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President's Message

The AHIMA National Convention is fast approaching (September 25-30), and that means our delegates will be participating in the House of Delegates session on Sunday, September 25th.

This year there are two issues up for a House vote—a proposed name change for AHIMA, and the returning topic of AHIMA House Reapportionment.

1. AHIMA Name Change: Tennessee has proposed that the AHIMA name be changed to include the word “Informatics” in the association name, making it the American Health Informatics and Information Management Association (AHIIMA). Informatics has become a central part of our profession, and it seems logical that AHIMA would embrace this change. After all, AHIMA wasn’t always “AHIMA”!

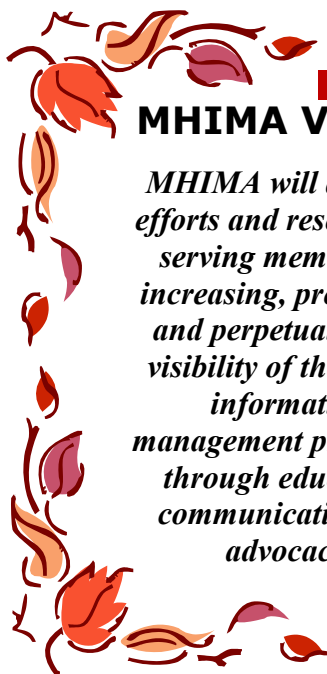
A bit of AHIMA name history.....

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| 1928 | Founded as the Association of Record Librarians of North America |
| 1938 | Changed name to American Association of Medical Record Librarians |
| 1970 | Changed name to American Medical Record Association |
| 1991 | Changed name to American Health Information Management Association |

In support of embracing change and leveraging the concept of “informatics” in our profession, the Missouri board has offered support of this name change, along with 17 other state associations.

2. House Reapportionment: Last year, the House voted to postpone the vote on reapportionment, pending further discussion. The reapportionment proposal would have increased delegates for 10 CSAs and decreased delegates for 31 CSAs. It would also have concentrated control in the 18 largest states, giving them, along with the AHIMA Board, 56% of the delegates. Later in the year, the proposal was brought up again, voted on, and defeated. A bylaws amendment needs a 2/3 majority to pass. This vote was 121 for (56.8%) and 92 against (43.2%).

The MHIMA Board always felt that the “thirds” model was the best model to suit the stated goals of reapportionment (size and effectiveness of the House). Under the thirds model, the CSAs are divided into 3 groups—small, medium, and large. Small CSAs get 2 delegates, medium get 3 delegates and large get 4 delegates. This would reduce the size of the house and reduce AHIMA’s expenses for the



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.

HOD meetings. It would keep the House from growing, which wasn't addressed appropriately by the previously defeated proposal. The New Jersey state association has proposed the "thirds" model for a vote during this year's House meeting, and MHIMA has offered our endorsement of this model.

Our October newsletter will include an update on the House of Delegates activities. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments about these issues, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@mohima.org.

In other news

.... our current President-elect, Julie Dooling, has announced her departure from the MHIMA Board. She has recently accepted a position at AHIMA as a Professional Practice Resources Manager, and she will be working on teams dealing with EHR and HIM Operations. This is a GREAT opportunity for Julie, but accepting the position meant she had to step down from her MHIMA role.

MHIMA bylaws state that when a vacancy occurs in the President-elect role, the President must appoint a Director to step into that position, and that the appointment should be approved by the entire Board of Directors. So, although I am extremely sad to see Julie go, I am happy to announce our new President-Elect, Barb Beckett! Julie will remain on the board through the national convention, and will serve as a Delegate one last time. In the meantime, Barb will begin her new duties as President-Elect.

In addition, Sharon Korzdorfer, who was the runner-up for Director during last year's election, will be stepping in as Interim Director to fill in for Barb's current role.

Congratulations to Julie on your new position, and congrats to Barb and Sharon! I look forward to working with both of you in your new roles with MHIMA!

Jen

August Shooting Star



The MHIMA Board has selected Lisa Kronsberg to receive the August 2010 Shooting Star award for "stepping up to the plate" and volunteering to be the new MHIMA Coding Roundtable Coordinator. Lisa brings her experience and enthusiasm to an initiative that promises to grow in importance as we enter a new era of coding classification with the implementation of ICD 10 in October 2013. Her background includes working the past 22 years for St. John's Mercy Medical Center. With recent structure changes, she is currently employed with the Sisters of Mercy Health System as the Coding Supervisor over St. John's Mercy Medical Center and St. John's Hospital in Washington. Lisa graduated from SLU with her RHIA and recently graduated from Stephens College with her MBA. CCS is another credential of hers and she is studying to take her CCS-P as well. Lisa has been an adjunct professor for Stephens College and is the past-president of EMHIMA.

Missouri Graduate Scholarship Winner Announced!



MHIMA is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2010 Graduate Scholarship, Jesse Wang, RHIA.

Jesse is pursuing her Master's in Health Informatics degree at Saint Louis University ([click here for program details](#)), and is slated to graduate this December. Jesse is currently an inpatient coder at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

MHIMA contributes annually to a graduate level scholarship through the AHIMA Foundation. Preference is given first to students attending Missouri CAHIIM accredited schools, and then is opened up to all graduate students if there are no in-state applicants.

This year, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee conducted a highly competitive review and selection process, and awarded 72 student scholarships totaling \$94,650. If you are a current Missouri graduate student, or if you know someone who is, please check out the AHIMA Foundation website for more information.

And once again, Congratulations to Jesse Wang!

Introducing The Student Corner

Welcome to the Student Corner!

MHIMA understands what it's like for someone just getting started in the Health Information career field. We've all been there and know that you have questions and so we hope the addition of The Student Corner will become a great resource for students. A place where you can post questions for other students or for MHIMA members to answer. Students are also encouraged to submit articles so they can share experiences with other students as well as MHIMA members.

Speaking of resources – some of the best can be accessed by joining [LinkedIn](#) where you can take advantage of group discussions from AHIMA, MHIMA, HIMSS, and Health Care Information Technology to name a few. Networking through participation is a valuable skill to develop. You can also connect to AHIMA management professionals on Facebook and Twitter. Other noteworthy resources are MHIMA's [Job Board](#), AHIMA's Student COP (Communities of Practice) group, and [Health Information Careers](#).

Please submit your questions, responses to student questions, and articles for The Student Corner to:
newsletter@mohima.org

EMHIMA Call for Board Nominations

Interested in nominating yourself or a colleague for the EMHIMA board? If so, please [click here](#) to complete the online nomination form or visit www.mohima.org/EMHIMA_News.htm.

The deadline for submission is **September 18, 2010**.

Registration for HIMSS Virtual Conference

Registration for the HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo on Nov. 3-4 is now open at <http://bit.ly/dbVINv>.

November's educational theme is Improving Health and Healthcare Through Meaningful Use of Health IT. The educational program, which was shaped from 90 proposals from across the globe, includes two educational tracks: Health Information Exchanges: Facilitating the Adoption of Health IT and Fundamentals of Achieving Meaningful Use: Real-World Approaches.

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Submit a video explaining how earning an AHIMA credential can help your career, and you could win a free exam!

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Bridging the Gap

There are many lessons to learn in the challenges of deploying EHR technology.

Whether you have all electronic systems, a hybrid or still mostly paper – the rules are all the same you just need to know how to deploy them systematically and that you are able to have continuous access to the medical record for efficient and safe patient care.

When the discussion of EHR technology is broached, all of the topics that include but are not limited to: cost reduction, patient safety, and increase in time, privacy concerns, liability, technology standards, meaningful use, and interoperability.

Many organizations have instituted a document imaging solution of some sort which is an excellent tool for document storage, retention and retrieval. However it does not solve resource constraints for hardware costs for scanners and/or human resources for staffing to ensure that each piece of the record is scanned at a high quality. It also does not allow for clinical data capture to allow for data trending without manual record review and abstraction.

One of the true efficiencies that EHR technology illustrates is legible documentation to be available electronically as soon as it's completed to a wide variety of users simultaneously. However this workflow is only as good as your processes and your foresight to know why and who needs this information.

For example, if you deploy CPOE (computer physician order entry) but not all medical staff utilizes the system and you still have physician orders on paper; how do you ensure that all orders are accounted for and acted upon, signed off timely and retained in a chronological sequence in the final permanent medical record?

If you deploy an electronic medical record for your Emergency Room and only have the nursing documentation and orders charted electronically; how do you ensure that the paper physician documentation and the nursing documentation marry up in the permanent medical record and are not contradictory?

These are just two scenarios that you could encounter and need to be able to work through with the clinical departments, the medical staff and the Health Information Management department.

There are several different methods in deploying EHR technologies and even if the organization does not utilize a singular software system for each service line (Inpatient, Outpatient, Emergency Room, etc) the main key is interoperability. It is imperative for all of the systems to not only work interchangeably but also work off of each other to organize workflow, communication plans and share data.

Regardless of the systems used, the methods to deploy them and the hardware chosen, no system will operate in a functional manner if it is not designed for easy use for the clinical staff. You will have staff that will want to revert back to paper because the initial documentation is easier. We all know that charting electronically is more time consuming and harder to change on the front end process, but allows for significant efficiencies and improvements once the documentation is electronic. The key is to illustrate how the systems benefit time saving processes for the management of clinical data for our patients to continue to improve patient safety and communication since the front end clinical productivity will increase.

In the end, health care professionals are all in agreement that we need to improve quality of patient care, increase efficiency of tracking of patients and their costs, improved documentation and audit capabilities to improve processes and avoid repeating expensive tests and more time spent with patients. As time progresses, the hope is that EHR technology can get us there!

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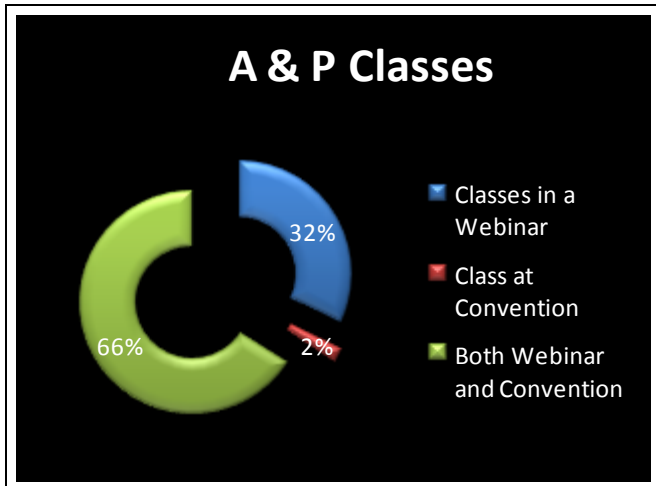
Have an experience you would like to share with others?

Whether you are new to the HIM field or a long time HIMMER, sharing your experiences can help others.

Send your articles to the Newsletter Committee at newsletter@mohima.org

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Hot Topics Survey Results



Last month's survey asked readers to help the Board develop an educational program in preparation for ICD 10. The survey asked readers for feedback on what type of A & P program they would like and how they would prefer to experience this program.

As the graphs shows 66% of respondents would like classes both in a webinar and at the annual convention, 32% would like classes in a webinar and 2% would like classes at the convention.

Thanks to all who participated in our survey!

September Hot Topics Survey

As the MHIMA Board continues to develop an educational plan for 2010-2011 we are asking for further input from members on the types of educational opportunities you would utilize.

I would like webinar/audio conferences to cover:

1. Coding
2. ICD 10
3. Legal/regulatory issues
4. Management tips/techniques
5. ARRA
6. CCA/CCS exam prep
7. Long Term Care/Physician Practice



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INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD A WEBINAR OR AUDIO CONFERENCE? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE COULD BE SHARED THROUGH A WEBINAR OR AUDIO CONFERENCE? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE CONTACT REGINA EVERETT AT
EDUCATION@MOHIMA.ORG
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KATHY_BYERLEY@SSMHC.COM

HI&T Week

Mark your calendars for **Health Information and Technology (HI&T) Week, November 7–13**, sponsored by AHIMA and the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA), with the support of Perceptive Software. This annual event is a showcase for the thousands of HIM professionals who perform their duties masterfully throughout the year.

Help spread our message of awareness and pride by participating in HI&T Week. [Get your free planning kit.](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

EMHIMA Meeting

When: Thu, September 23, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Sept 23

Where: Saint Louis University, Allied Health Building, Room 2031, 3437 Caroline Mall St. Louis, MO 63104-1111 ([map](#))

Description: To learn more visit www.mohima.org/EMHIMARegistration.asp

KCHIMA and Heart of America Chapter of AHDI Spring Symposium

When: October 16th, 2010 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in Room HSI-101 at Penn Valley Health Science Institute Center with a continental breakfast. Bring your own coffee.

Where: HSI Room 101 located at Penn Valley Health Science Center located between Pennsylvania and Broadway between 34th Terrace and 35th Street.

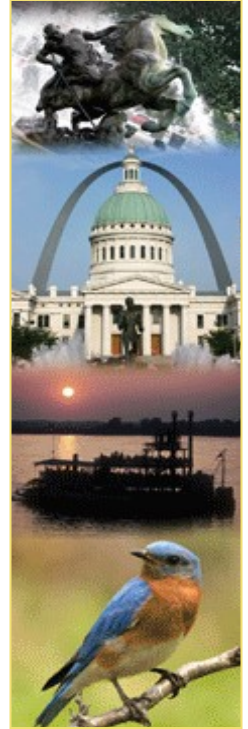
Oct 16

Parking: Parking garage and lot on west side of building can be used free of charge. CAUTION: do NOT park in Missouri Gas and Energy guest parking lot across from HSI entrance...they will have you towed! Visit <http://mcckc.edu/main.asp?P=PVCampusMap> for detailed directions to Penn Valley HSI.

Description: 4 speaking engagements for 4 CEUs., door prizes and lunch.

RSVP to KCHIMA at kansascityhima@gmail.com

RSVP and payment needs to be received by October 8th, 2010



Jeff's Wacky Holidays

Enjoy...

September 1 is Emma M. Nutt Day

September 2 is National Beheading Day

September 3 is Skyscraper Day

September 4 is Newspaper Carrier Day

September 5 is Be Late For Something Day

September 6 is Fight Procrastination Day

September 7 is Neither Rain Nor Snow Day

September 8 is National Date Nut Bread Day and Pardon Day

September 9 is Teddy Bear Day

September 10 is Swap Ideas Day

September 11 is No News Is Good News Day

September 12 is National Pet Memorial Day and National

September 13 is Defy Superstition Day

September 14 is National Cream-filled Donut Day



September 15 is Felt Hat Day



September 16 is Stay Away From Seattle Day and Collect Rocks Day

September 17 is National Apple Dumpling Day



September 18 is National Play-doh Day

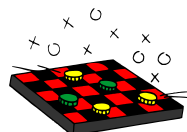
September 19 is National Butterscotch Pudding Day

September 20 is National Punch Day

September 21 is World Gratitude Day and International Banana Festival

September 22 is Hobbit Day and Dear Diary Day

September 23 is Checkers Day and Dogs In Politics Day



September 24 is Festival Of Latest Novelties

September 25 is National Comic

Book Day

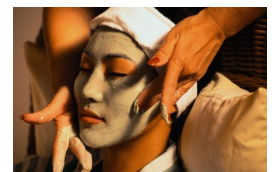
September 26 is National Good Neighbor Day and National Pancake Day

September 27 is Crush A Can Day

September 28 is Ask A Stupid Question Day

September 29 is Poisoned Blackberries Day

September 30 is National Mud Pack Day



MHIMA Annual Meeting Apr 27 - 29,
2011

Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO

More information coming soon!



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