

News & Views

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Greetings!

As we begin to turn our thoughts to the beginning of a new school year, and even a new football season, the NHIMA board is busy planning for a new year as well. After a refreshing leadership symposium in Chicago, board members have returned with several new ideas and plans to make our state association the best it can be! I am excited for us to begin our planning strategically for 2012-2013. It is my pleasure to be serving you this year as president. I value your thoughts, ideas and opinions and hope to receive communication from you, the member as we work together throughout the year.



The board welcomes new members Carla Dirkschneider and Kim Hazelton to our existing team of Charlene Dunbar, Nancy Kinyoun, Donna Keller, Connie Henderson and myself.

The recent AHIMA Leadership Symposium was the perfect venue to introduce their new strategy for delegates to govern the HIM profession. It has been decided a new structure will better serve the needs of the Association. House teams as we know them today, will cease. In this new structure there will be one delegate representative from each component state association on a House Leadership Team. In addition there will be an Envisioning Collaborative Team with one CSA selected representative per state. Delegates not on the Leadership team may be asked to join task forces which will be established as “mega issues” come through the House Leadership filter. Task Force team members will vary based on the specific focus for the group. The team will be composed of delegates as well as subject matter experts from relevant areas. Task Forces and teams will not vote on House issues, just as the previous house teams did not separately vote on House Issues. It is expected that House meetings will still be held face-to-face, although voting may be moved to an electronic format to make more efficient use of our face-to-face time. It is hoped that the new structure will allow more input into the overall practice of HIM.

The importance of advocacy is being stressed in our profession and the Association is continuing to build knowledge through webinars for leaders and interested parties. AHIMA is also committed to maintaining a strong advocacy team. In upcoming months I expect to see a great deal of information on advocacy and the importance of “leading from the chair you are in.” It is up to us to bring our knowledge to the forefront and assist others with our skills and our knowledge. Informed decision making requires education and research, and we must be willing to speak up in order to assist lawmakers in this process. I will share more in News and Views as this information is introduced.

In addition the board was introduced to AHIMA’s seven strategic initiatives “AIM FREE”

- A - Agility. Be agile and responsive to the needs of our constituencies and market.
- I - Image. Advance the image of the Association and its members with effective branding, communications and recognition.
- M - Member is #1. Promote an environment where the member is #1.

- F - Finance. Remain fiscally viable to support our mission and vision.
- R - Research. Create a center for innovative research that supports our members, market and profession.
- E - Education. Encourage growth within our profession by enhancing educational programming that appeals to first and second career individuals and our current professionals.
- E - Employee Engagement.



To wrap up, I would like to reiterate my request to please speak up, join in and share your expertise! We can make a difference by sharing!

Michelle Staley, NHIMA President



FREE webinar for NHIMA members only!

Originally presented at the NHIMA Spring Conference in 2011, "Mamma Mia! ICD-10 OB Coding Principles" is now available for a limited time, as a free webinar by AHIMA-approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer Pam Koch, RHIA, CCS-P. This prerecorded one-hour webinar has been updated with new information in 2012 and discusses both diagnosis and procedure coding for Obstetrics. An email with the registration link was sent to NHIMA members only on July 31, 2012. If you did not receive your email invitation to the webinar, please contact Kim Johnson at kim@consulthi.com. Your AHIMA ID will be required to access the webinar. One hour of CE will be awarded upon completion of an online evaluation. The webinar will be available for free from August 1 through September 30, 2012.



ICD-10-CM for the Medical Office

The NHIMA Coding Roundtable is sponsoring an ICD-10-CM workshop in Broken Bow on Thursday, September 27, 2012. This four hour workshop will provide an overview of ICD-10-CM as well as supply information about how best to prepare clinic practices for its implementation. This workshop includes documentation tips and will demonstrate how to code common clinic coding scenarios in ICD-10- CM. Providers, nurses, clinic managers, coding and billing staff won't want to miss this valuable information. Pam Koch, RHIA, CCS-P, AHIMA approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainer is the faculty. For more information go to <http://knowledgeconnex.com/NHIMA/092712/home.html>.

NHIMA Members – Please help spread the word! Please feel free to print the flyer and place in your office, clinic, hospital, physician's lounge, etc.



NHIMA Contact Information:
Dates to Remember:

[Board Members](#) - [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#)
 April 17-19, 2013 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE
 April 16-18, 2014 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

Virtual Education Opportunities

Topic	Date/Time	CSA	Link
Anatomy and Physiology Refresher for ICD-10-CM/PCS Audio Conference Series	8 Topics currently available as recordings – 4 coming up live.	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	http://phima.org/APAudioSeries.htm
Mamma Mia! ICD-10 OB Coding Principles	August and September 2012	NHIMA	Watch for Email to NHIMA members in early August
2012 Wound Care Coding: CPT Updates, Documentation Requirements, and Billing Rules	On Demand	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	2012 Wound Care Coding: CPT Updates, Documentation Requirements, and Billing Rules
Condition Code 44: Best Practices for a Compliant Process	On Demand		http://ghima.org/hccondition44.htm
12 series program on ICD-10-PCS Root Operations	Begins June and concludes in May 2013	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	http://www.phima.org/RootOperationsAudioSeries.htm