

The Rio Grande Chapters of ARMA and SLA present:
Open Records, Open Data? Freedom of Information in the Digital Age

The way we create, consume, and share information is undergoing rapid changes (news flash!) and it's causing a fundamental shift in the way citizens interact with their government. Activists, political buffs, and news consumers now expect to access information online, and more and more governments are looking to the private sector for records management models. Sarah Welsh of the [New Mexico Foundation for Open Government](#) will discuss the legal and practical issues associated with managing and disseminating electronic records in the public sphere; how privacy concerns are threatening access to public information; and what can be done to advance government transparency in New Mexico. She will also give a snapshot of ongoing problems with accessing paper records in New Mexico and the ramifications for our democracy.



When: Thursday, 5 August 2010, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: The Improve Group
3550 Pan American Fwy NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Free parking!

[Map](#)

Cost: \$15 for members of ARMA or SLA-Rio Grande Chapter
\$20 for non-members
Cash or check payable to SLA-RGC
Includes snacks and refreshments

About the speaker:

Sarah Welsh is the Executive Director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NM-FOG), the state's leading watchdog for government transparency and freedom of information. Prior to joining NM-FOG, Welsh was an assistant editor for the *Rio Grande SUN* newspaper in Espanola. Her other work experience includes organic farming, nonprofit communications, and two years of service as a Peace Corps volunteer. A Michigan native, Welsh graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in biology and comparative literature.

Please fill out the following registration form and deliver it by e-mail, fax, or U.S.P.S. to Larry Compton, Program Chair, SLA-Rio Grande Chapter:

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Our thanks again to The Improve Group for providing the meeting space!

Registration

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You may also fax or e-mail the form and then pay by cash or check at the door. We hope to see you all there!