



President's Message

Dear MHIMA Membership,

I want to provide an update on the recent House of Delegate (HOD) vote from early October. As you may know, an important bylaw amendment was presented to the HOD by the AHIMA's Board of Directors (BOD) which included removing the associate membership category in other words having an "inclusive membership". All 5 (five) Missouri Delegates voted against this proposed bylaw change. We heard from several of the MHIMA membership who were opposed of the inclusive membership, we supported our membership in this decision. MHIMA's BOD will continue to support our membership and continue to support the mission of AHIMA.

With the Amendment being passed we will be making Bylaw changes at the state level within the next year to adhere to these changes. As this was a controversial decision with much heated debate by all, the AHIMA President has developed a Special Task Force, in which I have been asked to serve, in order to solicit advice on how to effectively communicate, market and develop key messages for target audiences such as potential new members, current members and former members. I believe being on this task force will help MHIMA and AHIMA members become more fully informed with potential bylaw changes, strategic initiatives, etc.

We might not always agree on everything from the State to the National Level, however we have one common goal. We must continue to grow and succeed as a Profession.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Delegates. Visit www.mohima.org for more information.

Thank you.

Clark Chaffin, RHIA, CCS

President

Missouri Health Information Management Association

[Read AHIMA's Inclusive Membership Update](#)



Call for Board Nominations

The MHIMA Nominating Project Team is now taking nominations for the following Officers to serve on the Board of Directors and also for Nominating Committee Members: President-Elect, Delegate, Director (2), and Nominating Committee (4).

Any organization is only as strong as the members who choose to be an active participant. Your nominations are VERY important to the continued growth of MHIMA. Please consider self-nominating if you would like to become an officer of YOUR professional organization.

[Nominate Someone Today!](#)



MHIMA Website

Have you visited the new website?

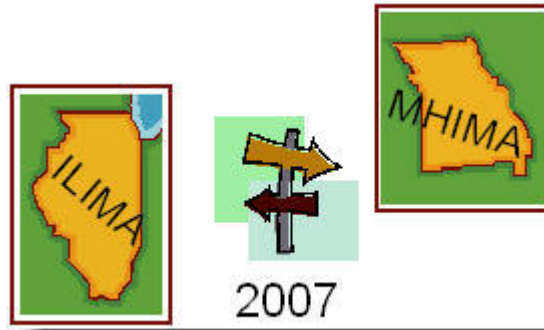
[Check it out!](#)

2007 ILHIMA/MHIMA Annual Meeting

"Two States, One Path, One Vision"

April 18-20, 2007

St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO



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2007 Long Term Care Spring Meeting

April 19-20, 2007

St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

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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