Your Twin Cities ARMA Chapter had a very successful year in 2021-2022. During the year we marked our 60th Anniversary, had quality monthly programs and finally were able to celebrate with each other at the Spring Conference that was held in-person in April.

Our second year of Pandemic programming went off without a hitch, thanks to all the work by the previous program committee to set up a system and documentation that allowed our new Program Directors, Ben Greene and Mary Waytashek, to step in without missing a beat! Topics included E-Discovery, Office 365, Generational Differences, and Building You Records Management Playbook, plus a Coffee Chat on Covid Records. Our colleagues and friends from the North Dakota Chapter who we work with closely and share programs, hosted a session on the Challenges and Solutions of Shared Drive Cleanup. The Twin Cities Chapter also participated in the second year of the Spring Seminar Mania, the multi-chapter virtual Conference held in April and May. There were so many opportunities to stay current and enhance your knowledge and skills last year, and we plan to continue serving those needs next year with both virtual and in-person programming. Stay tuned for more information.

The most exciting event for some of us this year was the Spring Conference which was held In-Person at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in April. Even though we had to cancel Spring Conference the previous 2 years, it was great to get back to seeing everyone and there was an energy and excitement in the room that was palpable. The program consisted of 4 sessions with lots of time for questions throughout the day. Although the weather was gloomy, the mood was bright and sunny!

We also commemorated our 60th Anniversary at the Spring Conference in April. Natasha Krentz, our chairperson for the 60th Anniversary celebration, brought scrapbooks and other memorabilia from the Chapter Archives, and it was great to look back at all the memories. There were cupcakes and a Twin Cities ARMA mouse pad for people to take home with them.

Switching around from on-line to in-person kept our Treasurer, DeAnna Lilienthal, quite busy. She has been able to manage our finances quite admirably, keeping us from both spending too much and also not enough. Our Membership Director, John Newman has done great work keeping track of our new members and poking those whose memberships might have fallen through the cracks during the Pandemic, and our Secretary, Rosanne Stoltz has been dutiful in making sure we have minutes taken at every board meeting.

If you are looking for information on the Chapter, just visit the website at https://twincitiesarma.org/. Our webmaster, Chris Johnson, keeps it updated and it looks great! Our newsletter editor, Sue Dickens, makes sure our members are kept updated on what they need to know about programs and the chapter.

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 Twin Cities ARMA year, we will be having an election in the next few weeks and Mary Waytashek, from General Mills, has agreed to run for President. Our Secretary, Rosanne Stoltz and Treasurer, DeAnna Lilienthal, are in the second of a 2 year term. We are still looking for Volunteers to help out in the coming year. If you have some time, let Mary or I know and we’ll make sure we find the perfect spot for you. Some jobs take a small commitment, others take more time. But there are certainly opportunities for everyone to help, no matter what amount of time you have!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay safe, stay well, and stay sane!

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