

News & Views



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AHIMA Summer Team Talks - Chicago

Mary Meysenburg, Nancy Kinyoun, Ranae Race and Jean Scharfencamp attended the AHIMA Summer Team Talks.

Vera Rulon, AHIMA President opened with an announcement that Linda Kloss, CEO, had resigned effective March 2010. Linda was thanked for 15 years of AHIMA leadership and she received a standing ovation. Vera announced the AHIMA election results and noted that AHIMA had a record voting turnout.



The first day was focused on designing the future organization in light of ARRA, Health Reform, data content and data standards. The key success factors include: Agility, Leadership Development, Collaboration of Stakeholders, Generate evidence-based research, Reputation as a Trusted Knowledge Resource, High Quality Education, Effective Accreditation and Certification, Service Support for Members, a Clear Vision and Influence/shape policy. Discussion was held surrounding these key success factors for AHIMA 2015.

The House of Delegate workgroups gave an update of their respective teams. A resolution for Professional Guidelines/Best Practices for Electronic Documentation was submitted by Tennessee Health Information Management Association. The next generation of the AHIMA COP was discussed. The COP is being overhauled and will emerge as a very robust tool with search capabilities across the entire AHIMA website. The AHIMA liaison for NHIMA is second-year Director, Mary Reeves. She is Director of Medical Information Services at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

The following two days was spent in the 2009 Leadership Conference. CSA best practices were shared during the breakout sessions. We attended different breakout sessions so we could cover as many topics as possible. For more information on the above topics, please visit the AHIMA COP.

RAC workshops through NHA

Representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Health Data Insights, Inc., (HDI) will conduct two separate briefings for Nebraska health care representatives. One being on August 26th in Lincoln and the second being on August 27th in Kearney. This briefing is intended to provide information on the organization and implementation of the RAC efforts. In addition to the CMS's introduction, there will be time dedicated for questions and answers. For more information, go to: <http://www.nhanet.org/pdf/events/2005/preparingforracaudits.pdf>

Linda Kloss

The American Health Information Management Association today announced that chief executive officer, Linda Kloss, RHIA, CAE, FAHIMA, has decided to step down effective March 31, 2010 after 15 years of leadership, over which time the organization's membership, revenues and national influence have all experienced substantial growth. The AHIMA Board of Directors has initiated a national search for her successor. For more information, go to: http://www.ahima.org/press/press_room/Kloss.asp

In Memory of Gladys Green

Gladys Green, 85, of Gordon died in July. Per Tom Cleary, "She was the director of medical records in Gordon and was the NHIMA distinguished member back in 1989. She was one of those really neat people who got along with everyone and was very much respected in the NHIMA."

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Dates to Remember:

August 21, 2009 – NHIMA Board Meeting in Lincoln (*new date*)
April 21-22-23, 2010 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney