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## President's Message

Here we are in November already! Although it has been unseasonably warm the past few weeks, as I look out my office window, all of the trees have lost their leaves, which tells me that the cold, windy days of winter are almost upon us. Our mild weather has allowed me to sneak in one last fishing trip to hold me over until next spring; there is something about sitting in a boat in beautiful weather, catching fish that really reduces my level of stress. I hope all of you have a hobby that has a similar effect for you.

I'd like to take a minute to bring you up to date on what your MHIMA Board of Directors has been doing. We had a face-to-face meeting at Lake Regional Health Center on Saturday, November 7, before attending the Missouri School Counselor's Association Conference at Tan-Tar-A on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We rented a booth in the vendor hall and spent Sunday and Monday introducing the world of Health Information Management to approximately 1400 high school counselors throughout the state. Hopefully, this will eventually lead to them informing students of the career opportunities in HIM and our HIM Programs will have an influx of students. Julie Dooling, our Director of Marketing, did a great job putting together our strategy and creating/organizing handouts for the attendees. The "2 Julies" (Julie Dooling & Julie Wolter) took turns working the booth, along with Jane DeSpiegelaere and me. It was so exciting for me to watch and listen to others who are so passionate about our profession as they talked to the attendees.

Other items of discussion at the Board Meeting were the upcoming Annual Meeting next spring in St. Charles and next year's Board election. The Annual Meeting Committee is doing a great job getting speakers lined up and coming up with an excellent meeting for us.

Next year's Board election will be upon us soon. Hopefully, everyone received the call for nominations that was sent out by e-mail on 11/10. This year, we will be electing a President-elect, 2 Directors and 2 Delegates, along with 4 Nomination Committee members. Please consider nominating someone, or self-nominating for one of the positions. Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience. Serving on the Board or one of the various committees gives you the opportunity to meet and work with many really good people that you may not ordinarily meet. Speaking for myself, my Board experience has allowed me to develop friendships and alliances that I would not have otherwise made.

### MHIMA Vision:

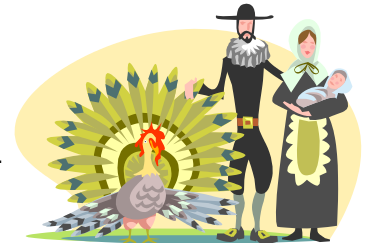
*MHIMA will dedicate efforts and resources to serving members by increasing, promoting, and perpetuating the visibility of the health information management profession through education, communication and advocacy.*

Well, enjoy this issue of your newsletter. In another week, Thanksgiving will be here, followed by Black Friday; if you are planning on shopping that day, be careful. Some additional holidays you may consider celebrating this month are:

- November 15 National Clean out Your Refrigerator Day
- November 22 Start Your Own Country Day
- November 23 National Cashew Day
- November 25 National Parfait Day
- November 30 Stay at Home Because You're Well Day

Talk to you next month. Have a great Thanksgiving.

*Jeff*



## *MHIMA Board Nominations*

The MHIMA Nominating Project Team is now taking nominations for officers to serve on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. Please nominate as many people as you would like for the offices listed below.

Any organization is only as strong as the members who choose to be an active participant. Your nominations are **VERY** important to the continued growth of MHIMA. Please consider self-nominating if you would like to become an officer of **YOUR** professional organization. Start the New Year with a decision to become more involved with your association. You are the one we have been looking for to become a part of the Board of Directors.

Open positions this year are:  
 President-Elect  
 Delegate (2 positions)  
 Director (2 positions)  
 Nominating Committee Members (4 positions)  
 Deadline is December 31, 2009

Please contact Lucy Sweiger, RHIT for more information at:

660-726-1193 (work phone)

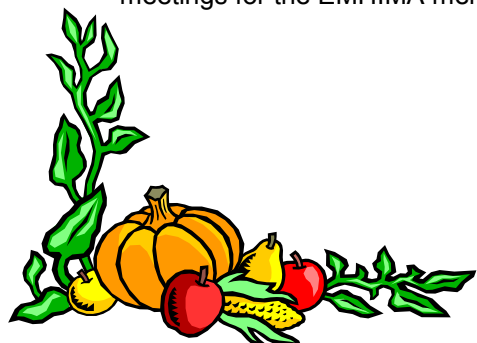
[Lucy.sweiger@northwestmedicalcenter.net](mailto:Lucy.sweiger@northwestmedicalcenter.net)



## *October Shooting Star Recipient*

MHIMA would like to honor Mary Brothers as the October Shooting Star. As the newly inducted president of Eastern Missouri, Mary Brothers brings experience, knowledge and professionalism to the table. Mary is very knowledgeable about coding, the HIM profession, and our organization. She has diligently worked with Maggie Gambill to set up the coding roundtable this year and she thinks outside the box to bring in new ideas to the association. Mary is hard at work, setting up next year's educational meetings for the EMHIMA members and other improvements for the 2010 year.

Thanks for your devotion and time!



## *Healthcare Organizations May Not be Prepared for HITECH and Other Security Challenges*

With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) underway, healthcare organizations face new challenges to maintain privacy and security of patient health data. However, data gathered from health IT and security professionals indicate that many organizations may not be ready to meet some of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) components of the ARRA legislation and other security challenges, according to the results of the [2009 HIMSS Security Survey](#)

### *AHIMA Terminal Digit Toolkit Now Available*

The location of paper records may no longer be within the walls of the HIM department. HIM professionals may be struggling with legacy records in alternative locations such as basements or off-site warehouses. The management of these records continues to be important in an organization's day-to-day operations.

As such, these legacy records are often maintained to meet statute of limitation requirements of individual states or organizations. Understanding how to file, retrieve, and maintain these paper records continues to be a core function of many HIM departments.

This toolkit is intended to provide guidance regarding terminal digit filing of paper records.

[Access the toolkit.](#)



### *CMS Posts ICD-10 Impact Analysis*

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted a report analyzing the impact of the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS on CMS policies, processes, and systems. This ICD-10 impact analysis was built on the findings of an earlier ICD-10 planning project CMS conducted with AHIMA. It further analyzes the impact of the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10 on CMS policies, processes, and systems by confirming where CMS uses ICD codes, discussing the opportunities that ICD-10 presents to CMS, assessing the risks, and describing the high-level effort required to prepare CMS for the transition to ICD-10. Additionally, this document identifies risk-mitigation strategies to reduce the consequences of potential negative events associated with the transition. This report also describes the high-level activities required of each CMS component to prepare for ICD-10.

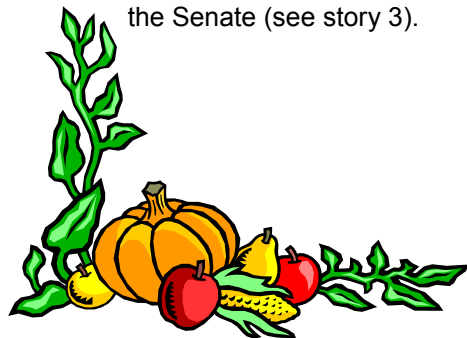
[Access the reports](#) for the latest CMS ICD-10 impact analysis as well as the report of the earlier AHIMA project.

### *More Delays for the Red Flags Rule*

The Federal Trade Commission has announced a new delay for the Red Flags Rule. Enforcement will now begin June 1, 2010. The delay, announced October 30, comes at the request of Congressional members, the FTC said. The rule was scheduled to go into effect November 1.

The announcement comes a week after the House of Representatives passed an amendment to the rule that would exclude certain businesses, including small healthcare, accounting, and legal practices. The House bill is currently in the Senate (see story 3).

Read more at the [Journal of AHIMA](#).



## *Stopping MPI Errors Before They Begin*

Long-term trouble can start with a brief patient registration. A rushed or incomplete search of the organization's master patient index (MPI) can lead clinical registrars to create duplicate patient records or even select the wrong records. Those mistakes stream straight through the system, risking errors in care, data sharing, and billing.

HIM departments typically discover registration errors as they work to keep MPIs clean. Some have helped create patient registration improvement programs, sharing what they discover and even training registration staff on patient look-up. Read the online-only story on the [Journal of AHIMA Web site](#).

## *November Hot Topics Survey*

As most of you already know, HIM is usually the key department in identifying, correcting, and notifying others of a double number creation. As noted in the above article on stopping MPI errors, some facilities have gone the extra mile with creating patient registration improvement programs that includes HIM staff.

This month's survey asks our members if:

1. Your facility has this type of patient registration committee/program.
2. Your HIMs Department handles MPI duplicate numbers.
3. Your HIMS Department works without a formal program together other departments to handle MPI duplicate numbers.



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

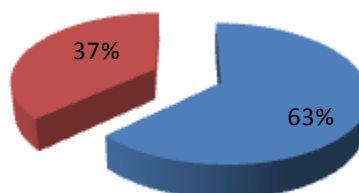
## *Hot Topics Survey Results*

Thanks to everyone for taking the October survey! Last month's survey asked readers if they used sites like Facebook or LinkedIn for career networking. As the chart shows 68% said yes they do and 37% said they do not.

We hope you enjoy taking our surveys and seeing the results. This month's survey results will be in the November e-Alert.

### **Do You Use a Web Based Site for Career Networking?**

- Used a Web Based Networking Site
- Have Not Used a Web Based Networking Site



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

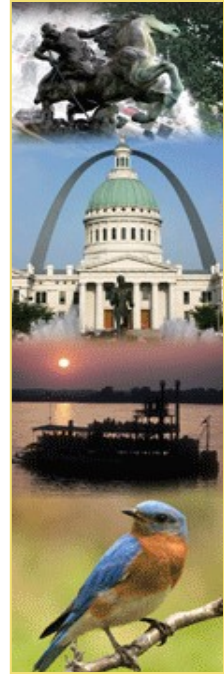
November 17, 2009  
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KCHIMA Meeting

**What:** PHRs

**Who:** Marsha Dolan and  
Barbara Beckett

**Where:** Saint Luke's  
Northland Barry Road –  
Medical Office Building –  
North Conference Room



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**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

**MHIMA Annual Meeting**  
Apr 28 – 30, 2010  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

**MHIMA Annual Meeting**  
Apr 27 – 29, 2011  
Chateau on the Lake  
Branson, MO

**KHIMA/MHIMA Joint Meeting**  
Sep 16 – 17, 2010  
Sheraton Kansas City, 9103 E 39th St.,  
Kansas City, MO

We are excited to announce that  
MHIMA and KHIMA will hold a joint  
meeting in September 2010.

Watch the MHIMA website for more  
information.



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2<sup>nd</sup> Year Delegate
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- Michelle Kornfeld*  
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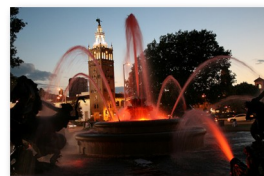
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