IGP Governance Board

The IGP program is governed by the IGP Governance Board, which is incorporated separately from ARMA International. This board guides the certification program, provides outreach to the profession, and clearly separates the functions and decisions related to certification from other ARMA International programs and goals.

Its charter requires the IGP Governance Board to ensure the credibility of the credential program through the establishment of processes and oversight to:

- Ensure the validity of the exam
- Provide fairness so all applicants and candidates are treated impartially
- Provide qualification requirements for applicants
- Provide maintenance requirements that ensure the continuing competence of individuals who hold the credential
- Ensure public trust in the methods and processes used by IGP credential holders
- Ensure administrative credibility of decisions and actions taken

IGP Board Bios

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Jason C. Stearns, IGP, CRM, Director, is a member of the Legal and Compliance Group at BlackRock. He is responsible for the global implementation of Information Governance standards and requirements. Prior to BlackRock, Mr. Stearns worked at UBS as Director and Portfolio Manager, Group Information Governance where he was responsible for Information Governance strategy development, project management, and oversight. Prior to that, he was the Corporate Records Manager for New York Life Insurance Company. Mr. Stearns earned an MS in Applied Information Management from the University of Oregon and BA from Binghamton University. He is also a Certified Records Manager and Information Governance Professional.

Galina Datskovsky, Ph.D., CRM

Galina Datskovsky is an independent consultant, specializing in growth strategies for technology companies in the security and information governance space. Formerly she was a senior vice president of information governance at Autonomy, an HP Company. She was formerly a board president of ARMA International and has served as senior vice president of architecture at CA Technologies, where she was general manager of the Information Governance Business Unit.

Cheryl McKinnon, IGP

Cheryl McKinnon is a principal analyst at Forrester, serving the needs of Enterprise Architecture Professionals. She covers the trends, challenges, and recommended practices for managing enterprise content. Her focus is delivering research and advisory services into areas including enterprise content management (ECM), content archiving, enterprise file-sync and file-share, document-centric collaboration, life-cycle management, information governance, and eDiscovery.

Before joining Forrester, Cheryl ran an independent consulting firm, serving both private- and public-sector clients. Cheryl has served as vice president of marketing for industry association AIIM, was chief marketing officer of Nuxeo, and held senior management roles with OpenText and Hummingbird.

Rick Stirling

Rick Stirling is the President of Western Information Management Inc. (WesternIM) and has over 40 years IT experience. Rick is an expert in many disciplines with a specialty over the last 20 years in the implementation of dozens of records and information management solutions. He has held many executive positions in ARMA International including member of the international board of directors, President of the Canadian Region, member of ARMA Educational Foundation Board and is a frequent speaker in both the United States and Canada. Most recently Rick was one of the original members of the Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principals and the Information Governance Professional Certification task forces and the ARMA IGP Governance Board.

John Isaza

John Isaza is a California-based attorney, CEO of Information Governance Solutions featuring Virgo™, a cloud-based software for records management and global research, and law partner at Rimon, where he chairs the records management and information governance practice. Mr. Isaza is one of the world's foremost experts in the field. He has developed information governance and records retention programs for some of the most highly regulated Global 1000 companies. He is co-author of 7 Steps for Legal Holds of ESI & Other Documents, a contributing author to the ABA's Internet Law for the Business Lawyer, 2nd Edition, Chair of the American Bar's Social Media Subcommittee, and a Fellow of ARMA International.