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MHIMA *an affiliate of AHIMA-American Health Information Management Association*



President's Message

Hi, everyone, I'm back!!!

Since Jen is out on maternity leave, I get to make a guest appearance this month for the President's Message. Speaking of Jen, she brought Laina Mae Melvin into the world at 3:07 a.m. on 2/16. I don't think she'll mind me stealing a picture from her Facebook page to post here so you all can see her beautiful baby.



If anyone wants to send her congratulations or well wishes, you can e-mail her at president@mohima.org. I'm sure she'll be happy to hear from you.

While I'm talking about personal stuff, I'm about to become an "empty nester" again. My daughter, who moved away to go to college, then moved back with me when she transferred to the University of Central Missouri got engaged on Valentine's Day, so she'll be moving out sometime this summer after the wedding. It's a little bittersweet for me; I'm happy for her, but I'll miss having her smiling face and cheerful attitude around the house. I guess I'll have to get a smaller coffee pot.

I hope you all have been dropping by the MHIMA Facebook page to catch my musings and opinions that I've been posting. I haven't posted since December, but will be starting back shortly. I've been caught up in a HIS system upgrade, trying to meet "meaningful use." How's that going for everyone else?

I'm sure you all got the e-blasts about nominations for the next board election. We should have the ballot together shortly; make sure you vote. The Nominating Committee is diligently working to present us with a ballot of dedicated, committed HIMers to continue the business of your organization.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in April in

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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.



Branson. One member has started a thread on the MHIMA facebook page looking to share expenses; if anyone is interested, get out there and get hooked up with your fellow members and join us. It should be a good time and who knows, you may learn something! ;-)

Also, this month we are asking members help with planning educational opportunities. MHIMA is dedicated and diligently searching for ways to provide education to our members. Many have asked for webinars, audio conferences, etc. and yet when we have worked hard to develop a session, there are very few who sign up for them. Help us to move forward in planning educational opportunities for you in the best way possible by responding to the survey on page 6. The Board will soon be preparing next year's educational plan and needs your input to ensure we are meeting our member's needs.

Well, have a good month. It's a good time of the year, weather is improving, spring training is starting, and the Cardinals will be playing again soon. Make sure you celebrate International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day on February 23 (I hear that the peanut butter ones are good!) or if that's not your cup of tea, celebrate Multiple Personalities Day on March 5 or the Festival of Extraterrestrial Abductions on March 20.



Jen may be back next month, if not, I'll see you then.

Jeff

Update on the Upcoming Annual Meeting



Kelly McLendon, RHIA will be a guest speaker this year at the annual meeting. McLendon is involved in numerous companies; he is the president and founder of *Health Information Xperts (HIX)* as well as the president and founder for *Information Evolution Management* as well as the V.P., Clinical HIM Strategies for *Eclipsys Corporation*, just to name a few. In 2010 McLendon was the leader of ARRA

Meaningful Use office comment response team as well as a recognized lead in privacy and meaningful use by AHIMA. With his impressive skill set and extensive knowledge of health information, McLendon is a speaker you will not want to miss!

After the presentations on Friday you will want to head over to Silver Dollar City to attend "World Fest". World Fest includes international performers from around the world for a large celebration. World Fest runs April 7th – May 8th, it is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures. You can taste food from all over the world such as, Irish Stew, Carnitas, and Mousaka. You can also register to participate in the Culinary & Craft School to learn culinary secrets of traditional home cooking, as well as tour a large presentation of handcrafted functional and decorative items made by the craftsman at Silver Dollar City. For more information check out Silver Dollar City's website: <http://festivals.bransonsilverdollarcity.com/>.

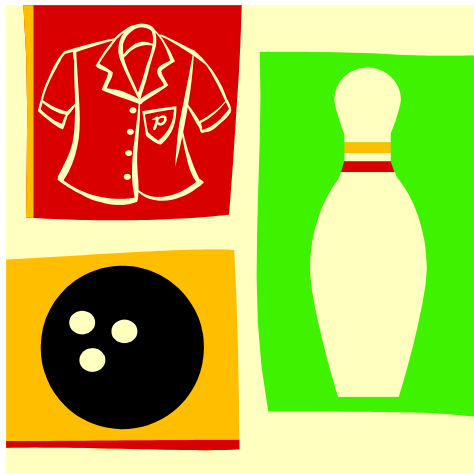
Registration is now open! Register now

Click on the link:

<http://mohima.org/>



Join the Bowling Tournament at the Annual Meeting!



Grab your bowling shoes!

After the sessions on Thursday, April 28th, there is going to be a Wii tournament sponsored by DML Consulting Inc. Don't worry if you haven't bowled on the Wii before, there will be practice sessions Thursday throughout the day for you to perfect your skills! We will be bowling in teams of two, so find your bowling partner, pick a team name and sign up!

Long Term Care Summit at the Annual Meeting

Life in the Long Term Care (LTC) arena is busier than ever! MDS 3.0 took effect last October, the Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) are targeting LTC, regulations are changing, Electronic Health Records are being implemented and ICD-10 will be here before we know it! It may seem impossible to stay on top of all the changes. MOHIMA's LTC Summit will offer clarity for all of these changes as well as the opportunity to network with peers who are going through the same challenges. With speakers including a nursing home administrator, a certified ICD-10 trainer and a LTC consulting expert – you do not want to miss out! Join us on Wednesday, April 27th in Branson, MO. For further information or to register - <http://mohima.org/annualmeetingLTCFlyer.htm>.



January Shooting Star

Kay Folck, RHIA faculty member at Metropolitan Community College - Penn Valley in Kansas City recently earned a joint CPHIT-CPEHR certification, validating her extensive experience in eHIM and bringing enhanced recognition to the program. Kay is currently a HIT Instructor at Metropolitan Community College and has been since 2005. Previously, Kay has held positions of HIM Director, Office Manager for a Family Practice Clinic, Marketing Director for Cerner and a legal assistant.

Kay received her Bachelors of Science in Medical Record Administration from Texas Woman's University in Dallas, Texas and also completed post graduate work in business, finance, pre-law and healthcare administration. As you can see she values education and continues to do so by not only teaching at Penn Valley but mentoring students and encouraging them to engage this new world of Health Information Technology.

Kay is involved in many facets throughout the profession that include:
Texas HIMA President 1990-1991, Vice-President, Secretary, Journal Publisher and active member AHIMA - Member of the Definition of Legal Health Record Task Force; Member - FORE Research Committee, Missouri HIMA - EHR Task Force; ICD-10 Task Force member; Professional Development sub-committee chair, KCHIMA - active member and volunteer.

Thanks Kay!



Report CEs at the Updated AHIMA CE Center

Report your CEUs online at the newly updated, CEU Center. Visit www.ahima.org and log in to MyAHIMA. Select "CEU Center," then choose CEU Reporting Center to report your CEUs. If you haven't earned all your CEUs yet, AHIMA has an extensive array of CEU qualifying activities to choose from. For more information on e-learning programs, webinars, audio seminars, and e-assessments, please visit www.ahima.org.

You must report your CEUs by **March 31, 2011**, to remain active. For more information on your recertification requirements please see the [Recertification Guide](#). For other recertification questions please call AHIMA Customer Relations at (800) 335-5535, or [submit a customer support request](#) to AHIMA and they will assist you.

Student Corner

Attention: Current HIM Students and Program Chairs

MHIMA Scholarship Applications Deadline March 1, 2011

The MHIMA Board has developed a scholarship to aid HIM students in AHIMA accredited programs in the state of Missouri. Visit www.mohima.org/scholarshipforms.html for more information.

Check out the MHIMA Job Board

Current Postings:

Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics
Coding and Reimbursement Specialist-Expires 2/21/11

Sisters of Mercy Health System
Supervisor-Coding-Expires 2/24/11

G2N, Inc.
Coding Coordinator-Expires 2/26/11

Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center
HIM Manager-Expires 2/27/11

Clinical Coding Solutions, Inc.
Assistant Client Relationship Manager-Expires 3/4/11

Clinical Coding Solutions
Client Relationship Manager Assistant-Expires 3/6/11

Click on the Link for more information on the MHIMA Job Board:

<http://www.mohima.org/JobBoard.html>

Don't Miss the Student Forum at the Annual Meeting!

Multiple Topics

- * Professional etiquette
- * Interviewing skills
- * HIM professionals discussing the job progression
- * Getting involved in the HIM profession

For more information click on the link:

<http://mohima.org/AnnualMeetingAgenda.htm>

Students email your questions, comments or articles to the

MHIMA e-Alert to:

newsletter@mohima.org



It's Award Season

MHIMA has its own "People's Choice" Awards and you can participate! 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 the 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. MHIMA will be handing out their awards at the MHIMA Annual Meeting April 27-29, 2011 at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, MO. For more information [click here](#).

Distinguished Service Award

This is MHIMA's highest honor. It is awarded to an individual whose record of contributions to the HIM field over many years is truly exceptional.

Rising Star

This award honors a gifted new professional (practicing in the HIM field for less than 3 years) who embodies great hope as we look to the future of the HIM profession.

Outstanding HIM Educator

This award honors those who demonstrate excellence in preparing the next generation of professionals for their HIM careers.

Outstanding HIM Student

This award recognizes the best of the new talent being trained in our 6 HIT/HIA programs in the state.

Outstanding MHIMA Booster

This award recognizes a vendor that has shown continued support of MHIMA and the HIM profession.

Outstanding MHIMA Volunteer

This award recognizes an individual that has devoted extraordinary time to the HIM profession through volunteering at the state and local levels in Missouri.

**Do You Have a nominee? DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: March 1st 2011
To access the nomination form and more information click on the link:**

www.mohima.org/MHIMAAwards.html



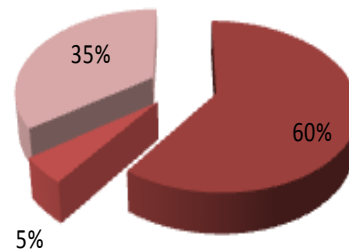
Hot Topics Survey Results

Last month's survey revolved around the AHIMA Meaningful Use Vocabulary Toolkit. January's survey asks if readers will take advantage of this new tool. As the chart shows, 60% of respondents said they would use the toolkit, 5% said they would not be using the toolkit and 35% were unsure if they would use the toolkit but they would use AHIMA as a reference.

Gain knowledge of vocabularies required for stage 1 of meaningful use by using the meaningful use vocabulary toolkit. A subgroup of the Clinical Terminology and Classification Practice

AHIMA Meaningful Use Vocabulary Toolkit

- Yes, I will definitely take advantage of the toolkit
- No, I won't be using the toolkit
- I don't know if I will use the toolkit but I will use the AHIMA page as a reference for Clinical Terminologies and Vocabularies.



Council developed this toolkit in an effort to help healthcare professionals better understand the vocabulary requirements related to meaningful use. The toolkit includes resources such as an overview of the vocabulary standards, implementation issues, a sample job description, and a listing of resources. The toolkit is located on the AHIMA Web site, in the Body of Knowledge (BoK), and as a link in a number of CoP communities including [Clinical Terminology and Vocabulary](#)

January Hot Topics Survey

The MHIMA Board will soon be preparing an educational program for 2012. In an effort to provide members with educational opportunities that both meet your needs as well as education you will participate in, this survey asks the following questions:

- I am not interested/do not need educational opportunities from MHIMA.

Webinars:

- I am not interested in webinars.
- I am not interested in the topics that were offered this year (if so, please submit topic choices to education@mohima.org or newsletter@mohima.org)
- The cost of webinars is not in my budget at this time.
- Webinars are not held at a time when I can participate.

Audio Seminars:

- I am not interested in audio seminars.
- I am not interested in the topics offered this year.
- The cost is prohibitive.
- I prefer educational experiences in an "in person" meeting format.
- I get my educational experiences through my regional organization.

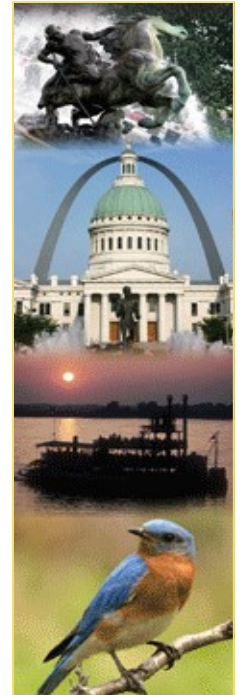
If you want to make suggestions to MHIMA on what types of educational opportunities you would like, please submit them to: education@mohima.org or newsletter@mohima.org

[Click here to vote](#)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February	<p>Untangling Renal Disease Coding (12:00-1:00 CST) When: Wed, February 23, 12pm – 1pm Where: Webinar Description: To learn more click here</p>
March	<p>Using PCS in the Real World (12:00-1:00 CST) When: Wed, March 9, 12pm – 1pm Where: Webinar (map) Description: To learn more click here.</p> <p>KCHIMA Meeting When: Tue, March 15, 5:30pm – 6:30pm Where: Saint Luke's Hospital on the Plaza (map) Description: Meeting content will be presented by Patricia Elliott, M.Ed., RHIT, Health Information Technology Program Director, Concorde Career Colleges regarding AHIMA House of Delegate Higher Education and Workforce Taskforce. For continuing updates, follow us at www.KCHIMA.org</p>
April	<p>EMHIMA Spring Fling When: Sat, March 19, 8am – 3pm Where: St. Luke's Hospital, Chesterfield (map) Description: More information coming soon!</p> <p>Annual Meeting When: Apr 27 – 29 2011 Where: Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO (map) Description: To learn more visit www.mohima.org/annualmeeting.html</p>



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on all the
latest MHIMA
events!
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the
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Miss a live Webinar? Recorded Sessions are available.

**JAThomas & Associates - ICD-10-CM & ICD-10-PCS:
"Revenue Cycle Readiness and Implementation Strategies"**
Recorded live on January 20, 2011

Business- It's all about Cash Flow, It's all about Performance
Recorded live on January 26, 2011

Click on the link for more information.

<http://mohima.org/audioconferences.html>



Jeff's Wacky Holidays



February 21 is Card Reading Day

February 22 is Be Humble Day

February 23 is International Dog Biscuit Appreciation

Day



February 24 is National Tortilla Chip Day

February 25 is Pistol Patent Day (Samuel Colt)

February 26 is National Pistachio Day



February 27 is International Polar Bear Day



February 28 is Public Sleeping Day



March 1 is National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lover's Day



March 2 is Old Stuff Day

March 3 is I Want You To Be Happy Day, Peach Blossom Day and National Anthem Day



March 4 is Holy Experiment Day

March 5 is Multiple Personalities Day

March 6 is National Frozen Food Day



March 7 is National Crown Roast Of Pork Day

March 8 is Be Nasty Day



March 9 is Panic Day

March 10 is Festival Of Life In The Cracks Day



March 11 is Johnny Appleseed Day & Worship of Tools Day



March 12 is Alfred Hitchcock Day

March 14 is National Potato Chip Day



March 15 is Buzzard's Day & Everything You Think Is Wrong Day

March 16 is Everything You Do Is Right Day

March 17 is Submarine Day



March 18 is Supreme Sacrifice Day



March 19 is Poultry Day

March 20 is Proposal Day & Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day



March 21 is Fragrance Day

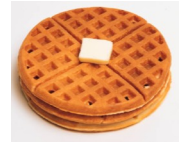
March 22 is National Goof-off Day



March 23 is National Organize Your Home Office Day and National Chip and Dip Day

March 24 is National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day

March 25 is Pecan Day and Waffle Day



March 26 is Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and Spinach Festival Day

March 27 is National "Joe" Day



March 28 is Something On A Stick Day

March 29 is Festival Of Smoke and Mirrors Day



March 30 is I Am In Control Day

March 31 is Bunsen Burner Day and National Clams On The Half Shell Day



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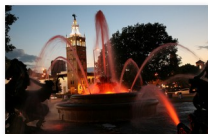
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