These award winners were recognized at ARMA International’s 62nd Annual Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida, in mid-October.

Company of Fellows

Uta H. Fox, CRM, FAI #55
Uta H. Fox, CRM, FAI, is noted as Canada’s premier information governance expert on using electronic recordkeeping to create admissible legal evidence. According to her nomination, she is the first Canadian records and information management (RIM) professional to be qualified by a Canadian court to testify as an expert on RIM evidence. Fox has been involved for years in developing professional content, including as an author, speaker, participant in standards development projects with ARMA and the Canada General Standards Board, and program director for ARMA Canada Conference. The Canadian Content director leads Sagesse: The Canadian RIM Journal and is a member of ARMA International’s Content Editorial Board.

Suzanne D. A. Graham, CRM, FAI #56
Over her 40-year career, Suzanne (Su) D. A. Graham, CRM, FAI, has been a prolific conference speaker, seminar trainer, and leader in educational foundations benefitting the worldwide information management community. An ARMA International contributor at every level, she has served in numerous leadership roles with the Denver Chapter, chaired the local planning committee for ARMA International’s 1996 Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, was a member of the U.S. Legislation and Regulatory Affairs Committee, and was instrumental in organizing and overseeing ARMA International’s former Industry Action Committee for consultants in 1978. Graham is also active with the Institute of Certified Records Managers, being named its Alan Andolsen Mentor of the Year in 2013.

Peter Kurilecz, IGP, CRM, CA, FAI #57
Peter Kurilecz, IGP, CRM, CA, FAI, is perhaps best known in the information management community as one of the founding administrators of the Records Management Listserv in 1994 and as a current administrator for its 1,500 members around the world. His service to ARMA International includes as the president of the 2015-2016 board of directors and as a prime mover for the Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principles® and the Information Governance Professional certification. As a Certified Archivist and Certified Records Manager (CRM) Kurilecz is also a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists and the Institute of Certified Records Managers, for which he has mentored many CRM candidates.

Judy V. Sitton, CRM, FAI #58
Throughout much of her 40-year information management career, Judy Vasek Sitton, CRM, FAI, has contributed to the profession, fellow professionals, employers, employees, clients, ARMA International, ARMA’s southwest region, and the ARMA Houston chapter as a mentor, educator, author, and volunteer. The senior information governance analyst with Kinder Morgan is the co-author of 2014 ARMA-published book Managing Active Business Records, has written numerous articles for national publication, and was an award-winning ARMA Houston newsletter editor. A prolific presenter, Sitton has shared her knowledge in sessions at international, regional, and local ARMA conferences and workshops, presentations to multiple other professional associations, and lectures to college and university classes.
Britt Literary Award

Patrick J. Cunningham, CISM, FAI, won the Britt Literary Award as the author of the best feature article published in Information Management magazine this past fiscal year. The September/October 2016 “Another Walk in the Cloud” is a follow-up to the 2009 Britt Literary Award-winning article “A Walk in the Cloud” Cunningham co-authored. Judges called the winning article, which re-examines the pros and cons of using cloud-based tools and services and offers advice for contracting with cloud providers, “an effective cautionary tale with practical, real-life examples on a timely topic.”

Christine Zanotti Award for Excellence in Non-Serail Publications

Managing Local Government Archives, written by John H Slate, CA & Kaye Lanning Minchew, CA, and published last year by Rowman and Littlefield, won the Christine Zanotti Award for Excellence in Non-Serail Publications. The nomination said the book offers practical information for those responsible for preserving and making available historical records, and its audience explicitly includes records professionals, who are often thrust into this role.

Four New Awards Unveiled at ARMA Live! 2017

Tasked with reviewing the awards program to ensure each ARMA International award is relevant today and strives to fulfill ARMA International’s mission, vision, goals, and objectives, the ARMA International Awards Task Force recommended some awards be discontinued and the following four be initiated for the 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017).

Chapter Luminary Award

The Austin (Texas) Chapter of ARMA International won the Chapter Luminary Award, which recognizes chapters that have inspired or influenced others with their excellence and accomplishments in introducing products or services for its members, developing more efficient and cost effective services, providing relevant and timely ideas and assistance to ARMA headquarters to advance the profession, promoting ARMA’s strategic goals and objectives, or sharing resources that help other chapters and regions to flourish.

Farmers Excellence for an Organization Award

Farmers Insurance was recognized for its achievements in enhancing its information governance (IG) program as laid out by the Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principles® and the IG Maturity Model (IGMM). According to the nomination, Farmer’s program is either at the highest level of maturity (Level 5 – transformational) or one step lower (Level 4 – proactive) for each Principle, as measured against the IGMM.

Member of the Year Award

Katherine Herrick and Paul Lanois, Esq., CIP, CIPP, were recognized as members of the year for their participation in supporting and promoting ARMA International’s mission and vision and contributing to their chapter’s or region’s success. Herrick is a member of the Arizona Chapter of ARMA while Lanois participates from his home base in Switzerland.

Standing Ovation Award

Northern Virginia Chapter won the Standing Ovation Award, which recognizes the accomplishments of any chapter, region, or individual that has taken an outstanding or unique approach to furthering ARMA International’s vision and mission and illustrating the “Who We Are” of ARMA International by enhancing the records management or information governance professions.