

November 2015

President's Message

Whew...October is over! Can you believe it? Let me start off by saying I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween. I sure enjoyed all the candy, costumes, and cheer. Speaking of cheer, did everyone survive the transition to ICD-10 (everyone was cheering right!?!?). **A big thank you to all who advocated on behalf of the ICD-10-CM/PCS code set!** Working for the College, I was not personally involved with the transition, but I have heard from friends and colleagues that the transition went fairly smoothly. There might have been a few hiccups here and there, but overall, was very successful. I hope that this was true for everyone across Nebraska.

Just a reminder, make sure you report your required ICD-10-CM/PCS continuing education hours by the due date.

Credential	# of Required ICD-10 CEUs	Deadline for Tracking
RHIT	6	December 31, 2015
RHIA	6	
CCS	18	
CCA	18	
CCS-P	12	
CHPS	1	May 31, 2016
CDIP	12	
CHDA	6	

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the board, please feel free to contact me at Dirkschneider@clarksoncollege.edu. I look forward to the upcoming holiday season and I hope that you all have a great November. I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,



NHIMA President

Congratulations!

New members in October 2015:

Karen Romero
Nichole Wolfe
Jill Myers
Laura Jay
Gail Beaudry-Heuton, RN, CPC, COC, CPMA

Professional Promotions Committee

As the Professional Promotions Chair, I would like to encourage and invite participation with the NHIMA organization. Our goal this year is to engage Nebraska membership, promote HIM professional association involvement, and promote the HIM profession. Those members include YOU! Please join us for an exciting year of making connections through Health Information Management!

~ Joni Schlatz, Chair

Meet the Professional Promotions Committee:

Joni Schlatz - Education still is my passion as I have been teaching at Central Community College, Hastings campus celebrating my 25th year. The aspect of Health Information Management I like and dislike is the fact it changes. I have three daughters who live in the great state of Nebraska. During my time away from the students, I am actively involved with Royal Family Kids Camp and Co-Director and Child Placement Coordinator for the Teen Reach Adventure Camp. Camps for children, ages 6 - 15, who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. More information about these programs can be found at <http://royalfamilykids.org/> and <http://www.hopeunlimitedinc.org/>.

Barbara Marsh - I am currently a HIMS instructor with Central Community College. Prior to crossing over to the instructor side of HIMS in 2013, I worked as a medical coder for a busy office in Grand Island for nine years. Both positions have their challenges. I am married and we have four children, with our two youngest still living at home. I don't have any grandchildren currently, but do have a very special granddog, Moose. I am a huge supporter of animal rights and am passionate about putting an end to puppy mills. I serve on the Board of Directors and work very closely with Pug Partners of NE, a 100% volunteer run pug rescue organization that rescues, treats, fosters, socializes and then adopts these wonderful animals into loving forever homes.

Ashley Oetken - I am currently a student at Clarkson College and will be graduating in December with my Bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. I served on the NHIMA board as a student representative from 2014-2015. I am currently living in Omaha while I complete my internship, but I am originally from Norfolk, NE. I enjoy attending concerts, spending time with my family, and watching Husker football!

Tina Mazuch - I am a member of the Professional Promotions Committee and the Nominating Committee this year. I am from Norfolk and currently work at Northeast Community College teaching HIM classes. I have had a variety of positions in the HIM field from project manager to quality officer to teacher. I am married to my husband, Mark and we have two children - a boy, Jackson (9) and girl, Taylor (8). We also have a golden retriever named Copper and recently adopted a kitten named Kit. In my free time, I enjoy exercising, family time, reading, and working on craft projects.

Rachel Berry - I moved to Nebraska from Tennessee with my wonderful husband and two children in September of 2014. Currently, I am the HIM Director and Privacy Officer at Community Hospital in McCook, NE. I graduated from The University of Tennessee with a Masters in Health Informatics and Information Management. My experience as an HIM professional has fostered my passion for privacy and security of patient information. I am scheduled to sit for my CHIPS in December. I enjoy traveling and spending lazy Sunday afternoons with my husband of 10 years, my 5 year old son Benson, and my 8 year old daughter Madison.

Jen Anderson is our NHIMA Board Liaison.

The Committee extends an invitation to share your story of HIM by sharing information at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8N67QF>

NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

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