

June 2014

President's Message

Our 2013 Annual Convention began with the motivational speaker Matt Jones' keynote "Winning Strategies for Personal and Professional Success". This year I've taken Matt's words and lessons and incorporated them into my President's Message each month in the News & Views. Matt mentions one of the strategies for running a successful marathon is to "not start out too quickly....but rather to conserve your energy so that you can endure the entire race and have a strong finish." (Life's A Marathon, page 51). NHIMA has followed this strategy all year and we are finishing strong!

In the fall the Board focused on strategic planning, encouraging each of you to mentor others, and to follow the theme of AHIMA's 85th year to Dream Big and Believe. In the early months of 2014 we focused on educational opportunities by offering a CCS Prep Workshop and co-sponsoring with HFMA an ICD-10 and RAC symposium. April brought a great convention to the membership with the theme "Building the Future of HIM" and a stellar lineup of speakers and networking opportunities. In June the Board will hold a transition meeting and welcome in new Board members Christine Lee and Michelle Shimmel. Shirley Carmichael will assume the Presidency and Carla Dirkschneider will serve as the President-Elect. The Board retains continuity with Treasurer Charlene Tilson and Director Sally Roland. We are grateful for the steady work of Kim Johnson, our Central Office Coordinator.

My life has been enriched this year by the people I've met through serving as the NHIMA President. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to serve and to meet new people. Each of you have been supportive and helpful! We are finishing the year strong because of each of you and the entire NHIMA membership!

Charlene Dunbar, NHIMA President

Election Results for 2014-2015

Carla Dirkschneider - President-elect
Christine Lee - Director
Michelle Shimmel - Secretary
Brenda Machmueller - Nominating Committee Chair
Vicki Fugate - Nominating Committee
Kimberley Hazelton - Nominating Committee



NHIMA Scholarship Application deadline July 31st

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

NHIMA Contact Information: Board Members - Committee/Task Force Chairs

Dates to Remember: April 22-24, 2015 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Kearney, NE
