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President's Message

Is 2009 flying by as fast for all of you as it is for me? It's hard to believe that it is already June. Next month the new Board has its first meeting where we will do our strategic planning for the year, along with agreeing on a budget. We have a lot of things we would like to accomplish this year; with the economic malaise gripping our country right now I hope we have the financial resources to allow us to reach our goals.

It is with regret that I must announce that Darla Branda, recently elected as a Director and scheduled to join the Board in July, has resigned her position at Stephen's College to accept a position in California. Good luck in your new endeavor, Darla, we will miss you and the contributions you have made to our organization. Barb Beckett, of the Kansas City area, has agreed to assume Darla's Director Position on the Board.

Voting for the AHIMA Board is now under way. Please take the time to review the candidates and cast your votes for those you feel would best direct our national organization. As of today, Missouri is 29th of the 53 voting groups (50 states plus Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., and foreign); I believe we should be much higher. Only 33 of the 1184 eligible voters in Missouri have taken the time to cast their ballot. Please, folks, take the 5 minutes necessary to log in at <http://www.ahima.org> and cast your ballot. You have until Friday, June 26 to vote. See the article on [page 3](#) for more details. Let's make the effort to get Missouri in the top 10 for votes cast. Missouri is the Show Me State, so show me that we can do this! OK, I'll stop nagging now.

This Saturday (June 20) is Ice Cream Soda Day; let's celebrate it. What's your favorite? Post your favorite on the Missouri CoP. It's easy; just log in at <http://www.ahima.org>, go to Communities of Practice (CoP), click on the Missouri CoP, and respond to the discussion thread.



I think we have a really good newsletter for you this month; I hope you enjoy it.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July.

Jeff

MHIMA Vision:

MHIMA will dedicate efforts and resources to serving members by increasing, promoting, and perpetuating the visibility of the health information management profession through education, communication and advocacy.

Cast Your Vote Now!

The polls are now open and ready to record your votes for AHIMA's president-elect, the Board of Directors, the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), and the Commission on Certification (COC). Polls close at 5 p.m. (CT) on Friday, June 26, 2009.

All active AHIMA members as of May 29, 2009, are eligible to vote. Making your choices are simple. Voting in AHIMA's election via the Communities of Practice is easy and convenient. Vote online by visiting your Communities of Practice (CoP) home page at <http://cop.ahima.org>. Follow the steps below:

- Access the CoP.
- Enter your AHIMA ID number (the seven-digit number on your membership card). Make sure to include all numbers, including leading zeros.
- Enter your password. If you have never created an AHIMA password online or otherwise updated your password with AHIMA, your default password is your last name. If you are a long-time member of AHIMA and have changed your last name (due to marriage, for example), your password may still be your last name as originally provided to AHIMA. If you applied for membership online and created your own password, use that password. If you have changed your password through the profile, please use that password.
- First-time users will see the Terms and Conditions of use. You will need to click the Accept button before you can enter the CoP for the first time. Once logged in, click on the "AHIMA Election—2009" link. Voting instructions will appear.

Detailed biographies and position statements for each candidate may be accessed by clicking the candidate's name on the ballot.

*Your vote guides the profession.
Let your voice be heard in this year's
election by casting your vote!*

Mom and Daughter HIM Duos

May was the month in which we celebrated our mothers, and in the May newsletter MHIMA recognized the mother-daughter HIM-ers in our state! We asked to hear from any other mother-daughter duos.

Joyce Elaine Sutton's daughter followed her Mom's footsteps in HIM.

Joyce is an RHIT, who is a CIO for a critical access hospital with the HIM department under her umbrella. Her daughter, Marcia Wright, has worked most areas of the HIM Department, currently is a CCA and is one of two coders at the same critical access hospital.

They have enjoyed working together for more than 13 years!



Joyce Elaine Sutton (mom) and Marcia



May Shooting Star Recipient

This month we are honoring the 2009 Annual Meeting Planning Committee for all their hard work in putting such a great meeting together! From coordinating vendors and exhibit hall activities, to securing great speakers and manning the registration desk, this committee worked tirelessly to make our meeting a success! Congratulations and thank you to:

- Melanie Schattauer, Chairperson
- Barbara Beckett
- Sandy Cole
- Sue Clymer
- Linda Cooper
- Susan Foster
- Brenda Fuller
- Michelle Kornfeld
- Teresa Knox
- Sue LaBonte
- Jen Melvin
- Trisha Priest
- Janet Stout
- Erin Sweeney
- Diane Swift
- Kara Wagner

ICD-10 Task Force Directive



At the MHIMA BOARD MEETING APRIL 29, 2009, the MHIMA Board directed the MHIMA Director of Education, Ruth Koch and the Coding Roundtable Coordinator/Project Manager, Maggie Gambill, to assemble a subcommittee of MHIMA members to explore MHIMA's role in educating their membership on ICD 10.

The subcommittee needs to be identified by the next MHIMA Board meeting on June 19, 2009. So it is imperative that you let either Ruth or Maggie know that you are interested.

Ruth's email is ruth.koch@hrhonline.org and

Maggie's is mgambill@chanllc.com.

AHIMA WEBSITE FOR ICD 10 INFORMATION
Very informative!
Essential education tool!
<http://www.ahima.org/ICD10/>

AHIMA Announces ARRA Web Page

AHIMA is actively monitoring, participating, and developing resources to assist in understanding the key components of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the impact on the industry and practice. Information on healthcare reform will be continually evolving in the next months.

AHIMA's ARRA Web page (<http://www.ahima.org/arra/>) is dedicated to providing you a central resource center on leading edge information, opportunities, and requirements that will be generated by ARRA. Also, look to AHIMA's E-alert for updates on ARRA as they occur.



CodeWrite Newsletter

CodeWrite Community News is an electronic resource for coding professionals. The monthly issues are concise, typically 7 to 10 pages, and include:

- Coding articles
- ICD10 Checkpoint column
- Roundtable Rap
- Open-ended coding challenges
- Educational opportunities
- AHIMA contact information

Coding articles are practical and often include case examples with coding tips and instructions. The ICD10 checkpoint column features a specific diagnosis or procedure that is coded in both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM or ICD-10-PCS. The column illustrates differences between these classification systems and exposes coding professionals to ICD-10 coding principles. Roundtable Rap articles, submitted by coding roundtable coordinators, relay news of coding roundtable activity around the nation and provide an opportunity for sharing ideas. Coding challenges, applicable to various healthcare settings, are used to generate discussion at coding roundtable meetings as well as the monthly coding community chat. Educational opportunities, both locally and regionally or nationally are also highlighted.

CodeWrite Community News is an electronic resource, *available to AHIMA members in the Coding Community of Practice*. [Click here](#) to view a sample of CodeWrite.

A continuing education quiz is available online for each monthly issue. All quizzes have multiple-choice and/or true/false questions and are based on the clinical articles within CodeWrite Community News. To take a quiz, members go to [/quiz](#) and follow the instructions. You will need to enter your AHIMA member ID to log in and take the quiz. Upon paying the appropriate fee (payable via credit card) and receiving a passing score (70 percent), you receive one hour of CE credit, which you can apply to maintenance of certification requirements.

June Hot Topics Survey

Another fun and informative MHIMA convention has come and gone. One of the many excellent speakers this year was Lori Brocato from Healthport. Her presentation on RAC featured the blueprint for a RAC survival: **planning, planning, planning**. As information from other hospitals who have experienced a RAC audit becomes available, Lori has discovered that much more pre-audit preparedness is needed. August is Missouri's tentative start time for the RAC process and so this month's survey asks our members:

Are you ready for RAC?

1. Yes, we have a plan in place and are ready for RAC.
2. No, we do not have a plan in place for RAC.
3. Our facility is not affected by RAC.



[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

This month we are continuing our May survey so everyone can have a chance to check out the new online survey! It is now easier to vote, voters can view the results and add/view comments. Results and posted comments will be added to the survey results article in the following month's e-Alert.





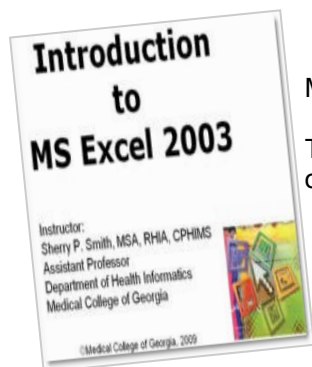
The Learning Portal is a community of healthcare associations whose mission is to provide lifelong learning to their professional members.



Visit the Learning Portal

MHIMA is collaborating with other AHIMA Component State Associations (CSAs) to share information about educational offerings! Visit the [Learning Portal](#) to find the following information:

- A schedule of upcoming live **audio conferences/webinars & meetings, and online education**
- An online **speaker bureau** if you are interested in speaking for a meeting or audio conference



Educational Opportunity

MHIMA is collaborating with GHIMA to offer you a new online education opportunity!

The **Introduction to Excel 2003** is an online education module that offers an hour of instruction on Excel to include instructor lead demonstrations and hands-on exercises.

Learn More and Register Online! Click on the link:
<http://ghima.org/OnlineEducationIntrotoExcel.htm>

Please select "MOHIMA" on the registration form.

Physician Practice Fast Facts-Information You Need to Know

Do you work in physician practice? Do you need continuing education that is quick, affordable, and meaningful? You can have all this and maintain your credentials with important CEUs on crucial topics for everyday management of the physician practice environment. Harness the learning benefits of audio seminars, faster! These 30-minute pre-recorded physician practice topics will boost your knowledge and experience in half the time of an audio seminar. Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Claim Rejections and Appeals Process
 EHR System Selection

Fast Facts seminars are available via pre-recorded Webcast or CD. For more information click on the link:
<http://campus.ahima.org/audio/fastfacts.htm>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

AHIMA 2009 Convention and Exhibit Registration Is Open
81st AHIMA Convention and Exhibit
October 3–10

Grapevine, TX (Home of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport)
Take advantage of early bird discounted pricing—[register now!](#)

The AHIMA Convention and Exhibit is just months away! Attendees can expect all-new events, speakers, and exhibits, set against the inviting backdrop of the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, TX.

- The AHIMA Prime Time program. Experience three concurrent sessions. Industry leaders will speak about the primary challenges facing health information management (HIM).
- Distinguished speakers like Doug Keeley (CEO and chief “storyteller” of The Mark of a Leader—a look at leadership through an exhilarating multimedia presentation), and Jeffrey Zaslow, co-author of the international bestseller *The Last Lecture*.

The President’s Premiere Celebration. Kick up your cowboy boots to the rambunctious sounds of country rock, enjoy delicious food and drink, and have an opportunity to bond and connect with your colleagues.

[Visit here](#) for program information and to register.



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If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.
 -Margaret Fuller

Be creative and informative!
 If you have an article you would like to submit to the newsletter, send it to the Newsletter Committee at newsletter@mohima.org

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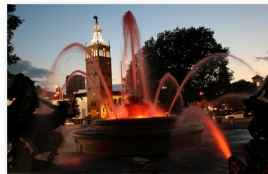
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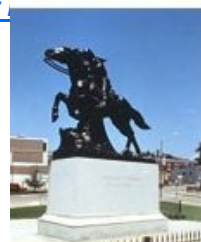
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