

# News & Views



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## President's Message

Hello everyone!

I am excited to move into the role of President for NHIMA. I look forward to a great year. There are lots of changes coming our way with ARRA, eHIM, RAC, ICD10, Red Flag Rules, Health IT, etc. We will try and provide up-to-date links to "hot topics" in News and Views and on [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org). NHIMA wants to be your voice so please feel free to contact me or any board member with your questions/comments. NHIMA is dedicated to our membership and advancing and supporting our profession. Have a great summer!

*Ranae Race, RHIT*



## NHIMA Scholarship Applications

Scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year are being accepted through **July 15, 2009**. Go to [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org) for more information.

## HOD Team creates a Clinical Practice Sites/Professional Practice Experiences (PPE) Guide

In 2008, the House of Delegates (HOD) organized itself into six teams to focus on different areas of the profession. The six HOD Teams are: Environmental Scanning, Best Practices/Standards, Professional Development and Recognition, Volunteer and Leadership Development, HOD Operations and Health Information Management (HIM) Higher Education and Workforce. The AHIMA Board of Directors sets specific charges for each of the HOD Teams to work on throughout the year.

One of the charges for the HOD Team on HIM Higher Education and Workforce is to provide support and recommendations to increase the number of clinical practice sites and opportunities for students to complete professional practice experiences. To that end, the Team created a Clinical Practice Sites/Professional Practice Experiences (PPE) Guide that provides information and best practices about serving as a clinical practice site and hosting students who are completing their required professional practice experiences. The Guide provides specific, helpful information to: site managers, department mentors, Component State Associations (CSA), academic programs and students. If you are involved with or considering hosting students, take a few minutes to review the helpful information found in the Guide. It can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

## ARRA and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act

In March of this year, AHIMA asked the CSA presidents to send letters to all our senators and congressmen. These letters introduced AHIMA and our efforts in relation to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In April we were privileged to receive a call from Joe Britton, a Legislative Assistant in Senator Nelson's office, asking that we keep in contact with him regarding ARRA and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. Our Advocacy Liaison, Monica Seeland, will be the contact for Senator Nelson's office. Let's continue to educate ourselves so we'll be ready to be a resource as opportunities present!

## Nebraska Cancer Registry

The Nebraska Cancer Registry would like to thank each of the Nebraska facilities for timely reporting and support in the collection of cancer related data. Due to your efforts the Nebraska Cancer Registry has received the Gold Certificate for the 12th consecutive year from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NACCR).

This award is given upon achieving greater than 95% completeness of data within the timeline established by NACCR. Nebraska is one of seven central registries that have received the Gold Standard consecutively since 1995.

## Newly Credentialed HIM Professionals – June 2008 through May 2009

Donna Bernt, CCA	Jeri Fiscus, CCA	Katie Krause, RHIA	Karole Seeman, CCA
Kellee Christiansen, CCA	Ruth Gappa, CCS	Christine Lee, RHIA	Paige Sherman, RHIT
Christina Collins, RHIT	Kim Gibson, RHIT	Barbara Marsh, CCS-P	Susan Sorensen, CCS
Allison Crunick, RHIT	Andrea Guess, CCA	Monica Mayer, CCS	Karyn Stodden, RHIA
Barbara Feldhacker, RHIT	Cheryl Hall, CCA	Cindy Miller, CCA	Mary Wolfe, RHIT
Katherine Ferguson, CCA	Kimbra Johnson, CHDA	Aleta Otto, CCS-P	Deena Woods, RHIT
Mary Fischer Golda, RHIT	Jessica Kamler, CCS-P	Lindsey Reyna, CCS-P	

## Articles of Interest:

- [PHRs Give Docs New Insights](#)
- [2009 NHIMA Annual Meeting Minutes](#) from April 30, 2009
- [RAC Update: CMS Publishes RAC FAQs](#)
- [CMS Factsheet for HIT and ARRA](#)

## NHIMA Contact Information

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## Dates to Remember:

August 7, 2009 – NHIMA Board Meeting in Lincoln & April 21-22-23, 2010 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney