

VAHRMM News

Virginia Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management



Dear VAHRMM members,

We have concluded another successful Fall Conference, like always this could not be accomplished without your continued participation and support of the VAHRMM organization. Our 35th anniversary was a success due to both long time participants and welcoming new ones into our circle.

While we strive to bring you a variety of topics and information to assist in managing our ever-changing healthcare environment, we are also changing leadership on our board.

I wanted to take this time to thank each of you for the exceptional support that you provided me during these last 3 years of being your President. I have grown professionally in learning some of the challenges that Supply Chain faces in the healthcare industry and how our organization is able to provide some education from changing agents in the same fields.

I also wanted to thank the awesome board members that we have, without their commitment and willingness to work and support the organization, we would not be this strong. To you, thank you for always having my back. Like they say, a President is only as good as its Congress!!

Now, I would like to introduce new leadership for 2019 & 2020.

VAHRMM President is **Rich Levine**.

Rich is Administrative Director Materiel Management for Mercy Bon Secours. Rich has been a VAHRMM member for 10 years and is an active member of AHRMM. He has been in the healthcare industry for 34 years, and in his current position for 12 years. Welcome Rich!!

VAHRMM President-Elect is **Keith Dabbs**.

Keith is the Director of Procurement Sourcing for Riverside Health System. He has been a VAHRMM member for 8 years with 33 years of healthcare experience. Keith is very engaging in the organization and a believer and teacher of CMRP certifications for supply chain professionals. Welcome Keith!!

We are looking forward to another amazing year with new leadership on board. Thank you again and wish, your business, and family much success in the coming 2019 year!!

Isabel Moore, Past-President

Upcoming Events

October 9-11, 2019

36th Anniversary Fall Conference at the Westin VA Beach Town Center



October 9, 2019

VAHRMM Annual Golf Tournament: Location TBD

Important Announcements

Effective Jan 1, 2019 Rich Levine succeeds Isabel Moore as VAHRMM President.

AHRMM News

AHRMM National Conference July 28-31, 2019 (San Diego, CA)

Without a doubt, this is healthcare supply chain's leading education event and central meeting place for providers, academics, affiliates, and vendors. If you have not already, we suggest making advance plans to attend next year's AHRMM conference occurring in beautiful San Diego!

Member Contribution

CMRP for me? Why?!

It's the age old question- "should I take the CMRP exam?" The answer is yes! Here's why:

- This is a rewarding credential
- Path to professional development
- AHA-endorsed
- Recruiting and Retainment tool

As our fellow AHRMM chapter- Western States Healthcare Materials Management Association (WSHMMA) adds- the CMRP status allows you to "have a premier credential based on a sound assessment to distinguish yourself in an increasingly competitive marketplace".

Not only do you have the resume' builder aspect from having your CMRP but there is also the intrinsic aspect of accomplishment! Therefore, your VAHRMM Board puts an emphasis on this credential by making the CMRP overview part of the annual Fall Conference each year for all attendees. During this session, the expectations and background needed to sit for the exam are covered, as well as a fun review of sample questions taken from the exam itself.

We hope to see you all at this Fall Conference October 9, 10, and 11th 2019! In the meantime, if you would like a sample CMRP exam just pop me an email – keith.dabbs@rivhs.com and I will send one. Happy New Year!

Keith Dabbs, VAHRMM President-Elect

Director- Procurement & Sourcing, Riverside Health System



Mark your calendars

AHRMM19 is July 28 – 31, 2019 in San Diego, CA

VAHRMM 2019 Fall Conference is October 11-13, 2019 at the Westin Virginia Beach Conference Center

Special thanks

Thanks to all of our 2018 Exhibitors including our medal sponsors:

Gold: Ethicon and Owens & Minor

Silver : Medline, Molnlycke, VHHA, 3M, BD and Ansell.

Thank you Isabel Moore, VAHRMM Past President

Isabel Moore (Patient Safety Accreditation, Sentara Health)

Wow, 3 years goes by fast! And without a doubt, Isabel's leadership, creativity, and willingness to incorporate new ideas will impact VAHRMM's direction for years to come. Thank you for your energy and dedication Isabel! We are fortunate that only your term is up and you have many years of VAHRMM involvement ahead!

Some of Isabel's accomplishments include membership growth in both hospital attendees and new vendors. Moreover, she elevated VAHRMM to the next level of professionalism with a variety of topics impacting (and benefiting) supply chain professionals. When asked about her experience as President, Isabel noted how much she enjoyed working with such a diverse board that shared a common goal of enhancing VAHRMM's value to its members and vendor partners alike.

Welcome Rich Levine, your new VAHRMM President

Rich Levine (Administrative Director, Mercy Bon Secours)

We are delighted to have Rich step into his role as VAHRMM President.

Rich is Administrative Director Materiel Management for Mercy Bon Secours. He has been a VAHRMM member for 10 years and is an active member of AHRMM. Rich has been in the healthcare industry for 34 years, and in his current position for 12 years.

Clearly, Rich brings a strong background of leadership within materials management & hospital administration. Moreover, in his current role as Administrative Director, he maintains a close pulse on our industry's unique opportunities and challenges. Rich, thanks in advance for your commitment to VAHRMM. We are all excited for big things ahead!

Thanks to all 2018 conference attendees...we look forward to making more memories at the upcoming 36th Anniversary October 11-13, 2019!









Conference Feedback

- Everyone was so friendly. I received the royal treatment.
- I think the Westin is a great property for the event. The entire event was well presented.
- Erick Rheam was a good speaker, always enjoy hearing from Julie.
- Erick Rheam's presentation was fantastic and was valuable to both hospital and vendor attendees.
- Enjoyed the conference and it was very informative.
- Always a fabulous time! Thanks for incorporating the vendors so much.
- Good educational information
- I could relate to all of the topics. Each speaker gave me something that I could relate to in my work.
- I enjoyed that there was something for everyone. I felt the topics were strong.
- I enjoyed topics such as how patients are cared for through clinical measures and how the hospital performs as an efficient business.
- I thought the topics were on point and the speakers did a very nice job. Was impressed by how our Keynote Speaker attended the evening event and got to know many of the attendees and then used their names during his presentation. Very nice personal touch.
- The different types of topics made it very interesting to connect the dots between the supply chain and the clinicians that uses the products.
- The importance for nonverbal communication.
- The usefulness of podcasts.
- A nice social event. I got to meet a lot of people.

- Being a first time attendee, I was very impressed and was glad I could register at that time
- Heard a lot of positive feedback from our vendors and some of the attendees.
- Really liked having the vendor exhibits open on Wednesday night.

VAHRMM donated to SPCA and Virginia Food Bank. Thanks for the support!

