

News & Views



May 2012

Greetings NHIMA Members!

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the April NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney! What a wonderful program we had. I hope you all took advantage of the opportunity for in-person networking and took away lots of information to apply. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers and attendees to make this year's convention a big success!



We had Breakfast with the Board sessions on Thursday and Friday morning during convention and had informal discussion about:

- Update on environmental scan format changes.
- Coding Roundtable update by Theresa Rihanek on ICD-10 CM/PCS activities. Watch for webinar information in News & Views for future plans as they come together.
- Hill Day attendance by Shirley Carmichael and Michelle Ilsley.
- Encourage participation in NHA's Advocacy Day, and participating sending letters to CMS regarding the proposed delay of ICD-10 implementation.
- Future convention locations

The NHIMA Board appreciates the opportunity to visit with each of you face-to-face and hear what is going on in your work place.

We will be reviewing the results from the March membership survey information and the convention evaluation forms in the next few months to begin next year's strategic planning. Thank you to all those members who participated in the survey.

Have a great Spring!



NHIMA Scholarship Applications Due July 31st

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



MHIM Survey

The NHIMA participated in a survey regarding interest in a Master of Science in Health Information Management earlier in 2012. I would like to thank your CSA leadership for assisting me in distributing the survey and to those of you who completed the survey. The information was very beneficial to my Capstone project as well as to Clarkson College. I appreciate the time that you took to participate and would like to share a summary of my project and the survey results.

Go to www.nhima.org and click on "News" to see executive summary.

Sincerely, Theresa Rihanek, MHA, RHIA, CCS

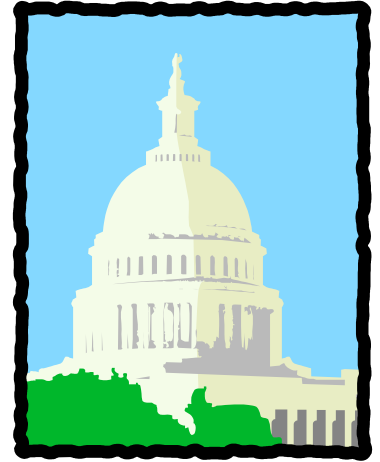
Virtual Education Opportunities

Topic	Date/Time	CSA	Link
Anatomy and Physiology Refresher for ICD-10-CM/PCS Audio Conference Series	8 Topics currently available as recordings – 4 coming up live.	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	http://phima.org/APAudioSeries.htm

Capitol Hill Day 2012

Michelle Ilsley and Shirley Carmichael traveled to Washington DC March 26th and 27th for AHIMA Winter Team Talks and Hill Day 2012. Winter team talks was an enlightening day of learning about setting strategy, governing the HIM profession, strengthening the Association, and addressing member needs. Various mega issues and trends were discussed as well as key initiatives. It was a full day of thinking, learning and networking.

Hill Day 2012 attendees were prepped with webinars on advocacy, strategies on how to discuss and share the needs of our profession, social media, and topics that should be discussed with our representatives. Following the webinars Shirley and Michelle felt confident in meeting with our Nebraska representatives to advocate for the profession. Topics discussed were unique identifier guidelines for electronic medical record exchanges (i.e. there is a “match” if a certain number of patient identifiers are confirmed such as name, date of birth, address, sex, SSN, etc.) and ICD-10 implementation. The offices of Lee Terry, Adrian Smith and Ben Nelson met with the team and were very interested in our topics. In total there were over 200 AHIMA members networking and advocating for our profession at the Hill Day events. ~ Michelle Ilsley, RHIT



AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

After much review AHIMA has canceled the ICD-10 Academy at the Omaha Marriott June 13-15th. Unfortunately with the recent postponement of the ICD-10 implementation until 2014, there were very low registration numbers and as a result, registration for this program was not feasible for a productive class experience. AHIMA is working to reschedule a meeting in Omaha in 2013. A list of other academies taking place in 2012 is found at <http://www.ahima.org/icd10/training.aspx>.

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Dates to Remember:

April 17-19, 2013 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

