



# ARMA VI NEWS!

Serving the Information Professional of Vancouver Island

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## ARMA VI Mid-Year Update

### A Message from the President

It's been six months since our AGM and it's time to let you all know what has been happening in the ARMA Vancouver Island ranks! So let's do this chronologically.

At our AGM we elected a number of brand new members, moved a few and reintroduced a previous member. The current make up of the board is, alphabetical by last name, Peter Brophy (Website/Social Media), Kate Chandler ([Educational Programming](#)), Andrew Geider (President Elect), Terrell Les Strange (Past President), Sumanjit Manhas (Secretary), Nancy More (Marketing), Ken Oldenburger ([President](#)), Marion Villines (Treasurer), and Dave Young ([Membership](#)). Once again, thanks to those who served last year and I hope to see you again on the board in some capacity.



*Terrell Les Strange (Past President) with the ARMA Canada Cup awarded to the Vancouver Island Chapter at the conference in May 2018, in Vancouver.*

Immediately after the AGM in May 2018, the ARMA Canada conference took place just over the water in Vancouver. In my experience, having attended over a dozen conferences and pre-conference leadership trainings, this was one of the best! It's unfortunate that more ARMA VI members were unable to attend for a wide variety of reasons. Hopefully we will see more of you in Montreal!

Perhaps the main reason why I rated this conference so high is because... ARMA VI won the Canada Cup again!!! It's been around for 5 years and we won it the first year and we were amazed at the awards ceremony that we, one of the smallest chapters in Canada, had won it a second time.

Taking on the challenge of the National Capital Region Chapter (i.e., Ottawa), who had pictures of their mascot, I.M. Kitty, with the cup, we decided to not only get a fuzzy mascot, we also adopted a real life Vancouver Island Marmot. The name of our fuzzy representative is still undecided, so feel free to flood us with suggestions.



*The adoption of a mascot to go along with the Canada Cup led to the adoption of an actual marmot through the [Marmot Recovery Foundation](#). Vancouver Island Marmots live in open meadows, high in the mountains of Vancouver Island, and are one of the most endangered mammals in the world.*

Come down to our AGM in May and you can gaze in wonder on the Canada Cup's sparkling glory and our mascot's cuddly form. We will also try to remember to bring them up island for our annual north/mid island symposium.

You may have already noticed that our website needs work. It is being redesigned and should be up and running in a new format early in the new year. Thanks to Bruce Norman Smith who initiated the project and to Peter Brophy who is taking it in for the touchdown and victory dance. Many thanks as well to Annette LaFave who has helped out with updating the old site this year.

A side effect of some of the website woes seems to have resulted in our marketing email being hacked and put out of commission. As a result, some of our marketing efforts seem to be unable to reach our target audience. Here's hoping you actually got this newsletter!!!

Happily, our financial situation is healthy and strong.

Our membership is relatively healthy and stable at about 40-45 despite a number of folks leaving for other pastures.

#### **ARMA BC/Yukon News...**

ARMA Vancouver Island is in discussions with ARMA Vancouver, ARMA Canada, the BC First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPS) and the First Nations Summit Society to create a Memorandum of Understanding to support the growth and understanding of records and information management in First Nations communities and organizations. If this is something that appeals to you, especially if you are First Nations or are working for a First Nation organization, contact [Ken Oldenburger!](#)

#### **ARMA Canada News...**

If you are interested in attending the [20th Annual Privacy and Security Conference](#) in Victoria in February, good news, ARMA Canada has negotiated a 10% discount for ARMA members! Our own Shelley Smith, ARMA Canada's Conference Program Administrator will be presenting.



#### **ARMA International News...**

ARMA International has provided to degree students a dramatic discount of \$25 US for a year's membership. In response, ARMA VI decided to waive our chapter fees for these students. There are also discussions happening at the ARMA International level about new types of memberships with a possible corporate membership (no promises, though).

Another opportunity to enhance RIM knowledge, skills and abilities is to take advantage of the ARMA International Educational Foundation (AIEF) scholarship program, which provides funding towards Bachelor's and Graduate-level degrees, certifications, conferences, seminars and other professional events for current and aspiring information management professionals. More information can be found in the "For Students" section of the AIEF website ([www.armaedfoundation.org](http://www.armaedfoundation.org)).



### **Now for the Events...**

In November we held a full day educational offering focused on Blockchain and its impact on records management. Some fascinating implications will be working their way through our industry over the next 5 or 10 years. Keep your eyes open.

Dave Young spoke to a Business Skills class at Camosun College, giving them an overview of ARMA VI and records management and that bright shiny student discount. Thanks Dave for connecting with the up and comers.

And we have just finished our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (see the picture on page 5). Seems like early December was not a propitious time for a society to be born as our attendance at these events tend to be minimal. It was still a great time and the wine tasting at the Tudor Liquor House was educational as well as yummy. Regardless, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year pins were awarded to a number of ARMA VI members, either in person or by mail. If you haven't gotten one by mid-January and should have, please contact [Dave Young](#).

For future events, we are looking at organizing a tour, perhaps another networking/social event, our AGM in May and, of course, a full day educational symposium probably in the Parksville area. The month of April is likely our target for this event, so keep your antennas up.

*ARMA VI Events are a great opportunity to network and learn more about RIM and IG*

If you have a suggestion for an event or a seminar, we are always open to them! Please contact [Kate Chandler](#).

Finally, if you would like to participate on the board, the programming committee, the finance committee or the website/social media committee, let us know and we will find a place for you either now or at the next AGM.





*ARMA VI December 2018, 15th Anniversary and Holiday Party, including wine tasting and awarding of anniversary pins. Also in the picture – the “Chapter of the Year” cup awarded to ARMA VI at the ARMA Canada conference in May, and our Marmot mascot.*