

President's Message

February is upon us which brings Super Bowl Weekend and Valentine's Day. I know for me; I will be spending it volunteering for a couple of organizations I belong to. Let's talk a little bit about volunteering. I have listed some positive attributes to being a volunteer:

Positives thoughts:

- Networking and creating new relationships- priceless
- Growth of knowledge with the experience- priceless
- Giving back to others -priceless

Negative thoughts:

- I don't have the time- Sure you do. Most times it is a 1-hour phone call
- I have nothing to contribute- Everyone has something to contribute. If you have an opinion, then you have something to contribute.

I volunteer for so many groups and so many things that I have lost track. I will continue to volunteer for the NHIMA and be active because I believe in "Our" professional organization and what we stand for. There are many committees that you can volunteer for the next year such as:

- Nomination Committee
- Professional Promotions Committee
- Coding Round Table
- Advocacy
- Convention
- Cancer Registry
- Archives

Each one of these positions comes growth and friendship. It is a chance to give back and to stay active in or professional organization. Won't you please give you time and wisdom to one of these committees? You will not be disappointed.

Yours truly,

Dawn Goodsell, RHIA President NHIMA 2016-2017



2017 NHIMA Convention "HIM: A Buried Treasure" April 5-7th, Kearney, NE

We are excited to announce a change for our annual convention. Friday morning will be dedicated to our coding community. We feel that having our Friday time dedicated to coding will allow other facilities to send more coders and allow people to focus on specific education needs. We will have experts in Critical Access Hospitals discussing ICD-10 changes, documentation issues in the electronic record, and documentation of specificity for correct coding.

Hope to see you all in April.

NHIMA 2017 Election

The election for NHIMA is coming up in March and we are searching for individuals who are willing to donate their time. Without volunteers, we simply would not exist. Please take time to think about running for office and volunteering. It is a wonderful opportunity to network and learn new skills and knowledge.

Committee members Michelle Ilsley (milsley@nebraskamed.com), Damita Gifford (dgifford@OmahaDerm.com) and Sarah Fuerhoff (s_fuerhoff@hotmail.com) may be contacting you about volunteering. If you have an interest in serving or would like more information, please contact any of the individuals above.



Voting on this ballot will begin in March. We would like to see a very high voting response with the electronic process. Please consider volunteering for a position and consider your choices carefully – make your voices heard by voting in the NHIMA election in 2017!

HIMR Update

Some of you might have gotten the email from AHIMA just recently stating that the AHIMA Board has decided to back the HIMR Committee in going forward with implementing the new changes to the degree programs. Below is a link for you to review to get the latest updates on what the future holds. It does say that they are taking the comments that they have received into consideration as they are writing the updated HIMR White Paper that will be coming out this spring. We will keep you posted as new details unfold.

AHIMA link:

https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=2408760562&message_id=13914985&user_id=AHIMA&group_id=4022132&jobid=36372852



Networking Nook

This Networking Nook features Shari Colabello, a student at Clarkson College. Click [here](#) to read more.

Hierarchical Condition Categories Webinar

The Coding Roundtable Committee has recorded a presentation on Hierarchical Condition Categories. To purchase the webinar, please go to <http://www.associationconnex.com/nhima-hierarchical-condition-categories/>. Another webinar will be available in January, 2017.

NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

Dates to Remember: April 5-7, 2017 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
