Webinars

The PDBU offers webinars on the 3rd Tuesday of selected months. Our purpose is to engage NIRMA members with new information, deep-dives into selected topics, and opportunities to earn CMP’s (Certification Maintenance Points).

These webinars are presented by subject matter experts which allows for new understanding of familiar topics or an introduction to new technologies or ideas. During these presentations, members are encouraged to ask questions from the presenters. Also, we record these webinars for later viewing, if you are not able to attend, or the chance to review the information presented just in case you missed something!

Recent Webinars presented have included:

• Vogtle 3 & 4 – Records & Compliance
• ICRM Certification & Nuclear Specialty
• Configuration Management 101
• Nuclear RIM Regulations and QA
• Information Governance and Artificial Intelligence

We are always looking for interesting topics and presenters to bring NIRMA members new learning opportunities and a chance to interact with industry leaders and peers. We hope you will join us during our next webinar!

About the Professional Development Business Unit (PDBU)

The primary purpose of the PDBU Business Unit is to provide the NIRMA membership with technical, educational, and career development support and opportunities. The PDBU creates opportunities for members to learn key skills and knowledge via interface with internal and external resources who can provide specific knowledge in the areas of records management, federal and state regulation, and technological advances in records management.

Objectives:

• Develop and deliver NIRMA Educational Webinars delivered on the 3rd Tuesday of selected months.
• Provide access to educational opportunities to allow members to earn required CMP’s.
• Promote achievement of industry-recognized certification through the Institute of Certified Records Managers (ICRM).
• Manage the NIRMA Mentor Program to allow members to link with NIRMA Mentors to focus on specific professional growth objectives.
• Promote learning opportunities to the membership to maximize full participation.
• Provide webinar access and other contributions to the NIRMA website.

JOIN US!

PDBU meets the 2nd Monday of every month.

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**Mentorship Program**

PDBU is the proud sponsor of the NIRMA Mentorship Program. We are proud to offer members access to some of the most talented people in our organization to help you expand your knowledge and advance your career.

Why should you engage with a mentor:

- Want to advance your career?
- Learn more about technologies, regulations, RIM?
- Need help navigating challenges in your job?

Our mentors are bright, energetic, knowledgeable members and have lots of industry experience. They are looking forward to helping new and established members like you!

Some of the topics that our mentors are subject matter experts are:

- Record Retention and Regulatory Requirements
- Project Management
- Physical and Cyber Security
- Decommission and Associated Challenges
- Electronic Document Management Systems
- Analysis of Technical Guides
- Electronic Content Management Systems
- Enterprise Document Management Systems
- Configuration Management
- Managing Employees
- How to Present to Senior Leadership
- Moving to Digital-Paper to Electronic
- Challenges with Contract and Contract Management
- Website and NIRMA Resources

PDBU would love to help you connect with a mentor. Once you have a mentor, the relationship and topics are in yours and the mentor’s hands. Please contact us for more information.

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**Nuclear Specialist Certification**

The Institute of Certified Records Managers (ICRM) is an international certifying organization of and for professional records and information managers.* PDBU and NIRMA have a professional alliance with the ICRM where advanced certification and recognition of Nuclear Information and Records Specialist (NS) is conferred for Certified Records Analysts and Certified Records Managers who meet the NS Qualifications.

Why should you consider a CRA/CRM/NS? The knowledge and expertise gained studying for and achieving these certifications are invaluable!

- International recognized value of certification
- Knowledge gained of RIM practices and standards
- Enhanced professionalism
- Personal Growth

Some members of the PDBU are also test question preparers, graders, and mentors for ICRM. Whether you have been in RIM for many years or if you are new to this industry, becoming certified will be an asset to you and will add to your records information management toolbox.

PDBU would like to help you on your path to certification. Please contact us for more information.

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**Scholarship**

Our mission is to spread awareness of Nuclear Records and Information Management (RIM) as a career path to draw talent toward the nuclear industry with a sustainable scholarship that can be offered annually.

At the 2023 NIRMA Symposium, NEI expressed that they are anticipating a skilled labor shortage for all professions in Nuclear. This is based on current trends in nuclear energy demand and innovation. The NIRMA Professional Development Business Unit (PDBU) is starting a NIRMA Scholarship to encourage RIM professionals in graduate school to consider a career in nuclear. This will benefit NIRMA by promoting our organization to the next generation of members and helping offset this anticipated skilled labor shortage.

What are the benefits to NIRMA?

- Brings awareness to NIRMA
- Exciting initiative for NIRMA members
- Encourages growth in membership base
- Engagement with student and young professionals
- Advertising for NIRMA through scholarship
- Brings awareness to the Nuclear Industry
- Help with market research

The inaugural scholarship will be available for the 2025 Fall Semester. We are very excited about this new initiative!! We are hoping that the NIRMA membership and community will embrace this scholarship with not only financial support but by getting involved in the committee, advertising for the scholarship, helping find potential applicants and sharing this information with your peers throughout the industry.

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*Information from ICRM.org

JOIN US!
The Scholarship Committee meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.