

News & Views

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Not only does your vote count toward choosing the right leaders for our national organization, but now your vote also counts towards a contest for *your* state association!

The state with the highest voting level will have a scholarship donation to the AHIMA Foundation made in honor of that state. The states involved with this contest are Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

So come on all you "Centennials", "Sunflowers", and "Cornhuskers" show off your state association spirit and support of your peers by voting in the upcoming national election.

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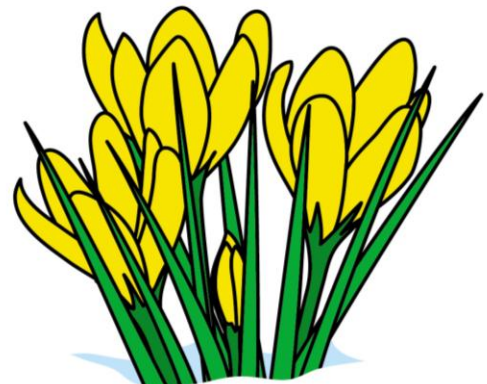


AHIMA's Academy for ICD-10 in South Dakota

South Dakota Health Information Management Assn. is proud to host **AHIMA's Academy for ICD-10** in Sioux Falls, SD on August 24-26, 2011. We want to extend this opportunity to our Midwest neighbors and would be honored to have your members attend this very important educational offering. Travel budgets are being slashed in all of our facilities so we are pleased to be able to offer this program in a location close to home. We really hope this will be successful so AHIMA will see value in offering more of these types of sessions in our area. Go to www.nhima.org/events.htm for more information.

2011 Privacy Guide Now Available

The 2011 Privacy Guide for Privacy, Retention and Disclosure of Health Information is now available for free to all NHIMA members. It is also available for non-members at a fee of \$250. The order form and instructions are available at www.nhima.org.



Call for Volunteers

NHIMA Committees are reorganizing for the 2011-2012 year! Volunteer sign-up sheets were circulated at the NHIMA Annual Convention. Sue McCready and Donna Schipper are co-chairing the 2012 Convention Committee – Thank You!

If you would like to volunteer to join a team for the Convention Committee, Coding Roundtable, or Professional Promotions Committee - please notify Connie Henderson at chenderson@jchosp.com.

Get involved with our State organization! Volunteering with NHIMA is a great way to meet people who have the same interests as you do.

Discuss Upcoming Bylaws Revisions on the CoP

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. It is expected that members and delegates will collect input during the spring, a draft set of bylaws will be shared at Summer Team Talks, and delegates would vote on bylaws in October 2011. All members are welcomed to join the discussion in the State Leader and House CoP Proposed AHIMA Bylaws Revision and contact your delegate CSA Contact Information, House of Delegates Listing - 2010-2011.

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: May 3, 2011 – Gynecology Procedures and Related ICD-10-PCS Coding Webinar
August 24-26, 2011 – AHIMA's Academy for ICD10 in Sioux Falls, SD
April 18-20, 2012 – NHIMA Annual Convention

