email Matt Shaler at matthew.shaler@madisoncounty.ny.gov and we will add you to the list. Thanks!

Updates from the New York State Archives

Grants

Notifications have been sent to all Local Government Records Management Improvement 2022-2023 grant applicants. Congratulations to all who received funding. If your application was not successful, you can contact your Records Advisory Officer and consult with them on how to improve your application for next year. A list of all 2022-20223 funded applications is available on the State Archives' website.

Training

The Archives has recently added some new training. Two great email workshops, Email Preservation and Transfer and Developing a Policy for Managing Email. There's a short, recorded webinar on the Records Life Cycle and a great new series of modules on records retention. There are nine modules in all, although two are specifically for state agencies. Check out all our training opportunities on the Archives' website.

Comments/ Quotes from attendees at the 2022 Conference.

What was the highlight of your 2022 NYALGRO experience?

- Education. Board Member interaction with attendees. Games and trivia.
- Meeting the Board Members and talking with a lot of people who have much in common.
- Chatting and networking with others
- I enjoyed the role of records managers in providing access to primary sources, the FOIL law session, and Understanding the Neurodiverse Customers and Coworkers. I really enjoyed Hearing about Andrews experience, thoughts, recommendations, and his great sense of humor.
- Everyone was SO KIND and helpful. I feel very supported.
- It was all so nicely organized.
- Making new friends.
- Networking was huge for me; I always enjoy opportunity for the dos and don'ts which help lead to best practices.
- Reconnecting with everyone and making new friends.
- Classes and networking opportunities were both great!
- I enjoyed the whole conference.
- Meeting so many different people/networking
- The officers made everyone feel so welcome as they always do!
- This conference was very well planned and the sessions I attended were excellent.
- Connecting with great RMO's RMC's and vendors.
- RMO now what was a good session
- Meeting others that share the same issues
- Learning a lot and meeting people
- The classes were great, the board members made the experience fun and inviting. Overall, a great time while learning too!
- Networking
- Meeting new people in the field and hearing their experiences.
- Just enjoy the opportunity to attend
- I learn something new every conference. On a personal level the trivia was a great get to know people on the first night and of course left right center.
- Beginning with an inventory . . . you gave me a place to start
- It definitely was the networking. Just knowing that there are others to reach out to is extremely comforting.
- Making new friends and learning about all that NYALGRO offers.
- Great comradery; BEAUTIFULLY organized; New information; networking; friendliness of NYALGRO board to attendees



Denis Meadows, award winner for Excellence in Records Management and Jim Tammaro, one of the founders of the organization



Scholarship Winners



Class



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Denis Meadows and Desiree Potvin President of NYALGRO



Desmond Hotel venue for conference



Getting ready for a group shot



Enjoying the Banquet



Dina Falcone-recognizing the vendors

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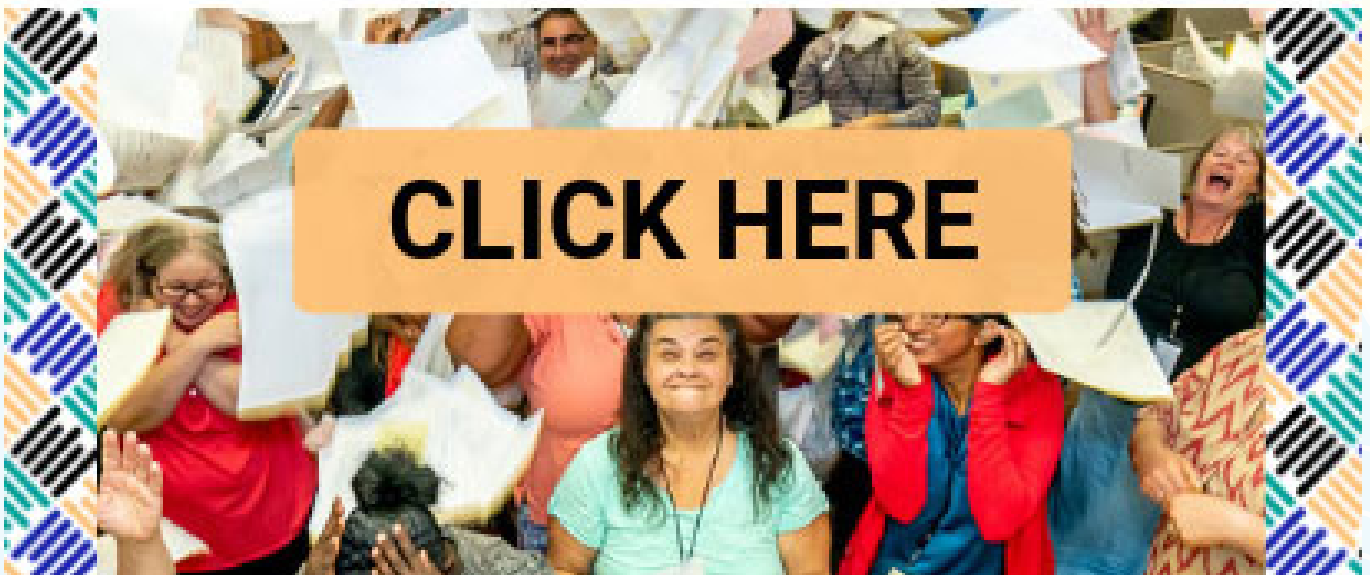
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