

MHIMA

Missouri Health Information
Management Association

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President's Message

Happy Holidays to everyone. It is that time of year again for us to get ready for the Holidays and the upcoming New Year. As far as New Year's resolutions, I will continue to make mine that I continue to grow professionally. I hope that many of you will do the same. It takes every MHIMA member to ensure that we continue to prosper. Please make it your resolution to volunteer in your professional organization either at the Regional, State or National level. There are always needs for volunteers. It offers so many opportunities and it is very rewarding.

The MHIMA Board of Directors have been busy over the past few months. Here are some projects that we have been working on and will continue to be working on:

- Webpage was redesigned and available in October 2006.
- Exhibitor/Speaker at the MHA Convention in November 2006.
- Working with ILHIMA to finalize Joint Annual Meeting in April 2007.
- Working with KHIMA to hold a Workshop in June 2007 in the KC area.
- Working with ARMA to hold a Workshop in June 2007 in the St. Louis area.
- Working on a Marketing Plan/Public Relations Plan for MHIMA.
- Finalizing the MHIMA 2007 Budget.
- Beginning the Nomination Process for MHIMA Board of Directors 2007-2008.

As you can see, we have been busy. We are making great strides in working with others to promote our profession. It is important for our profession to work together with other organizations to get the message out of what we do and offer with our skills.

Annual Meeting Update

Mark your calendars! Come celebrate as Missouri HIMA will be celebrating its 55th Annual Meeting in 2007.

The ILHIMA/MHIMA 2007 Joint Annual Meeting Conference will be held on April 18-20, 2007 in

St. Charles, Missouri at the St. Charles Convention Center/Embassy Suites.

[More Annual Meeting Information](#)

Call for Nominations for the 2007-2008 Board and Nominating Committee Members

As I mentioned volunteering is very rewarding. With that said it is time for our Call for Nominations for the 2007-2008 MHIMA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee Members.

We have the following positions that will be open beginning in July 2007: Nominating Committee Member (4), Director (2), Delegate (1) and President Elect (1).

Nominations are closed after December 20, 2006.

[Online Nomination Form](#)

Electronic Ballot in 2007

Voting for the 2007 Ballot will be done electronically this year via our webpage. Look for more information about this in the future.

Again thank you all for making the Missouri Health Information Management Association a great association to be apart of and I look forward to working for you in the year ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Clark Chaffin, RHIA, CCS

President

MHA Convention Update

The MHIMA Board of Directors exhibited this year at the Missouri Hospital Association Annual Meeting in November 2006 at Osage Beach, Missouri. Many of the Board of Directors participated in vending and providing handouts and discussions with the attendees of the conference. It is a great place for our Association to provide exposure to the C-level professionals throughout the state of Missouri. Each year we also provide a Speaker on a particular topic. This year our speaker was Keith Olenik, MA, RHIA, CHP and his topic was Electronic Legal Health Record. It was a good presentation and there was good dialogue on this discussion. Keith Olenik will be speaking on this topic in much more detail at the 2007 ILHIMA/MHIMA Joint Annual Meeting as well. You will not want to miss this opportunity.

We also held our face-to-face Board meeting to conduct our Business meeting in conjunction with this meeting. We had great representation at this meeting including two Regional President/President Elects to help our Board continue to work through our Strategic Plan for 2006-2007.



Highlights from Denver

Jeff McGraw, RHIT Delegate

The 78th AHIMA Convention and Exhibit took place in Denver, Colorado from October 7-12 of this year. On Sunday, October 8, the House of Delegates met. Among the issues resolved by the HOD were the CHP and CHS credential and inclusive membership. The HOD voted to combine the CHP (Certified in Healthcare Privacy) and the CHS (Certified in Healthcare Security) into the CHPS (Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security) credential. AHIMA will continue to provide CE maintenance for all three credentials, but in the future will only administer the CHPS exam.

The HOD also voted to require that the AHIMA President, President-elect, and Past President all hold an AHIMA credential. After that vote, the inclusive membership proposal was passed by a vote of 143 to 70. The inclusive membership proposal removes the requirement that active members hold an AHIMA credential and eliminates “associate” membership. This was by far the most controversial topic tackled by this year’s House of Delegates.

On Monday, the general sessions began, along with the Exhibition Hall opening. One of the opening speakers was Dr. David Brailer, who served as national coordinator for health information technology in the Department of Health and Human Services from 2004 to 2006. Dr. Brailer urged us to “Do what you are doing larger, louder, and faster,” and also told us that “I can’t think of another group more well poised to deal with the issues” of health information technology.

After 2 ½ days of educational sessions, visiting with vendors, attending the many vendor receptions and dinners, and the President’s Celebration, the tired, but well educated (and well-fed!) attendees got to close the convention by listening to legendary football coach Lou Holtz give an entertaining and informative talk on overcoming adversity.

In spite of the weather, which included some rain mixed with snow flurries and chilly temperatures, it was a very good and very successful convention. Those of you who can, try to join us in Philadelphia next year on October 6-11.



Upcoming Vote on AHIMA House of Delegate Proposed Amendments

The House of Delegates will have an electronic vote this December on two proposed bylaws amendments. These two bylaw amendments (motions) were presented by the Delegate Workgroup.

The 1st motion is basically a “technical”/verbiage change pertaining to “Sections and Societies” currently in the bylaws. The Delegate Workgroup has made the motion to eliminate this article from our by-laws. “Sections and Societies” are no longer used as a form of communication from AHIMA since 2001 when the Communities of Practice (CoP) was launched.

The 2nd motion, again requested by the Delegate Workgroup, is a request to strike the parliamentary authority of using “Roberts’ Rules of Order” for all AHIMA related committees, task force teams, practice councils, etc and only use Roberts’ Rules of Order in the Standing Rules for the House of Delegates (HOD). Basically this means for any group, other than HOD, a less formal decision-making process may be used. Several other options have been listed in the Parliamentary Authority August 2006 FAQ document on the State Leaders and HOD CoP.

The Delegates have a discussion period between November 16th and November 30th.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of your Delegates listed below:

Clark Chaffin, President and Lead Delegate

Julie Wolter, President-elect and Delegate

Stacie Durkin, Delegate

Michelle Kornfeld, Delegate

Jeff McGraw, Delegate

[Contact the MHIMA Delegates](#)



The ILHIMA/MHIMA Annual Meeting Planning Committee

invites you to attend the collaborative annual meeting at the St. Charles convention center in St. Charles, MO

April 18-20, 2007

Wednesday, April 18, kick off the meeting by attending mini-sessions (sponsored by MHIMA)

Topics include: Coding (Inpatient and Outpatient); Electronic Legal Health Record; Critical Access Hospitals; Behavioral Health Coding and Billing; Student Forum; Privacy (extra charge applies to these sessions)

Thursday and Friday, April 19 – 20, participate in sessions with dynamic keynote speakers presenting the latest in technology and management topics such as: RHIO's, Refined DRG's, Present on Admission, Clinical Documentation Improvement, and much more.

- See the most recent HIM services by visiting over 80 participating vendors
- Relax and network by attending the Presidents' Reception on Wednesday as well as the Vendor party on Thursday
- Participate in the Business luncheons on Friday If you are unable to attend, consider participating in a Webinar on Thursday, April 19.

For more information about the meeting visit www.ilhima.org or www.mohima.org.

[More Annual Meeting Information](#)



Personal Health Record

Your personal health information is a valuable resource to you, your family, and the doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals

who provide your treatment and care. But did you know that, in most cases, a complete record of all of your personal health information cannot be found in any single location or consistent format? The various elements of any one person's health information are likely scattered across several healthcare providers, possibly in different cities, states, or even countries and are kept in various combinations of paper-based and electronic record-keeping formats.

Each one of your healthcare providers (family practitioner, allergist, OB-GYN, etc.) compiles a separate medical record on you. These multiple medical records can lead to an incomplete story about your health.

Keeping your own PHR allows you to provide doctors with valuable information that can help improve the quality of care you receive. A PHR can help reduce or eliminate duplicate tests and allow you to receive faster, safer treatment and care in an emergency. And the PHR empowers you, the patient. Overall, it gives you more intimate knowledge of your health information allowing you to play a more active role in your preventive care and care management. AHIMA has created a free public web site, www.myphr.com, where you can find a wide range of helpful information and resources including:

1. Information regarding your health information rights

- * Privacy rights and common privacy myths
- * How to access your records
- * Information for caregivers

2. Step-by-step guide for creating a PHR

- * A searchable database of PHR products and services
- * Free downloadable health record forms to get you started
- * A guided tour to help you learn more about how your health information is collected, where it goes, and how it's used.
- * An online form to request a local health information management professional to come out and deliver a free public education seminar to your group or organization.

MHIMA is offering a free community-based presentation delivered to your department, organization or any group you are associated with, that provides valuable information to help you better manage your personal health information. Topics include how to access your medical records, your privacy rights, and starting a personal health record (PHR). Audience members are given an opportunity to ask questions along the way and free informational packets are provided to each participant.

To schedule a presentation to your group or organization or for more information, please contact:

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Community Education Coordinator

Missouri Health Information Management Association

(314) 977-8704

PHR@mohima.org

[Schedule a presentation online!](#)



MHIMA Website

Visit the Calendar of Events for dates for regional meetings.

Also, be sure to stop by the Job Board!

[Check it out!](#)



2007 Long Term Care Spring Meeting

April 19-20, 2007

St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

[Learn More](#)

Are You An Active Member?

Contributed by Laird Van Gorder, ATM-G

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about. And we'll appreciate it if you, too, will come and help us out.

So come to meetings often and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member but take an active part.

Think it over, member, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong?

- Author Unknown



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