

January 2016

President's Message

Happy New Year!! Time sure flies...Can you believe 2016 is upon us? I hope that you all enjoyed the Holidays and are recuperating from all the parties, family festivities, and of course, all the good food.

With the New Year upon us, I thought that it might be a good time to review with everyone what the NHIMA Board and Committees have been working on these past few months and what you can expect in the next few months.

- The Board: In the past few months, the board has been working on House of Delegate issues/questions/concerns, strategic planning, reviewing and revising policies and procedures, completing the CSA Agreement with AHIMA, and researching "board" insurance. Very soon, the board will be looking into updating the NHIMA Privacy guide.
- The Professional Promotions and Recruitment Committee: The committee attended a career fair in Kearney to Promote NHIMA and the HIM profession, is researching social media outlets that NHIMA might want to participate in and is also looking into a possible mentoring program.
- The Coding Roundtable has been researching possible topics to explore for upcoming meetings/webinars/articles.
- The Convention Committee is hard at work finding speakers and getting vendors for the Annual Convention in April.
- The Advocacy Committee has been keeping us all informed of any new or revised legislative changes. Watch the News and Views each month for any new updates.
- The Nominations Committee is currently seeking nominations for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary, 1st Year Director, and Nominating Committee members.

It has been a very exciting and busy 2015 and I look forward to a successful 2016. To end, I would like to leave you with a New Year's Wish

"My best wishes for you: a great start for January, love for February, peace for March, no worries for April, fun for May, joy for June to November, and happiness for December" - Anonymous.

Have a lucky and wonderful 2016!

Sincerely,



NHIMA President

Networking Nook

The Professional Promotions & Recruitment Committee has decided to feature one committee each month for the "Networking Nook". By spotlighting a committee in the "Networking Nook", we hope to help members feel more connected to other HIM colleagues. This month we are featuring the members of the Coding Roundtable Committee—**Ruth Gappa, Barbara Marsh, & Jessica Fiorelli**. Click [HERE](#) to read more about them.

We invite all members to take the survey and share their HIM story at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8N67QF>

NHIMA Distinguished Member Award

To nominate an NHIMA member for outstanding contributions to NHIMA, click [HERE](#) to download nomination form. Nominations due 2/4/16.

Win BIG with Health Information Management!

NHIMA Annual Convention April 13th - 15th, 2016;
Younes Center, Kearney

The following speakers have been confirmed:

- ♣ Margaret Woepfel - Discussing how to prepare for surveyors
- ♣ Michael Chase from Baird Holm - Discussing the Accountable Care Organizations
- ♣ Rachel Berry - Discussing the proper ways to handle Release of Information
- ♣ Pam Koch - Discussing ICD-10 updates
- ♣ Colleen Goethals, AHIMA Board Liaison - Discussing "Inspire Big Thinking to Launch our Future" and Information Governance
- ♣ Thursday will have three tracks in the afternoon
 - Coding
 - Compliance/Technology
 - Student/New professionals
- ♣ Friday will wrap up the convention with a medical presentation on Traumatic Brain Injuries, Cerebrovascular Accidents, and Spinal Cord Injuries



Please join us for our invigorating and knowledge filled program on a way to "Win Big with HIM"!

NHIMA 2016 Election

Elections for NHIMA positions are coming up in March and we are searching for individuals who are willing to donate their time. Without volunteers, we simply would not exist. Please take this time to think about running for office and volunteering. It is a wonderful growing opportunity to network, learn new skills and knowledge and most importantly to network.

During the months of December and January, committee members Gretchen Jopp (joppgretchen@clarksoncollege.edu), Tina Mazuch (tinam@northeast.edu) and Jean Scharfenkamp (jscharfenkamp@gmail.com) may be contacting you about volunteering. If you have an interest in serving or would like more information, please contact any of the individuals above.

Voting on this ballot will begin in March. We would we like to see a very high voting response with the electronic process. Please consider volunteering for a position and consider your choices carefully - make your voice heard by voting in the NHIMA election 2016!



Welcome!

Newly credentialed Certified Documentation Improvement Practitioner

- Gail Beaudry-Heuton

New members in December 2015:

- Lisa Bock, CCA
- John Mortiz
- Debra Reimers
- Kathleen Cruikshank, CCA
- Christine Mueller
- Wanda Winfree

NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

Dates to Remember: April 13-15, 2016 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
