

April 2017

President's Message

Last month was a whirlwind and crazy busy. The board was gearing up for the 2017 NHIMA convention as well as hiring a part-time replacement for the NHIMA Central Office Coordinator position. We managed to pull both off by multitasking. Isn't that what we HIM professionals do? The conference was a success thanks to the conference committee, Jen Anderson the board liaison, and a number of helping hands along the way. Thank you to all of you who helped as well as attended the convention this year. For some of us, it is the only opportunity that we have to network and simply chat. I cannot wait until next year to see all of you again.

At the convention every year, we give out the Distinguished Member Award. The recipient of this for 2017 was Kimbra Johnson. Congratulations Kimbra for earning this honor. Kimbra has been instrumental in making sure not only that the Central Office runs smoothly for our association but she is also an asset to the board by training each President as they fulfill their term in office. We will be transitioning the new Central Office Coordinator in the next two months. Kimbra has graciously volunteered and accepted the position of archivist for NHIMA for now. She will be consolidating old archive records and converting documents into a technology format for storage.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each person who willingly put their names on the ballot this year. If you were not elected to a position this year, please do not feel disappointed and please consider running again next year. Please consider joining a committee. Most of the committees do not require travel; only telephone conference calls throughout the year. It is a really good way to meet other members and build networking relationships.

I will sign off for this month with a hearty "Thank You and Happy Easter."

Dawn Goodsell, RHA President NHIMA 2016-2017

NHIMA Election Results

Congratulations to newly elected members:

- Rachel Berry – President-Elect
 - Jean Scharfenkamp – Treasurer
 - Jessica Fiorelli – Director
 - McKenzie Roeder – Nominating Committee Chair
 - Jen Anderson – Nominating Committee
 - Carrie Sunderman – Nominating Committee
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AHIMA Triumph Awards

Since their inception in 1994, the AHIMA Triumph Awards have honored and recognized the excellence, dedication and service of those professionals or groups whose steadfast efforts have enriched the HIM profession. Each year, AHIMA members nominate those that have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, volunteerism and talent. As part of a long and cherished tradition, the AHIMA Triumph Awards continue to be the highest recognition of excellence, dedication and service, and are presented annually at the AHIMA Convention & Exhibit.

To find out more about the AHIMA Triumph Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.ahima.org/about/recognition?tabid=triumph>. Deadline for nominations is June 1, 2017.

Award Categories:

- Distinguished Member Award
 - Advocacy and Public Policy Award
 - Community Outreach Award
 - Educator Award
 - Emerging Leader Award
 - Innovation Award
 - Leadership Award
 - Literary legacy Award
 - Mentor Award
 - Research Award
 - Rising Star Award
 - Student Award
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Taking the Sting Out of Injection and Infusion Coding Webinar

The Coding Roundtable Committee has recorded a presentation- Take the Sting Out of Injection and Infusion Coding. To purchase the webinar, please go to <http://www.associationconnex.com/nhima-taking-sting-out/>. This webinar is less than 1 hour, 0.5 CEU and the cost is \$20.

2017 NHIMA Convention - "HIM: A Buried Treasure"

The 2017 NHIMA Conference started off with a Dynamic Speaker, Jonathan Fanning. He challenged us to "Be Brave & Daring" and I think we did just that this year with the 2017 conference. We moved all our coding education to Friday to allow for more people to gain knowledge of coding without being at the conference for 3 days. I think it paid off as we had over 140 people on Friday at our 2017 conference.

The conference also showcased how the NHIMA Board and other committees were "brave". We had a very limited conference committee this year and I was so impressed how so many people stepped up and helped make the conference a success. It really showcased that there is no "I" in TEAM. I would personally like to just say thank you again to all of you.

The conference 'dared' us to develop our management skills, review our technology and ensure we are protecting our patient PHI, and finally inspired us to hear how our AHIMA organization is leading the way. Lastly congratulation to all our members for their achievement of participation and I look forward to seeing new faces volunteering in NHIMA.



Left: Annual business meeting presentation by Dawn Goodsell, NHIMA President
Top: Current board members - Dawn Goodsell, Jen Anderson, Tina Mazuch, Courtney Burbach, Carla Dirkschneider and Brenda Machmueller
Right: Convention committee members - Jen Anderson and Connie Henderson



Mentor program

Are you interested in helping others and sharing your knowledge with the next generation of HIM leaders? We are looking to see if we can get a state centered mentor program going. Your mentee would be primarily student or new member residing in the state of Nebraska.

Many mentee's are looking for guidance about everything from landing their first jobs to next steps for advancing their careers. As a mentor, you will be there to offer industry and career advice, and sometimes just to listen. We would like to see how much time you have and method of communication you prefer. If interested, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DS9CDK>

Drop the Mic

Or clicker, whatever you have on hand. Oh dear what a moment we had Wednesday at convention! If you weren't able to attend the session "Deciphering the Credentials," you missed some great conversation on what it's like to take some of the registry exams. During my presentation, I was befuddled by some discussion about what is on the CCS exam now. It's hard to keep up, as I took the CCS exam three years ago, while it was still in ICD-9. Anyway, I've done some follow up for you that I hope you find helpful.



The CCS exam is still multiple choice format, and there are still eight scenarios, but the scenarios are not "hard coded." Candidates are presented with a chart scenario, and a list of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes (without descriptions). The candidate is required to apply the appropriate codes from the list provided. Some cases will have questions about secondary codes applicable to the case, and some will ask about principal diagnoses. The challenge lies in having intimate knowledge of the guidelines and coding instructions appropriate to the scenarios. I'm not sure if this format will change once ICD-10 is more familiar. We'll just have to stay in touch with each other as we take the exam, to see how it changes!

Welcome!

New Members in December 2016, January, February & March 2017:

Tisa Mckim
Heather Meyer
Linh Bui
Lauren Redman

Jaime Meyer
Tippi Franklin
Katie Schoening, RHIA
Jennifer Sinner

Amanda Voichoskie
Angel Merchant
Rachel Esquitin
Maranda Lee

Chelsie Garcia
Whitney Conley
Haley Rezac

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Dates to Remember: April 11-13, 2018 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs