

October 2015

President's Message

What a crazy few weeks it has been! This past week, the representatives for the House of Delegates attended the AHIMA Annual Convention in New Orleans. As I attended an event on Bourbon Street one evening, I looked around and saw lights, colors and mostly energy everywhere I looked. It was that energy that really got me excited and pumped up about all the changes happening in our field. The HIM future is bright!



This year's theme of the Convention was "HIM Without Walls". The members at the 87th AHIMA convention were very energetic and enthusiastic to learn! From the music, to the vendors, to the education, there were definitely a few themes that remained steady throughout the convention...the need for information governance, the demand for and use of data analytics, and of course, a successful transition to ICD-10.



This theme was also evident at the House of Delegates. Thinking about the "HoD without Walls" led to a very exciting and energetic discussion on the changes that have occurred in recent years (when the HoD changed how it functions). There were four main tasks that were to be completed during the meeting, 1) Review and evaluate the purpose of the House of Delegates, 2) Develop an agreed upon definition of the HIM profession, 3) Develop goals for the HoD regarding appropriate levels of engagement, and 4) Define what qualifications are needed for a member to become a HoD member. Final decisions regarding these four topics were not voted upon, but there might be some changes in the near future!

If I learned anything this past week, I believe energy and dedication is what our profession will need to keep moving forward. We will need energy and strength to put ourselves at the table and implement information governance. We will need energy and perseverance to sustain ICD-10 and to evolve it. We will need energy and dedication to continue to safeguard and protect our information, and lastly, we will need energy and commitment to continue to inspire and think big about our future.



Sincerely,

NHIMA President

Coding Tip of the month:

Did you know that ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding questions may be submitted for free to the AHA Coding Clinic group? Visit <http://www.codingclinicadvisor.com/>. Registration is required, and there are some Do's and Don'ts to submitting a question. You may also consider submitting the question to a NHIMA Coding Roundtable committee member, to submit on your behalf, in order that the information may be shared with all members.

Meet the 2015-2016 NHIMA Board of Directors...

Chris Lee ~ I have worked in HIM settings her entire adult career. Currently I am employed by CARE Communications in Chicago, IL, which was recently acquired by IOD/Health Port. My husband and I have 3 children and live on a small farm outside North Platte. In addition to activities with our family, especially our grandchildren, we enjoy raising, training and competing registered quarter horses in ranch horse events.

Marilyn Blunck ~ I am your NHIMA Treasurer. I have served as Secretary/Treasurer for our Region in the past, which has given me some experience in this capacity. I currently work at the Norfolk Veterans Home (1 ½ years) as the Health Information Manager. Previous to NVH, I worked at the Norfolk Regional Center (Psychiatric Hospital), where I received my first exposure to Medical Records. I had a wonderful supervisor who had faith in me and taught me so much; mostly to believe in myself. I went back to school (while working and raising a family) and obtained my RHIT and then back to school for my Bachelors. My husband and I have three grown children; and added a daughter-in-law last June. I look forward to the opportunities NHIMA has in store for me this term.

Michelle Shimmel ~ I am the current Secretary and I have been a member of NHIMA for 9 years. I started as a student member. I currently work at Deloitte as a Solutions Engineer supporting Epic. I live in Nebraska City, NE where I have lived most my life. I have been married for 8 years to my husband Nick who is a Sheriff's Deputy. I have two very energetic boys, Micah (7) and Keegan (4). In my free time I enjoy reading, watching the Huskers, 4 wheeling, anything were I am spending time with my kids, and running. I am currently training for a half marathon!

Coding Roundtable

With the implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, this is an exciting beginning of a new era in the coding field. The NHIMA Coding Roundtable is seeking additional committee members who would like to serve their fellow members. In the interest of supporting its members in this pivotal time, this year's NHIMA Board has developed a set of action plans for the roundtable:

- Communicating opportunities for learning
- Plan a minimum of 3 webinars covering a variety of coding topics
- Include coding topics at convention
- Contribute coding related articles to NHIMAs News & Views
- Coding Roundtable will serve as point of contact for coding questions

If you are interested in serving on this committee during this landmark first year of ICD-10, please contact Ruth Gappa, RHIA, CCS, Chair of the Coding Roundtable, ruth.gappa@alegent.org. Current committee members include Barbara Marsh RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, and Jessica Fiorelli, CCS, CCS-P.

Word from the Coding Roundtable Chair

I was able to attend the Clinical Coding Meeting in New Orleans last weekend and wanted to share notes with you from the following presentations (go to www.nhima.org and click on Coding Roundtable/ICD).

- **Coder Confidence with ICD-10 notes** (presenter: Laura Legg)
- **ICD-10 Update notes** - (presenters Sue Bowman and Nelly Leon-Chisen)

Resources: Check out [AHIMA's suite of resources for all things ICD-10](#)

Congratulations!

New members in September 2015:

Anne Akins	Nicole Beckman	Bianca Hernandez	Julie Sheldon
Arielle Ramos	Matthew Herrmann	Justina Eckersley	Jackie Rich
Miranda Wallinder	Kristen Hansen	Jill Belzer	
Pamela Griswold	Ambrosia Szczepanski	Katherine Jones	

Newly credentialed RHITs since 1/1/15:

Kelsi Arthur	Melissa Bugay	LeAnn Muegerl	Lauri Turek
Aisha Baerde	Jennifer Johnson	Diane Swanson	

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