

News & Views

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NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

Dates to Remember:

April 11-13, 2018 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

President's Message

Convention is just 2 short months away! I am so excited about things we have to offer our members this year. Due to overwhelming response once again, we have carved out Friday of the convention to be a coding day. We have two excellent speakers to share their knowledge and expertise with you during this session. Our Convention Committee is finalizing the finishing touches for our Annual Convention and will be available very soon for registration on KnowledgeConnex. You will also see this year a huge group of leaders within NHIMA that were so gracious to be on the ballot this year. I was so impressed with the caliber and the number of candidates that want to be a leader within NHIMA. It is through the time, heart and volunteer hours of those so gracious to give that time that we continue to thrive and succeed as an organization. 2018 has a lot of great things in store for us and I would like to continue to encourage the conversations and idea sharing. This is how we strengthen our profession and each other as friends and colleagues within the HIM field.

HIM Reimagined (HIMR) is the 3rd topic that I will focus on in relation to the SBAR conversations that were held in LA back in October at the House of Delegates meeting. HIMR is a framework to allow us to create future roles for HIM professionals. This builds on the foundation of AHIMA and ensures continued relevance and the need for a rapid transformation of the HIM profession. In 2014, AHIMA conducted a workforce study which was followed up in 2017 by a broad-based market research focused on identifying the HIM jobs of the future in both traditional and new workplace settings. In order for AHIMA to continue to move forward and provide the best opportunities for its current students in the program and the current HIM professionals, we must enhance our knowledge and expertise in areas that the workforce is changing in so we are positioned and prepared for these changes.

During the House of Delegate session, the study results were reviewed and delegates broke into workgroups to brainstorm on ideas for additional recommendations for AHIMA to consider for future planning. In the break-out sessions, the brainstorming included discussions on topics such as developing AHIMA scholarships as a bridge to assist those holding an RHIT credential to prepare for the transition to a RHIA credential; additional work to understand the job market for the healthcare industry; and a need to explore the challenges for the existing HIM programs. Each of the groups reported out and the following topics were identified as the recommendations for future consideration by AHIMA:

1. HIM awareness. Communicate to internal and external stakeholders who we are, what we do and what value we provide.
2. Pathways for advancement. Focus on providing timely and affordable education.

3. Market value. Internal and external data to demonstrate market value. Explore what tools can calculate value in organization.
4. Growth. Develop strategies for promoting our profession to build an applicant pool and increase recognition.

During the House of Delegates, the representatives from across the country worked together on identifying the priorities for AHIMA beginning in 2018. Overall, HIMR is a framework to create future roles for HIM professionals that builds on our already established foundation but also ensures our continued relevance as HIM professionals during a time of rapid changes. We will continue to learn more in the coming months about this important topic and keep you informed as we are informed.

~ Change Brings Opportunity ~

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in April!

Your President, *Courtney Burbach*, RHIA President, NHIMA 2017-2018

For more information on HIM Reimagined, read Mary Butler's article, **HIM's Professional Shake-Up Wake-Up: Moving Beyond Reality 2016 and 'Reimagining' HIM for a Quickly Changing Healthcare Industry** which can be found at

<http://bok.ahima.org/doc?oid=301433#.WnoBUkxFyUm>

Educational Opportunities

HFMA, Heartland Health Alliance and NHIMA are sponsoring a workshop titled **2018 Revenue Code Bootcamp**, on February 21 - 23. Two sessions are being held; one for PPS Hospitals and one for CAH hospitals. CEs are being offered. For a copy of the brochure and registration form, go to

<http://www.nehfma.org>

The Pulse of Information Governance in Healthcare and Beyond is a free webinar sponsored by AHIMA on February, 23, 2018. For more information, go to

<http://www.ahima.org/events/Pulse-IG-Healthcare-And-Beyond>

NHIMA 2018 Conference will be held on April 11, 12 and 13, 2018 at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska. Watch for forthcoming information on conference registration!

NHIMA Annual Elections

Mark your calendars! The NHIMA annual election opens on Monday, February 19 at 8 a.m. Take a few minutes to vote! Watch for an email on the 19th that will provide you with the link that will allow you to cast your vote!

Coding Roundtable

Join us for an informal informational session the evening of Wednesday, April 11 in the Younes Conference Center! The Coding Roundtable is looking for input from you on specific CPT questions that you would like addressed during the coding sessions on Friday, April 13 as well as input on future coding educational opportunities. Further details will be provided at the Conference!

