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President's Message

Spring is finally here; my favorite time of the year! I planted my garden last evening (after watching the end of the Cardinals baseball game) and had my dinner on my patio while watching various birds gather around the birdfeeder. I saw my first Bluebird on Sunday. Even though the Bluebird is our State Bird, I have never seen one in the wild until now.

Winter Team Talks has come and gone. This year, we had an opportunity to meet with the new AHIMA CEO, Alan Dowling. I think he will be good for the Association; he appears to be very focused on serving our membership. The big topics at Team Talks were Delegate reapportionment, ICD-10 planning, and making sure that AHIMA is "at the table" and has input in determining the curriculum of the programs that will be funded by the federal government to assure that there are people trained to implement EHRs in the coming years. Delegate reapportionment is a complicated issue that the AHIMA House of Delegates is dealing with right now; I'll try to give a detailed analysis in next month's newsletter.

Our MHIMA Annual Meeting is less than 2 weeks away! I hope many of you are planning on joining us in St. Charles. Our Annual Meeting Committee has done a great job planning this and getting speakers to entertain and teach us. I'm really looking forward to this meeting and getting to see old friends and colleagues and having the opportunity to make new friends with those of you I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting.

The MHIMA election is over. The results:

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Nominating Committee

Angie Fergen, RHIA

Joann Scire, RHIA, CPC

Sharon Clayton, RHIA

Stephanie Kramer, RHIA

There were 217 votes cast this year, or 18% of membership, which is up 2% from last year. Thanks to those of you who voted, and a special thanks to those of you who agreed to run for office this year, whether you won or not. You help make our organization stronger by your willingness to serve!

Well, enjoy the rest of the newsletter. Hope to see you in St. Charles at the end of the month.

The 29th is National Shrimp Scampi Day, I wonder if we will have that at the Annual Meeting?



Jeff

March Shooting Star

The MHIMA Board would like to honor Sharon Korzdorfer, MPA, RHIT as the March Shooting Star.



Sharon started at Saint Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, in March 2001. Through the last nine years she has progressed from Clinical Data Specialist, to Manager of Clinical Information, to HIM Assistant Director, and then to HIM Director. In her current role as HIM Director at Saint Luke's Hospital she is responsible for the Saint Luke's Health System centralized RAC coordination, ROI, Clinical Forms, Coding and Coding Audits, as well as SLH Joint Commission oversight, Document Imaging, and Clinical Data Specialists.

Sharon has served 2 years on the KCHIMA Board, officiating as the 2010 President. She is a great leader and has been instrumental in continuing the redesign of the regional association, implementing many new improvements. Sharon holds a Bachelors Degree in Biology from the University of Missouri - Columbia, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, and in 2007 obtained her RHIT accreditation as well. If that is not enough to keep her busy, she also volunteers at The Kansas City Free Health Clinic.

Congratulations Sharon for adding to the brightness of Missouri HIM!

AHIMA Data Institute

Gain valuable skills through **AHIMA's Data Analyst Institute** where training will focus on complete hands-on analysis employed in a practical framework to help you learn the most effective methods for performing daily analyses and balancing the overall strategic vision within your organization.

As your organization collects and stores vast amounts of data, how will you effectively target and analyze data to address the various concerns in process improvement, quality measure report scores, and coding audit compliance? As a participant in the AHIMA Data Analyst Institute, you will have the opportunity to practice the newly acquired skills required to transform data into accurate and timely information as well as interact with a supportive group of peers to complete hands-on analysis.

AHIMA's Data Analyst Institute will be held on:

May 5-6, AHIMA National Office, Chicago, IL

September 30 - October 1, Gaylord Palms Convention Center, Orlando, FL

For detailed program information or to register visit [here](#) or call Customer Relations at (800)335-5535.

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DMH Announces Plans to Eliminate State-Operated Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Services

During the next two years, the Missouri Department of Mental Health will change its state-operated inpatient psychiatric system to reduce costs and improve long-term care for individuals with serious mental illness. In July, DMH will close the emergency department and a 12-bed intermediate forensic unit at St. Louis Metropolitan Psychiatric Center. Also in July, DMH will close the ED and three acute care units at Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center in Farmington.

For further details check out the link <http://www.mohima.org/hottopics.html>

New CoP Unveiled

The new Community of Practice platform opened on March 2 and we are already seeing more members participating. Approximately 386 members are visiting daily, an increase from the same period last year. And thanks to members, we are finding ways to make the new platform work better for you. Attached is a list of recent upgrades:



- The "Add a Topic" format and navigation have been improved
- Topic Filters are retaining their settings when you open a topic or view another page. When you close a topic you have viewed, you will return to the same place you were, prior to opening the topic.
- Several issues have been corrected while attempting to open a document, viewing the link to the document, and a 404 error. A new document uploader that includes a progress bar has been integrated. The new uploader can manage uploading larger documents much faster.
- The filters on the community and personal pages serve up content correctly.
- Increased field length for links to accommodate longer URLs.

Cosmetic improvements are underway to make topic list and topic details more user friendly.

To access the CoP go to www.ahima.org and click on **myAHIMA**. Enter your member number and password and click on Communities of Practice in myAHIMA.

Share the Benefits and Opportunities of AHIMA Membership

The healthcare industry is always growing, and with the dramatic changes taking place who knows what the future will bring? Committed to our vision of "quality healthcare through quality information," AHIMA remains our members' guidepost for career advancement, public policymaking, education, and more. Now, we're asking you to help us spread the word to your friends and colleagues!

As an AHIMA member, you've enjoyed a host of career-enhancing membership benefits. Wouldn't you like to share those benefits with your fellow professionals by bringing them on board as full members in the Association? They can [join online](#). We'll make convincing them even easier with this [e-mail template](#) outlining why joining AHIMA is a great idea. Download and send it to anyone (or everyone!) you know who might be a potential member. Convinced someone to join? Make sure they provide your name and e-mail address on the online membership application so you receive full credit for enlisting them. You'll earn a chance to win one of three prizes.

What's next? That's up to you! Take the above tools and start looking for new members. The stronger the Association gets, the better prepared we'll be to take on the future's challenges. For more information, [visit the site](#), or contact us by phone at (800) 335-5535, or by e-mail at info@ahima.org. We look forward to hearing from you!
<http://www.ahima.org/images/membership/ishare/MGM.swf>



» **First Prize: \$1,000** American Express Gift Card
 » **Second Prize: \$500** American Express Gift Card
 » **Third Prize: \$250** American Express Gift Card



AHIMA foundation Merit Scholarship Application

Deadline is April 30



If you began an application but have not yet completed it, you still have ample time to do so before the **April 30 deadline**. Visit the [AHIMA Foundation Web site scholarship page](#) to access the application form, requirements, document templates, FAQs, and other information.

In 2009 the AHIMA Foundation awarded \$86,500 to 64 qualified scholarship candidates. The Foundation is looking forward to awarding even more scholarships this year to many more qualified applicants. All undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in CAHIIM-accredited health information management programs are encouraged to apply for a merit scholarship. Graduate students who apply must be

credentialed AHIMA members enrolled in accredited programs, pursuing degrees in areas related to HIM practice. Applicants may qualify for a variety of awards, but only need to submit one application to be considered for all.

Note: Students must have completed at least six credit hours of program coursework before they are eligible to apply for a scholarship. In addition, they must have at least one full semester (six credit hours) of classes remaining in their program at the time the award is granted. This information will be verified through certified student transcript(s). If you have questions about the application process please contact [Janice Mackovitch](#) at (312) 233-1968.

Scholarship Program Announced for HIT Professionals

The Institute for Health Technology Transformation recently announced a \$60,000 scholarship fund for educational programs taking place in 2010.

Funds will be allocated to professionals currently working in the healthcare community with a focus on IT or outstanding candidates looking to transition to IT. The scholarship program is to provide IT staff and other healthcare professionals with the latest best practices and tools to successfully implement IT solutions and quality for meaningful use.

The scholarship will be made available to professionals working in hospitals and health systems, educational institutions, state and federal government employees, nonprofit organizations and physicians.

For more information, visit <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2010/02/prweb3613104.htm>

April is Privacy and Security Month

Privacy, security, and confidentiality continue to be a HIM professional core competencies. These issues remain in the industry spotlight as the new rules established by ARRA and additional legislative changes are implemented.

AHIMA is committed to providing our members with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to remain leaders of privacy and security management. The Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS) credential demonstrates the competencies and expertise in representing this vital area. By obtaining the CHPS credential individuals will demonstrate their commitment to advancing the management of privacy, security, and confidentiality practices.

Use discount code MX3190 and register in April to receive a 10 percent discount off the CHPS exam.

Click [here](#) to register for the exam or learn more about the [CHPS credential](#).



AHIMA Has Gone Green

AHIMA no longer prints and mails AHIMA membership cards and certificates. They may now be downloaded through [myAHIMA](#). You can access and print your membership card and certificate anytime from anywhere.

Please login to [myAHIMA](#) through [www.ahima.org](#). Once you have logged in, click on the "Print Membership Card/Certificate" icon and your personalized PDF membership card and certificate will download shortly.

If you have questions or issues please call AHIMA Customer Relations at (800) 335-5535 or email info@ahima.org.



Hot Topics Survey

It seems as though everyone is now "going green" and as the article above shows, AHIMA is now going green too. So, this month's survey asks if your organization has taken steps to be green such as having can and bottle trash receptacles available.

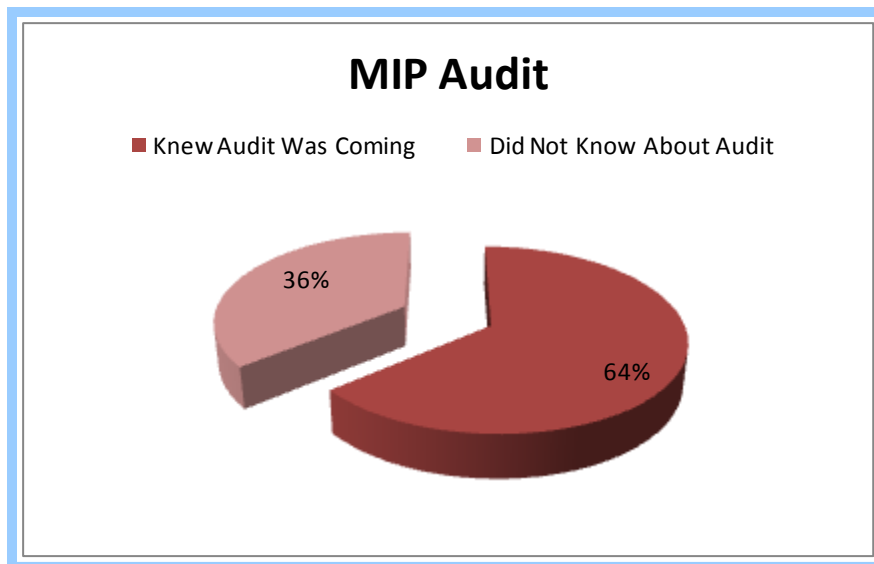
- Yes, my organization has implemented "green" initiatives.
- No, my organization has not implemented "green" initiatives.



[Click here to vote](#)

To read more on how you can be "green" [click here](#) to visit the EPA's monthly newsletter's website.

Hot Topics Survey Results



Thanks to everyone who participated in the March survey! Last month's survey asked readers if they were aware of the Medicaid Integrity Program audits.

As the graph shows 64% of respondents knew this audit was coming and 36% did not know about this audit.

We hope you enjoy our surveys!

This month's survey results will be reported in the May newsletter.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| April 17 | KCHIMA Meeting
RSVP to KCHIMA at kansascityhima@gmail.com and then send your check if you are a nonmember or member still needing to pay made payable to: KCHIMA and mail to:

Trudi Taylor, RHIA
5818 N. Euclid Ave.
Gladstone, MO 64118 | What: KCHIMA and Heart of America Chapter of AHDI Spring Symposium

When: April 17 th , 2010 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in Wahl Hall at KU Medical Center with a continental breakfast. Bring your own coffee.

Where: Wahl Hall East Auditorium at KU Medical Center |
| April 28-30 | MHIMA Annual Meeting | When:
Apr 28 – 30, 2010
Where:
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO (map)
Description: www.mohima.org/annualmeeting.html |
| June 4 | PEHIMA | Time and Location to be Determined |

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

Mark Your Calendars Now!

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

When: Sep 16 – 17 2010

Where: Holiday Inn Kansas City Southeast, 9103 E 39th St., Kansas City, MO

Description: The Kansas and Missouri HIMA's will join forces this year for the 2010 Fall Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Kansas City Southeast (previously known as Sheraton Kansas City - by Sports Complex) on September 16-17, 2010. To make hotel reservations, call 816-737-0200. More information will be coming soon.



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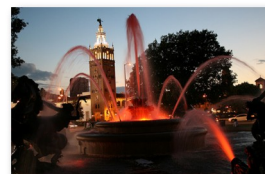
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