



ARMA Milwaukee Talkee March/April 2023

A note from the President

Hello ARMA Milwaukee! Spring is coming and here at ARMA Milwaukee it is the perfect time to seek new opportunities. The future of ARMA Milwaukee which is 75 years strong this year depends on our diverse membership and a dedicated group of board volunteers. ARMA Milwaukee is a vital part of the community, and we are seeking board volunteers to ensure that we continue to move our chapter forward into the future.

The nominations are open now to be submitted in April for candidates. Elections are held in May/June for Board appointments beginning on July 1, 2023.

Click the Link to volunteer: [Contact Us](#)



AWARDS!



We are pleased to announce that ARMA Milwaukee is recognizing the following award winners for 2022.

2022 Arlyce J. Vogel Member Achievement Award
Saralee Taibleson

2022 Michael T. Coakley Community Service Award
Mark Diamond of Contoural

2022 Innovation Award
MMSD Information Governance Team

Congratulations to our 2022 Award winners who have made significant contributions to the vitality of our chapter!

Please stop by our ARMA-Milwaukee website and view the awards page. [ARMA AWARDS](#) We invite you to nominate a deserving person or company for a future award category.

UPCOMING EDUCATION MEETINGS:

Every Dragon Has a Name: Information Recording for Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons, arguably the world's greatest roleplaying game, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2024. D&D has multiple editions and millions of fans worldwide. More words have been published for D&D than Star Wars, Star Trek, and Middle Earth combined. How does one keep track of everything that has been created for a game with a 50-year legacy?

ARMA Milwaukee is thrilled to present an online conversation with Chris Perkins, a 25-year veteran of Dungeons & Dragons and lore master at Wizards of



the Coast LLC. Given this unique subject matter, ARMA Milwaukee would like to extend an invitation for this *free program* to all who have a passion either for history, Dungeons & Dragons, or are just preparing for the [upcoming movie](#).

Click this link to Register: [Dungeons & Dragons](#)

SPRING SEMINAR MANIA 2023

Join us virtually for Spring Seminar Mania III where we are partnering with 13 fellow ARMA Chapters to provide 13 educational sessions during the months of April and May. Get ready to pack your virtual bags and download your Passport today at the following link:

[Spring Seminar-Mania 2023](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

My name is Richard Gureski and for the past seven years it's been my honor to serve as a member of the ARMA Milwaukee Board. I recently announced that my time on the board is nearing an end and as I reflect on the great times we've had, my mind circles back to where my journey in Records began and how I came to be where I am today.



Back in 1998, I was looking for a job when I saw an ad in the newspaper for a Records Clerk at a company called Arthur Andersen. I didn't know

what I was getting into but, I needed a job and for some reason my old boss Wes Spikberg (*God rest his soul*) gave me a chance. I learned a great deal at Arthur Andersen including that there was this trade association called the Association of Records Managers and Administrators or, ARMA as it was known at the time. In addition to ARMA there was a local chapter called ARMA Milwaukee that held educational and networking sessions for people in the Records Industry. I began attending every meeting I could, and I was blown away by the depth of knowledge and professionalism that I witnessed.

As time went by, I watched people like Sharon Chudy, Dennis Larsen, Arlyce Vogel, Mark LeMahieu, Steve Webber, Mike Coakley, Lynda Walker and so many others set the example for what it meant to be a professional in our industry. They'd share best practices, talk about furthering skills and emphasize the common goals that bonded us as Records Managers. I remember looking up to these individuals and holding them in such high esteem. To me, they were the absolute top of the mountain in our profession, and I wanted to be like them. I remember thinking to myself, dreaming may be a better word, how maybe one day I could do what they were doing.

I left the Records Industry briefly but, I never forgot the things I learned and eventually found my way back to Records in 2004 as a Records Coordinator with Davis & Kuelthau. Three years later I joined Godfrey & Kahn where one of my mentors, Mary Koshollek, and the best crew a guy could ask for in Robin Butzke, Jeff Carter, Alanna Hilliard-Smith, Shunn Morrise, Crystal Snyder, Saralee Taibleson, Jane Vasquez, and Andy Wellman helped me grow as Manager of Central File. After 13.5 magical years at G&K, I joined Northwestern Mutual where I am



employed today as a Records Consultant on the Privacy Team.

My story is far from done but, what is clearly written in stone is the impact that so many people had on my career. Looking back, I can say that I am beyond blessed to have been introduced to ARMA Milwaukee and to all the wonderful people that I've met as a result. People like Deborah Robbins, John Spencer, Lewis Eisen, Barbara Benson, Laurie Fischer, Twyla Kaye, Philip Droege, Anne K. Mills, Nick De Laurentis and so many others from all across the country have served to help me and to inspire me and to them and to the many others that aren't named here, I'd like to say thank you.

75 years ago, a group of Records professionals led by Ida Welch formed the Milwaukee Filing Association which would later be renamed to ARMA Milwaukee. I'm sure they never imagined that 75 years later the institution that they created would still be helping people. It's thanks to them and all those who came afterwards that we are in a position to continue to make an impact on people's lives by passing this gift forward. Take a moment today and remember the people who helped you along the way and then ask yourself how you might be able to give back by helping the next generations find their way.



ARMA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARMA and AIEF Offering ARMA Professional Development Award Applications for Conference

The ARMA International Educational Foundation (AIEF) is offering ARMA Members the opportunity to apply to receive a grant to assist with costs for registration and expenses to attend a professional development conference or event in 2023! AIEF will award the actual expense for event or conference registration up to \$1500 for in-person events and up to \$1000 for virtual events. Applicants may request an additional \$500 travel stipend to off-set other cost of attendance at in-person events. ARMA is thrilled to be able to provide this opportunity to our members through the AIEF. [Click here for more details](#) and watch for the application to open on March 20th!

CLOSING



Thank you for reading this edition of the Milwaukee Talkee! If you know of any achievements by fellow ARMA Milwaukee members, please share them and we will be happy to highlight them in future newsletters. Happy Spring and stay tuned to our [website](#) for upcoming events.

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