

Seasons Greetings!

The holidays give us time to reflect upon the year that is now concluding (way faster than I was expecting). The past year of ARMA Edmonton has had a lot of successes! Our chapter, and other Canadian chapters, were well represented at multiple conferences across North America. We brought in online webinars, reached out to post-secondary schools and created engagement and participation opportunities for our membership outside of the Edmonton area. During this holiday season, I thought I would take a couple minutes to highlight some big wins from 2019 including members we recognized this year celebrating milestones.

| Celebrating 5 years | Celebrating 10 years | Celebrating 15 years | Celebrating 20 years |
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Thank you to everyone for your dedication to ARMA. I think it is truly remarkable, and quite humbling, to see members continue their membership for many years. It speaks to supporting this industry not only because an employer pays for it, but because you've chosen to actively remain engaged in the industry as a career. This year we saw a theme develop of "We Are Connected". I truly feel this represents our industry and emphasises that we are not alone in this community. In 2019 we also held many collaborative events with other industry professionals in IT, Privacy, Risk, Library Sciences and Security. The network of professionals is deep and every growing, I look forward to maximizing any opportunities we have to further this movement.

Generationally, we are at a point in our industry when many different generations are actively working together. Each one brings different skill sets, ideologies and expertise to the IM table. ARMA is actively seeking out members at all points in their career from students to seasoned professionals, to take part in their Mentorship Program. I highly encourage all our members to take part. More information including application deadlines can be found on their website: <https://www.arma.org/page/Mentorship>

ARMA Edmonton was extremely proud to award a Professional Membership to Marlena Muskens, editor of our Newsletter, this year. She joined as a student volunteer two years ago and has been an active chapter participant since. Upon graduation of her studies, she chose the Records Management profession from her experience with ARMA Edmonton. We are very proud of how far she has come and look forward to supporting her throughout her career.

Looking to 2020 in our current climate, where do you want to take your career? How can we help you with that? Through the mentorship program, countless online learning opportunities through ARMA.org, networking and learning events, opportunities to speak at industry conferences, leadership development and many, many more benefits, ARMA is there for you at all points in your career.

Here are some fantastic sites and resources to check out:

- ARMA Edmonton Events: <http://edmonton.armachapters.org/program-events/>
- ARMA Mentorship Program: <https://www.arma.org/page/Mentorship>
- ARMA Canada Sagesse (Winter Edition): <https://armacanada.org/portfolio/sagesse-winter-19/>
- ARMA International – Certificates and Online Programs: <https://www.arma.org/page/CertificatePrograms>
- ARMA InfoCon Can 202 Call for Speakers: <https://armacanada.org/infocon-call-for-speakers/>
- ARMA Canada Grants and Awards: <https://armacanada.org/portfolio/awards/>
- ARMA Edmonton on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/armaedmontonchapter>
- ARMA International News: <https://www.arma.org/news/>

On behalf of ARMA Edmonton, I wanted to wish you and yours a beautiful holiday season. As we move into 2020 I invite everyone to grow with us. Help us help you, reach out to the ARMA board explaining what you need to help grow your career and we'll support any way we can. We are all connected. Together the network grows stronger every single day.

Happy Holidays!

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