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2000



It's conference time!

**Come see what
you've missed
and help celebrate our**

2001



10th

Anniversary!

2002



**Register for the
2005 conference
by October 19th**

2003



2004



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On Region Affairs

From SCPRA President...Bob Rogers

Region workshop attendance on the rise

With the conclusion of the Upstate Region Workshop in June, another very successful Region Spring Training period is now in the books. I'm happy to report that we have experienced some of the best training and highest attendance since we adopted the region concept of operation in 1999. At the end of this article, you will find some statistics comparing year 2005 with 2004 which illustrates the progress we are making in bringing quality training at minimal cost to our membership. Also, we are enhancing the comradery of the regions by localizing our training and making it easily accessible to more members. I am very impressed with the excellent leadership our region officers are exerting as they work hard in promoting the goals and mission of SCPRA. It's reassuring to know that the future of SCPRA will be in the hands of excellent leaders for many years to come. Thanks to all of you for a JOB WELL DONE!

WORKSHOP COMPARISON

2004

<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Financial</u>
Midstate*	Columbia	60	\$ 88.20
Upstate*			
Pee Dee	Florence	29	\$ 122.64
Coastal	Charleston	24	- 16.28
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>113</u>	<u>\$ 194.56</u>

* joint workshop.

2005

<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Financial</u>
Midstate	Columbia	43	\$ 95.32
Upstate	Spartanburg	31	\$ -12.00
Pee Dee	Florence	21	\$ 166.62
Coastal	Mt. Pleasant	30	\$ 321.92
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>125</u>	<u>\$ 568.86</u>

New duties for region leaders

The Board of Directors recently authorized the following change in the "Duties & Responsibilities" section of the Region Concept of Organization. In order to further promote membership and newsletter activities, we must get these committees functioning. Therefore, it is necessary for the Region Administrator to serve on the SCPRA Membership Committee. The Region Recorder will now serve on the Newsletter Committee only. Before this change the Recorder was a member of both committees which created a burden on one person. These committees, under the direction of the Board Coordinator and respective Chairman, will soon be organizing and meeting in the near future.

All other officer duties and responsibilities remain the same. Below is the structure of both committees:

MEMBERSHIP

Board Coordinator - Carolyn Bartley
 Chairman - Tom Legge
 Members - Robin Chambers, Cathy Hyatt, Ashley Parker, Richie Wiggers, Other Volunteers

NEWSLETTER

Board Coordinator - Cheryl Mosley
 Chairman - Lauren Young
 Members - Judy Lucas, Sandra Mansel, Ann Sheets, Other Volunteers

Upstate Region tours School for the Deaf and Blind

The 2005 Upstate Region Workshop was held June 16th at the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind in Spartanburg. Members and guests of the Upstate region met at historic Walker Hall. It was a record attendance.

Upstate Region Administrator Robin Chambers offered the opening remarks and introduced the morning speaker, Clay Steadman. Mr Steadman, Clemson University's General Counsel, related real life issues and concerns that he and his staff have faced when dealing with the Freedom of Information Act. He also welcomed questions and comments and this led to a lively and informative discussion when members shared their experiences with the group.

After a short break, Upstate Member Tanya Jackson introduced her boss, Dr. Sheila Breitweiser, President of SC School for the Deaf and the Blind. Dr. Breitweiser spoke at length about the school's history, it's progress and it's services. After her presentation, we were invited to a brief guided tour of the 146 year old facility. Lunch was catered on site by the school. Members were encouraged to network with peers and review the conference materials in the packets.

Richie Wiggers, Records and Information Specialist with the SC Department of Archives and History, was the afternoon speaker. As a consultant on preservation issues, Mr. Wiggers has experienced and recorded

various work-place environmental disasters.

Using an impressive collection of slides, he shared many examples of damaged materials and evidence of poor planning that can lead to such destruction. He welcomed questions and comments, as well as audience participation in a "What's wrong with this picture" interaction.

After a short afternoon stretch break, Robin Chambers conducted a brief Regional business review and introduced SCPRA President Bob Rogers. Mr. Rogers wrapped up the day with a few comments about the solid foundation of the organization, contributions of it's members and upcoming events, such as the 10th Annual Conference.

Thanks to all participants for making the workshop a success! Special thanks to the Upstate region officers and workshop organizers- Arlene Stamey, Sandra Mansel, and Tanya Jackson, for their hard work. And also to the staff of SC D&B for the use of their beautiful facility. —Robin Chambers, Administrator



Clayton Steadman,
Clemson University
General Counsel



Richie Wiggers, SCDH
Records & Information Specialist



Midstate Region's newsflash!

The Midstate Region has just hosted three network luncheons in various locations around our region. These luncheons were designed to allow members in local communities to have lunch and discuss common problems/solutions in records management. They help members to get to know one another better and build comradery in the region. It also provides an opportunity to increase membership by inviting local non-members to learn about SCPRA.

Luncheons were held during July and August in Aiken, SC; Fort Lawn, SC; and Orangeburg, SC. Those who attended really seemed to enjoy themselves and truly networked as a lot of information flowed. Members and non-members received information regarding the Association and upcoming events while regional officers received ideas regarding training needs. Network luncheons are a tool the Midstate Region has utilized to further promote the growth of our Association. —Judy Lucas