

News & Views

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Hello NHIMA Members!

I am happy and grateful to be your President for NHIMA! I am super excited for what this next year has in store! Although I can't predict the future, I can reassure you that there will be more changes in our HIM world.

"Prosper Through Change" happens to be the title for the AHIMA National Convention in September. We are seeing and experiencing incredible changes in our profession right now such as ARRA, HITECH, ICD-10, REC's, etc. These changes provide us great opportunity to advertise our expertise and knowledge and be known as the HIM experts and leaders in our communities. We need to reach out and form alliances with those who need us, but just do not know it yet.

The Leadership Conference and Team Talks in Chicago were great! Connie Henderson, Kim Johnson, Nancy Kinyoun, Theresa Rihanek, and myself were in attendance. The sessions were jam-packed with information regarding strategy, CSA best practices, education support, and ICD-10. Presentations included "Designing a World Class Association," "Speed of Trust/Franklin Covey," "2010 Key Initiatives," "Fiduciary Responsibility of Boards" and "The Secrets to Planning Strategy." We left there very motivated to initiate some changes....Stay tuned for updates.

I want to emphasize that we are all in this together- the entire NHIMA membership! Now - more than ever- it is critical for our voices to be heard. Please vote when you receive ballots. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. We want to know if you have any questions, thoughts, or comments. We are your board and your voice at the House of Delegates, we want to hear from you! I look forward to serving you this year.

~ *Angie Gage, NHIMA President*

e-Discovery Webinar Coming Soon

On September 21, 2010 (time to be determined) Jill Ackerman and Jim O'Conner, Baird Holm LLP, will present a webinar on the topic of e-Discovery. The webinar will review the history and rationale for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Amendments and the e-Discovery process, discuss how to handle the data subject to e-Discovery and include scenarios and actual examples of e-Discovery cases.

We anticipate a dynamic presentation including hands-on experience dealing with complex e-Discovery in actual cases. Please save the date and plan to join the webinar. Watch for additional information and details soon. Questions? Contact Charlene Dunbar at cdunbar@neheart.com

ICD-10 Training in Nebraska

The NHIMA Board would like to ask those members who currently hold AHIMA approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer certificates or are planning to attend the AHIMA ICD-10 Academy before the end of 2010, for your input on developing a plan for assisting in the education effort for coders in Nebraska. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Theresa Rihanek at ktrihanek@msn.com.

Wide River TEC Meaningful Use Webinar Now Posted

Wide River Technology Extension Center (TEC) hosted a Meaningful Use webinar on July 23, 2010. The presentation is now able to view; [click here](#) to download the video or to view the handouts, [click here](#).

AHIMA Resource Links

ICD-10 – <http://www.ahima.org/icd10/about.aspx>

ARRA/HITECH (meaningful use, RECs, etc.) - <http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/arrahitech.aspx>

NHIMA Contact Information

Dates to Remember:

[Board Members](#) ❖ [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#) ❖ [Region Chairs](#)

March 30 – April 1, 2011 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney

