

# News & Views

September 2010



## President's Message

As we head into September, there seems to be many changes. Kids are getting back into the swing of school, weather has been a little cooler, and this year's National Convention is in September instead of October.

The NHIMA BOD spent one day building and creating a strategic plan that we think will be one that can be used over and over, from year to year. We used the plan and information we learned in Chicago at the Leadership Conference this summer. I am very excited about it and believe that we will be able to focus and achieve many things! See the new plan in the [Nebraska CoP](#).

The House of Delegates will meet on Sunday, September 26, 2010. The morning will be break out sessions to discuss the action items that will be voted on later that day. There are two amendments that have been brought forward. Tennessee HIMA has proposed a name change from AHIMA to American Health Information and Informatics Management (AHIIMA). The second amendment was submitted by us: NHIMA. We have proposed a senate model apportionment for the HOD. Last year, a model was brought forth that would be based on membership. This would mean that NHIMA would only have 2 delegates (2 votes) and the larger states like CA, FL, TX, etc. would have 6 votes. It was quickly sent back to committee for another option. There has been so much debate over this issue for years now and we would like to see it resolved. We felt that the Senate model provides the most equal representation and also meets the requirement of keeping the number of delegates stable. This should be a very lively and interesting day. See the House Action Items in the [State Leaders & House of Delegates CoP](#) (filter "House Action Items").

I can't wait to tell you about it next month!

~ *Angie Gage, NHIMA President*

## Call for Advocacy Volunteers: Regional Advocacy Liaisons Needed

AHIMA's State Advocacy Workgroup (SAW) has developed a plan to help improve AHIMA's advocacy structure and effectiveness. The model developed is intended to enhance CSA advocacy participation, effort, communication, and education. This will be done by dividing the United States into 12 regions and having a regional advocacy liaison (RAL) for each region. The RALs will be a primary communication and training conduit between AHIMA and the CSA advocacy leaders. The RAL will be appointed in 2010 for service commencing in 2011. If you are an AHIMA member and are interested in being a RAL just visit [AHIMA's site](#) and submit your information. Please review the information on the RAL initiative including a job description and the regional breakdown contained in the AHIMA Community of Practice (Resource: Regional Advocacy Liaison). The NHIMA Board encourages any member who may be interested in this effort to apply. It would be great to have a Nebraska representative leading advocacy efforts for our region.

## Pictures – Pictures - Pictures

NHIMA will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2011!!!! The annual convention committee is looking for pictures of our members to use at the convention. Do you have any pictures you would be willing to share? If so, please contact Theresa Rihaneck at [ktrihanek@msn.com](mailto:ktrihanek@msn.com).



## "The Reality Of The New E-Discovery Rules and HIM"

Jill Ackerman and Jim O'Connor, Baird Holm LLP, will present a webinar on the topic of E-Discovery. Join your colleagues for a dynamic presentation including hands-on experience dealing with complex E-Discovery in actual cases.

- September 21, 2010, 11:30 – 1:00 C.D.T. (Available for replay through December 31, 2010)
- Continuing Education Credits: 1

Register for the webinar online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BY5YSJT>. **Note: Registration is required for the "live" event and also for the replay.**

## NHIMA Scholarship

NHIMA Scholarship application deadline has been extended to September 30, 2010. Click [here](#) for application and instructions.

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**Dates to Remember: September 21, 2010 – "The Reality of the New E-Discovery Rules and HIM" Webinar  
March 30 – April 1, 2011 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney**