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President's Message

Is everybody staying warm? It was 2° here this morning and we have 6 inches of snow on the ground. I'm ready for spring and baseball! The groundhog has already seen his shadow and crawled back into his hole for another 6 weeks, so I guess spring will arrive on March 20, as scheduled.

I participated in a conference call today with our Annual Meeting Committee; we have a great meeting coming up in St. Charles at the end of April. I hope many of you can attend. The Nominating Committee is readying a list of candidates for our upcoming election; we will have a diverse ballot, with candidates representing almost every part of the state. We have candidates from Eastern Missouri, Kansas City, Pony Express, and the Ozark regions.

In the month of March, Missouri Delegates will be attending AHIMA Team Talks in either Las Vegas or Washington, D.C. One of the topics will be reapportionment; AHIMA is looking to change the way Delegates are apportioned to the states. There are various proposals on the table that will be discussed, and the House of Delegates will be voting on one of them later this spring or summer. Stay tuned for the details in March or April.

This is also the time of year when we start looking at MHIMA Awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Think of the people who have made an impact in your life or career. Honor those people by nominating them for an award.

The descriptions of the categories and the nomination form can be found on [page 2](#) or at <http://www.mohima.org/MHIMAAwards.html>. Please take a few minutes and nominate someone. Our members that are doing great work deserve some recognition; please help us identify the best of the best.

Well, I think I've gone on long enough. Be sure to celebrate some of the less known holidays this month, such as:

February 12 – National Plum Pudding Day

February 13 – Get a Different Name Day

February 15 – National Gum Drop Day

February 16 – Do a Grouch a Favor Day

February 20 – Hoodie Hoo Day

February 24 – National Tortilla Chip Day

February 28 – Public Sleeping Day

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter – *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.



January Shooting Star Recipients

The MHIMA Board is proud to announce Rose Dunn and Deb Beezley as the January Shooting Stars. Last summer, at the direction of the MHIMA Board, Maggie Gambill, Delegate, established a MHIMA subcommittee to perform a needs assessment for our membership with regards to the implementation of ICD 10 in October 2013. We had more than 25 volunteers join the committee. We have had a couple of conference calls and are looking forward to more discussion in the coming months. During one of our conference calls, a suggestion was made to communicate with the "C Suite" hospital people to make sure they know that HIM professionals are their "go to" people when it comes to ICD 10. Rose Dunn, First Class Solutions, and Deb Beezley, Saint Anthony's Medical Center, St Louis, "stepped up to the plate" and crafted a letter that we are in the process of finalizing and mailing out to the Missouri hospitals. Rose and Deb are examples of HIM professionals who recognize the value of our skill set and are anxious to promote that expertise in the healthcare community.

Thanks to Rose and Deb for their assistance. They truly deserve "Shooting Star" recognition from MHIMA!

Attention Current HIM Students and Program Chairs

MHIMA Scholarship Applications Deadline March 1, 2010

The MHIMA Board has developed a scholarship to aid HIM students in AHIMA accredited programs in the state of Missouri.

Visit mohima.org/ScholarshipForms

Its Oscar Time

Academy Awards will be handed out on March 7th. But that's not the only awards ceremony coming up. MHIMA will be handing out their awards at the MHIMA Annual Meeting April 28-30, 2010 in St Charles, MO. Do you have a nominee?

MHIMA would like to honor the excellence, dedication and service of professionals whose efforts better the Health Information Management field in the state of Missouri. Think of people who have made an impact on your HIM career. What better time than NOW to honor extraordinary colleagues, educators, students, volunteers, and boosters with a nomination to the state recognition they deserve.

The awards are in the following categories:



Distinguished Service Award

Rising Star

Outstanding HIM Educator

Outstanding HIM Student

Outstanding MHIMA Booster

Outstanding MHIMA Volunteer

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: March 1st 2010

Please visit mohima.org/membership/awards to access the nomination form and more information.

Contact Sue LaBonte, MHIMA Delegate and Awards Project Manager to volunteer for the Awards Committee and/or obtain additional information at:

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Spotlight on St. Louis Community College



St Louis Community College at Forest Park is proud to announce it has the only AHIMA-accredited Comprehensive Coding Program in the state of Missouri. Their commitment to quality healthcare coding information education is demonstrated through an accredited program status which provides students the foundation to pursue additional study in Health Information Technology.

The Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Billing and Coding is a 45-credit-hour program that prepares students for entry-level positions as Medical Coders. Students will learn Diagnosis and Procedure coding standards and processes and will prepare for the national American Health Information Management Association, CCS (Certified Coding Specialist) and CCA (Certified Coding Associate) certifications.

For additional information regarding this program, contact:
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Hot Topics Survey

The 58th Annual MHIMA Convention takes place this year in St. Charles, April 28th-30th. This month's survey asks our readers if they plan on attending. For more information on the agenda or hotel information, click on the link: <http://www.mohima.org/annualmeeting.html>

- Yes, I plan on attending.
- No, I do not plan on attending.
- I have not yet decided.

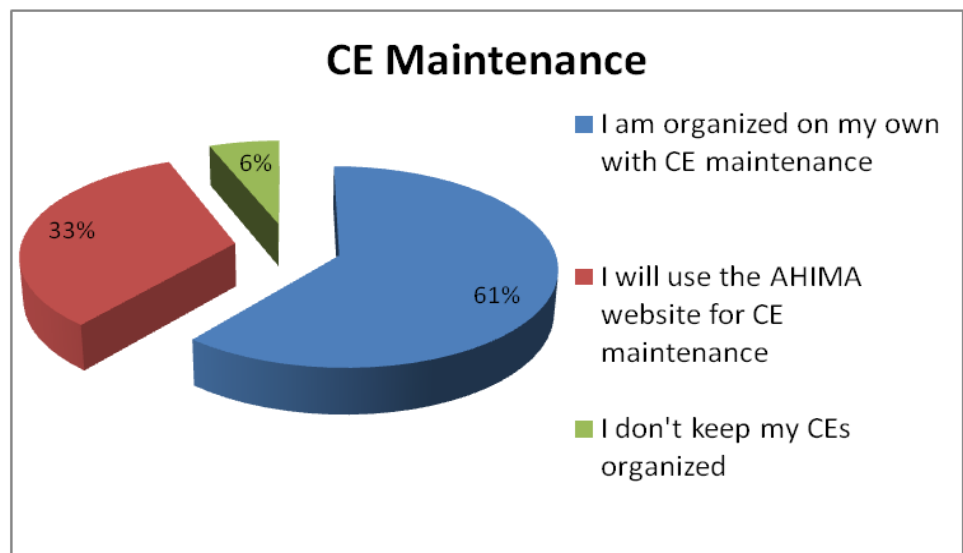
[Click here to take the survey.](#)



Hot Topics Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the January survey! Last month's survey asked readers if they had made a New Year's Resolution to be more organized with CE maintenance. As the graph shows, 61% of respondents indicated they are organized on their own, 33% will use the AHIMA website and 6% do not keep their CEs organized.

We hope you enjoy our surveys! This month's survey results will be reported in the March newsletter.



Upcoming Audio Seminars

MHIMA is collaborating with other health information management associations to offer you some great upcoming audio conferences! Click on the links and when you register online, please be sure to select "MHIMA" on the registration form.

Breach of PHI/Notified Enforcement: Are You Ready?

February 17, 2010
1:00-2:00 Central
1 CE

Neoplasm Coding

February 19, 2010
11:00-1:00 Central
2 CEs

Making Dollars and 'Sense' of Your Revenue Cycle

February 25, 2010
10:00-11:30 Central
1.5 CEs



AHIMA Launches Whitepapers on Meaningful Use

This week AHIMA launches a series of short white papers analyzing the recently released notice of proposed rulemaking on "meaningful use," the federal incentive program to encourage EHR adoption and use. Each week the series will review the notice and discuss the issues for hospitals and physician practices that decide to apply for these payments. In later weeks the papers will cover AHIMA's comments on the proposed regulations. The series is available on the [AHIMA ARRA Web page](#) and the [Journal of AHIMA Web site](#), where readers can discuss the issues, opportunities, and challenges with each other. The tentative schedule:

- Week 1—Overview of the NPRM and the Meaningful Use Definition
- Week 2—Continuation of the Overview and Meaningful Use Mechanisms
- Week 3—Meaningful Use and Certification
- Week 4—HIT Functionality Measures for Eligible Providers/Hospitals
- Week 5—Clinical Quality Measures for Eligible Providers/Hospitals
- Week 6—Process for Demonstrating Meaningful Use
- Week 7-8—AHIMA Comments on Meaningful Use

Watch for announcements of new papers each week in e-alert. AHIMA has already provided an overview of the notice of proposed rulemaking based on the draft issued on December 30, 2009. This can be found at the [AHIMA ARRA Web page](#).

AHIMA Preparing to Launch New CoP Look

AHIMA's all-new Communities of Practice (CoP) is launching soon. It is easier to navigate and offers exciting new ways to communicate with your peers. Network, share documents, post ideas and questions, and find helpful links.

Here are some of the new great features that you will find. On your Personal Page, you will find a "what's new" and "what's popular." These are the top 100 newest items in the communities you belong to and the top 100 most popular items in the public communities. Additionally, your profile has been expanded so you will be able to track the items you have posted and see the interest it generates from other members.

In each community, find posting content quicker by using "topics." For each topic, you can add links, documents, collaboration, or threads so everything is in one place. The key is what you want to share, not where. We are planning to unveil this soon so stay tuned for an announcement in future e-alerts and on the CoP at <https://cop.ahima.org>.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

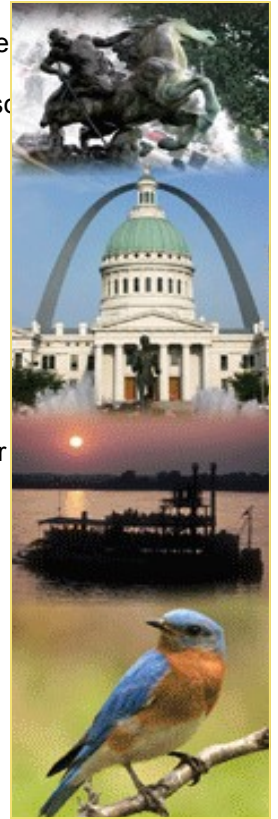
February

Feb 16th KCHIMA Meeting
5:30—6:30

Topic: Technology – Tour of the SLHS eICU as well as see a video. We will also conduct our business and induction of new members.

Where: Saint Luke's IT Tech
800 NW Chipman
Lee's Summit, MO

Directions: Conference Room
A&B. Tech Center is located at the NE corner of the Summit Technology Center campus. FYI – Front door will be locked; although, we will be there to let you in.



March

March 27 EMHIMA

Spring Fling-Details Coming Soon!

To visit the MHIMA calendar of Events: [Click here](#)

Mark Your Calendars Now!

KHIMA/MHIMA Joint Meeting
September 16-17,
2010
Kansas City, MO

MHIMA Annual Convention
St. Charles
Convention Center
April 28-30, 2010
St. Charles, MO
Registration Opening Soon!



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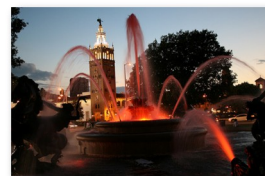
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