

# News & Views

March 2016

## Win BIG with Health Information Management!

NHIMA Annual Convention April 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016; Younes Center, Kearney

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

To see full brochure, go to [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org) or directly to <http://www.knowledgeconnex.com/annualmeeting/>



**DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS Needed, Please!!**

Please reach out to your employer to see if they may be willing to donate door prizes for NHIMA convention.

Many facilities have foundation boards or gift shops that may be willing to donate items. This helps keep our convention costs low.

Please contact [Mindi Husman](#), [Gretchen Jopp](#) or [Chris Lee](#) if you can donate a door prize. Thanks in advance for the help!



Confirmed Exhibitors as of 3/3/16:



Margaret Woepfel is one of the speakers at the convention this year and her topic is how to prepare for a state survey. She is asking for members to submit questions in advance to help her and her team prepare items that will be of interest. **Questions will be submitted anonymously.** Please forward questions to me (Brenda Machmueller at [bmachmueller@boonecohealth.org](mailto:bmachmueller@boonecohealth.org), subject line Margaret Woepfel).

## NHIMA 2015-2016 Annual Report

The 2015-2016 NHIMA Annual Report is now available on the Nebraska Engage Community (click on “Libraries” and then “Annual Reports”) and at [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org).



## NHIMA Election

The NHIMA Election will be held electronically March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to vote! Instructions for you to cast your vote are as follows: login to MyAHIMA member login at [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org) and click on “Voting Ballot” link. The link will be available only during the election period for active members.

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## The Future of Technology in Health Care

(Envisioning and Collaborative Committee Update)

No one can disagree that we live in a technology world. You cannot watch TV without seeing cellphone ads and new technology for use on cellphones. This new technology is now being used for health care. Laptops on travel carts and tablets have replaced paper records. To add to this mix, we now have the activity watches that can email, text, make phone calls, track your activities and basically do everything but cook you dinner. In the future, we could see this technology being used to schedule appointments, checking patient portal and so much more. The use of these devices in health care brings with them many concerns about security and breaches. There has been an increase in cyber-attacks in health care in 2015 due to the increased use of mobile devices. It has been estimated that the cost of securing patient records is about \$8.00 per patient record. With this being said, there is no doubt that there will be an increase need for skilled professionals highly trained in the field of cyber security. This skill set and knowledge will be needed as long as we continue to advance technology that come with security threats.

Submitted by *Dawn Goodsell, RHIA/President Elect NHIMA*

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## 2016 Revenue Code Bootcamp (presented by Nebraska HFMA)

April 27-28, 2016 - Embassy Suites Downtown - Lincoln, NE

To see full brochure, go to [www.nhima.org/events.htm](http://www.nhima.org/events.htm)

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## Networking Nook

The Professional Promotions Committee has chosen to feature a member of the Advocacy Committee – Monica Seeland. By spotlighting a committee in the “Networking Nook”, we hope to help members feel more connected to other HIM colleagues. Click [HERE](#) to read more about them.

We invite all members, including students, to take the survey and share their HIM story at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8N67QE>

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## Welcome!

### *Newly credentialed CCS and CCS-Ps:*

- Cheryl Bolluyt, CCS
- Brenda Huettner, CCS
- Susan McCready, CCS
- Victorial Mestl, CCS
- Laura Smith, CCS
- Ann Weishaar, CCS
- Elizabeth Wayt, CCS-P

### *New members in February 2016:*

- Monica Sycuro
  - Heather Behrendt
  - Jaclyn Reeser
  - Dianne Matousek
  - Lisa Pearson
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## NHIMA Contact Information:

## Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

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

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