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2019 President's Report

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Fiscal year 2019 was my second year as President of ARMA, and a major focus was preparing for the 2019 NCSSMA National Meeting, which ARMA is hosting immediately after the conclusion of our regional association meeting in Chattanooga, TN. In addition to planning and putting on successful meetings, we had two main points of emphasis: Increasing our membership through more intentional recruiting, and building on the positive interactions we established with our regional leadership in 2018. We achieved the first point of emphasis not only through the recruitment efforts of our regional vice presidents, but also through the record-keeping of our Secretary, Jacquelyn Gayle and our Treasurer, Evangeline Taylor. By cleaning up our records using the new NCSSMA membership database, we discovered that we had higher participation in our region than was originally thought!

ARMA entered the 2019 fiscal year with an experienced EC. Our only new member was Greg Holmes, District Manager in the host city for the 2019 NCSSMA Meeting, Chattanooga, TN, and our newly elected Tennessee Area Vice President. Returning, were our invaluable Immediate Past President (and NCSSMA Vice President), David Lescarini, who has worked tirelessly in helping to plan the 2019 NCSSMA Meeting. Also returning were ARMA Vice President, Teresa Creel; our esteemed Treasurer, Evangeline Taylor; and our outstanding Secretary, Jacquelyn Gayle, all of whom have made essential contributions to ARMA's successes this year. As anyone who has planned a national meeting knows, it takes a team effort to put on a great meeting, and David, Teresa, Van and Jacquelyn have made a great team.

On August 7 and 8, the ARMA EC gathered in Atlanta for our internal business meeting in which we reviewed issues facing managers and supervisors in field offices across the region and in the TSC. A delegation of six EC members then met with the Atlanta RC and her staff on Friday the 9th, in a meeting that was informative and productive for all parties.

On August 16, just prior to the start of the 2019 NCSSMA Meeting, ARMA members from across the Atlanta Region gathered in Chattanooga, TN for the 35th Annual ARMA Meeting. The meeting was well attended and included informative presentations from Atlanta Regional Commissioner, Rose Mary Buehler; Tennessee Area Director, Willie Jenkins; NCSSMA President, Peggy Murphy; and NCSSMA Washington Representative, Rachel Emmons.

Looking ahead to FY 19, our initiatives include an expanded membership drive to bolster our membership across the region and an effort to revitalize our committee structure.

Brian Walker

ARMA President