

HRA Happenings

December 2025 Newsletter

MEMBER UPDATE

Dear HRA Members,

I want to start by thanking each and every one of you for a successful Fall 2025 Members Meeting in November, hosted by Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation. It was an amazing two days of networking, sharing, commiserating, collaborating, and cheering one another on. Seeing so many members in-person and virtually was exciting and inspiring! Page two of the newsletter is full of recaps of this great meeting!

Also in November, HRA welcomed Melissa Lena, our new Operations Manager. Melissa brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit operations and I have no doubt she will be a great asset to HRA. If you did not get the chance to meet her at the Members Meeting, read her bio on page three and reach out to her any time at melissa@healthra.org.

It has been a long and interesting year. I know I will be reflecting on all we have accomplished and learned together as a community as we move into the new year. Stay tuned for the HRA 2025 Impact Report and a State of the Alliance presentation in early 2026.

Thank you for everything you do to support HRA! Please reach out to me at any time at christine@healthra.org.

Thank you,

CHRISTINE RIORDAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



NEWEST HRA MEMBER



International
Fibrodysplasia Ossificans
Progressive Association

RECAP: Fall 2025 HRA Members Meeting

Hosted by

CONQUER CANCER®
THE ASCO FOUNDATION

November 19 – 20, 2025

Highlights

82 member organizations

140 in person attendees

78 virtual attendees

25 speakers

5 meeting sponsors

4 educational opportunities

2 learning community sessions

1 professional development workshop

Networking reception sponsored by [Altum](#)



Visit our **Resources** page to view the **Fall 2025 Members Meeting content** including session descriptions, slides, and recordings.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS MEETING SPONSORS:



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Please Welcome
Operations Manager
Melissa Lena
melissa@healthra.org

Melissa joined HRA as Operations Manager in November 2025. She brings over a decade of experience in nonprofit association administration and operations, having served in roles at the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Virtual Academic Library Environment of New Jersey (VALE-NJ), and the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA).

She holds a Master of Science in Library Science from Pennsylvania Western University and a Nonprofit Technology Professional Certificate from the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network (NTEN). Melissa is passionate about building efficient, collaborative systems that enable nonprofits to thrive.



HRA Analyzer

Is your HRA Analyzer data up to date?

HRA Analyzer is a searchable database of awards granted by HRA member organizations and aims to represent the scope of awards made by HRA nonprofit organizations to provide a clearer picture of the biomedical funding landscape. It is only accessible to HRA members and individual-level data is not to be shared publicly.

Our members routinely use HRA Analyzer for researching the current funding landscape, to find grant reviewers, and to create collaborative funding opportunities, amongst other uses. By contributing to HRA Analyzer, you can improve the database for your own use, as well as for others.

Questions? Contact Allison McCabe, HRA Intern at allison@healthra.org

2026 Dues Notice

The HRA Board of Directors and HRA staff spent considerable time during 2025 examining the history of HRA's operating expenses and dues, as well as conducting a benchmarking analysis with similar organizations. HRA established its initial dues structure in 2006 and then raised dues by 25% in 2014 to allow the organization to provide a larger breadth and depth of resources for members. This means that HRA dues have only been raised one time in the past 20 years! As a member organization, we strive to keep our dues low enough to allow membership to be accessible to all eligible non-profit funders. Moving forward, the Board has agreed upon a dues approach that will rely on small, incremental increases in dues over time, when necessary, rather than a large increase each decade.

Therefore, the HRA Board has approved a 5% increase in HRA membership dues across all dues tiers that will be implemented beginning with the 2026 dues year (the dues invoice your organization will receive in January 2026, due by March 2026). Knowing that member organizations have different fiscal years and different budgeting requirements, we are providing as much notice as possible of this change.

Please make note of the HRA dues increase that will take effect in 2026 and include it in your organization's 2026 budget.

2026 Membership Dues

If the total of all health-related ¹ grants paid ² in the most recently-completed fiscal year is	Annual Health Research Alliance dues are
Up to \$1 M	\$ 1,320
\$1 M – \$2.4 M	\$ 1,970
\$2.5 M – \$4.9 M	\$ 2,630
\$5 M – \$9.9 M	\$ 3,290
\$10 M – \$19.9 M	\$ 6,570
\$20 M – \$39.9 M	\$10,500
\$40 M – \$59.9 M	\$13,130
\$60 M – \$79.9 M	\$19,690
\$80 M or more	\$23,630

¹The phrase "all health-related grants" includes all grants made for biomedically relevant research, education and training.

²The phrase "grants paid" means cash out the door in that fiscal year, regardless of when the grant was awarded.

COMING IN THE NEW YEAR

Membership Survey

Be on the lookout for 2026 Member Survey in January 2026 (first full membership survey since 2021)

2025 Impact Report

2025 Impact Report highlighting the accomplishments and impact of the HRA in 2025 ([last year's report](#) for reference)

State of the Alliance Presentation

HRA Strategic Plan Update (Q1 2026) (similar to [this update](#) in 2023)

Federal Policy Initiatives

Continuation of our federal policy initiatives ([link to December newsletter](#))

2026 Members Meetings

We are recruiting Program Committee Members for planning of 2026 Members Meetings.

Interested?

Contact Mandy Westland at mandy@healthra.org

ANNOUNCEMENT

2026 Fall Members Meeting

Hosted by:
[Arthritis National Research Foundation](#)
in Irvine, CA

October
2026

