

Charter Member and Past President: Chuck Schiell



To the best of my recollections it was in the Spring of 1969 that a group of us got together to form a chapter of the "American Records Management Association" (ARMA) in Denver. Most of us were "members-at-large" and as such we were not affiliated with any chapter.

Many of the government members of the "formation committee" were members of an organization known as the "Association of Records Executives and Administrators" (AREA).

Sometime in the 1970s, both ARMA and AREA merged to become known as it is today as the Association of Records Managers and Administrators, presently representing the new "total concept" of the Records and Information Management profession.

I became the chapter's third president. Both Fred Allard and Jack Lee are deceased, as well as is the fourth president Bob Austin. Bob by the way was a national president of ARMA and I believe is the only such person from the chapter.

During the early years many discussions were held, and in fact some "battles took place." Of course

all in good taste. It was our intent to make this the best chapter in the organization. Additionally, individuals have come and gone over the years, each contributing to the success of the chapter of today.

One of the traditions that was started was the passing on to each succeeding president a plaque – an Indian quotation: "Never find fault with another, until you have walked in their moccasins" – pretty well paraphrased by yours truly. Our second president, Jack Lee, and I had many a debate about the chapter and ARMA (both locally and nationally), thus he passed the "first plaque" on to yours truly...I thus passed it on, and believe it is still being done. This presentation took place during the "changing of the guard" at the end of the year. I must confess, Jack taught me a lesson that stays with me to this day.

From our chapter sprung forth the Cheyenne, Colorado Springs, and Fort Collins chapters.

Doug Rollo decided to change the name of the Rocky Mountain Chapter to the Mile High Denver Chapter – I was against such an effort, but finally realized that since we had "given birth to three other chapters" the Mile High chapter designation was based upon sound logic.

To each and every one I offer my humblest wishes on this our 40th Anniversary Year. It is right, as well, to thank all those members from the Past, Present and those to come...God Speed and Good Luck...CARRY ON...Chuck

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Records Management issues and challenges. The fact of the matter is that I couldn't have done it without the relationships, principles, and practices that I experienced in my association with ARMA and specifically the wonderful chapter we celebrate today.

To those young, aspiring, records management professionals I say, "Welcome to the Mile High Denver Chapter of ARMA, now what committee do you want to be on?"

According to the 1985 ARMA publication, *The Bulletin*, the organization has precedents going back nearly a century.

1915-1916	Warren Filing Association
1917-1927	Warren Filing and Indexing Services Association
1928-1950	Chicago Filing Association
1951-1955	Records Management Association of Chicago
1956-1974	American Records Management Association
1975-present	Association of Records Managers and Administrators/ARMA International