

News & Views

July 2011



President's Message

As I reflect over the last year, I am amazed at what great things the Board has accomplished. Not that the Board doesn't accomplish great things every year, but when you are a part of it- it becomes so much more than just checking off items on a list. There is a sense of pride and a feeling of belonging and knowing that you are a part of something bigger than your office or cubicle and are making a difference in the HIM profession!

The Board meets face to face quarterly but this last year we introduced a conference call every month in between those quarterly meetings. We found that these calls allowed us to stay on track and to actually conquer more because we didn't have to wait to discuss items, etc. This last year we were able to offer the membership- at no charge- a webinar from Baird Hohm and an updated Legal Guide. NHIMA tried one last time to change the way the House of Delegates is comprised and brought forth the Senate model in a bylaw amendment, which was eventually defeated. However, this topic has hopefully seen enough light for a while that it won't resurface for many more years again. NHIMA and South Dakota HIMA are collaborating and holding ICD-10 webinars for the membership of both states. Theresa Rihaneck has been so gracious and a definite leader for us in this endeavor. The 2nd Annual Convention, which also happened to be the 60th Anniversary of NHIMA, was a smash hit! There are many more accomplishments that I could write here but unfortunately there is not enough room.



May I just say that I am very proud to have been a part of this NHIMA Board of Directors and all that they have done. We truly have YOU, the member, at the heart of every decision we make. Again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to have served as YOUR President. It has changed my world. Thank you for the opportunities and memories!

Sincerely, Angie Gage

Guide to Privacy, Retention and Disclosure of Health Information in Nebraska, 2011

It was brought to our attention that reference to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-8403 regarding the expiration date of an authorization should be updated to reflect the 2010 revised language. The statute states that if no expiration date or event is specified, an authorization expires twelve months after the date the authorization was signed by the patient. These references are found on pages 20, 81, 83 and 84.

The complete text of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-8403 is found at: <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=71-8403>.

An erratum to the Guide to Privacy, Retention and Disclosure of Health Information in Nebraska, 2011 will be forthcoming.

AHIMA Leadership Change

Bonnie Cassidy, AHIMA President, has posted a note to the State Leaders and HOD CoP which indicates that Alan Dowling is no longer the CEO of AHIMA. At the present time, the NHIMA Board members have received no further communication from AHIMA. As additional information becomes available, members may watch for official updates to be posted to the AHIMA CoP.

AHIMA Credentialed Professionals Poster Available

The 2010 – 2011 Professional Development and Recognition House Team is excited to announce the development of a new poster promoting the value of AHIMA credentialed professionals. These posters can be printed, displayed and distributed in your workplace, community or just about anywhere.

Access the poster at: http://www.ahima.org/downloads/pdfs/certification/Final_Credential_Value_Poster.pdf

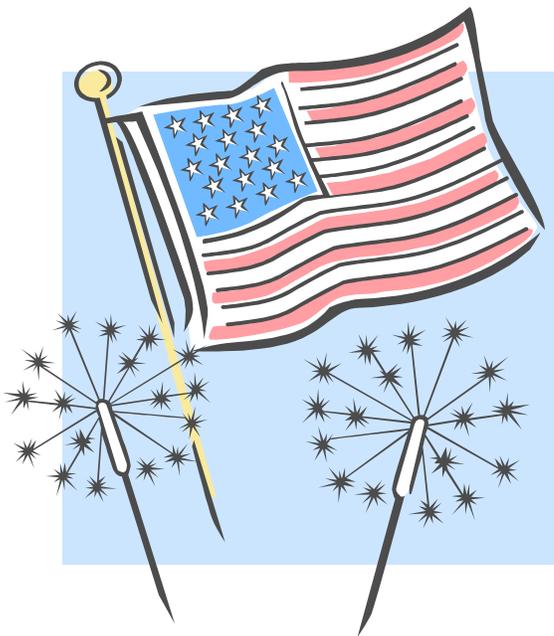
Region IV

Region IV of NHIMA was officially dissolved in June, 2011. Over the past few years, there has been a dramatic decrease in Region IV activities and involvement. Due to time and financial constraints, it has become more and more difficult for HIM professionals to take time off from their jobs to attend meetings. Employers are also providing more in-house education and webinars where HIM professionals can obtain their needed CEU's.

Region IV has donated its' remaining funds of \$1,331.33 to the NHIMA. The money will be used toward ICD-10 training/education. We feel that this would benefit the NHIMA best, as ICD-10 will affect many different levels in the health care field, and knowledgeable HIM professionals will be extremely valuable.

Thank you to all past members of Region IV who had dedicated their time and talents to promote the Health Information Management profession.

AHIMA Bylaws Revision



AHIMA is embarking on a bylaws revision. The bylaws are the association's key governing document which set forth the structure and process for governance and oversight of the association and its membership. Typically, an organization's bylaws include: the purpose of the association, membership qualifications, structure, officers, and high-level processes of the organization. AHIMA is seeking to develop a world-class set of bylaws that strategically align all entities to deliver member value, incorporate association best practices and comply with the evolution of corporate, federal, and state law.

Legal counsel was obtained to write these bylaws and you can find the second draft, version 1.1, on the AHIMA CoP. There is also a great side by side comparison chart that shows exactly what has changed and why, which makes it very easy to read and understand. I urge to take a few moments to take a look at this very important document and give ANY feedback you may have to any member of the NHIMA Board or directly on the CoP itself.

The intent of collecting more input and feedback on this second version is so a final draft set of bylaws will be shared at Summer Team Talks, and delegates would then vote on these bylaws in October 2011. All members are welcomed to join the discussion.

NHIMA Leaders for 2011-2012

- President – Connie Henderson
- President Elect – Michelle Ilsley
- Past President – Angie Gage
- Secretary – Charlene Dunbar
- Treasurer – Nancy Kinyoun
- 1st Year Director – Donna Keller
- 2nd Year Director – Claudia Krueger
- Nominating Committee Chair - Katie Krause
- Nominating Committee Members - Michelle Shimmel & Malinda Stanley
- Convention Committee - Co-Chairs – Sue McCreedy & Vicki Fugate
- Coding Round Table Chair - Theresa Rihanek
- Professional Promotions Chair - Carla Dirkschneider

THANK YOU ALL for Your Commitment in Volunteering Your Valuable Time and Talents!

NHIMA Scholarship Applications Due July 31st

Policy, instructions and application form can be found at www.nhima.org.

NHIMA Contact Information: [Board Members](#) - [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#) - [Region Chairs](#)

Dates to Remember:

August 24-26, 2011 – AHIMA's Academy for ICD10 in Sioux Falls, SD
April 18-20, 2012 – NHIMA Annual Convention