

July 2014

President's Message

Well, here we go again! It was some 11 years ago that I sat as the President of NHIMA. It does seem like a lifetime ago. Life then seems like it was much simpler. I believe I was still securing medical records by keeping them in locked files. Yes, the computer was here but at a much narrow capacity. We did have an IT department staff of "one" and this was sufficient for the office staffers that had computers, because we were the only ones that did. Well, here we are and boy have medical records changed, as well as everything else that we do, or at least the way we do it. The world is all about "change", if you aren't changing then you probably aren't surviving well. You either change with the world or the world will pass you by.

Today the opportunities for our association and its members abound. There are so many different jobs that await us. We need to embrace these opportunities and we need to grow ourselves and mentor our new, young members so that they are positioned to lead our organization in these changes.

I appreciate the opportunities that NHIMA affords me as President. I will strive to do my best at continuing to move our association forward and keeping our membership aware of the changing environment. I will need to ask assistance of each and every one of you. It might be asking for your opinion, asking you to volunteer, asking you to vote, asking you for your ears as I bounce an idea off you, or perhaps just asking you for a few minutes of your time so that we might have good conversation.

I look forward to the upcoming year and am ready to step up to the challenges that await me and NHIMA and our profession. Please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the other board members if there is something we can assist you with.

So bring on 2015; because we (you and me) are a **TEAM** and "together everyone accomplishes more." We are ready to meet the opportunities ahead. Have a great summer and stay safe.

Shirley Carmichael, NHIMA President

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the annual business meeting are now posted in the [Nebraska Engage Community](#) under the topic "Annual Reports & Annual Business Meeting Minutes."

FREE CEU Opportunity

We have a great opportunity to hear directly from an AHIMA board member about the changes to expect in the future. Find out first-hand what you can expect in your professional future. Share the invitation with colleagues or anyone who you think might be interested. Please RSVP at Dirkschneider@clarksoncollege.edu by July 30th if you plan to attend.

What: The Changing Roles of HIM Professionals -This presentation addresses how HIM has changed over time and identifies workforce needs of the future.

Who: Dana McWay, JD, RHIA, Director, American Health Information Management Association Board of Directors and Court Executive/Clerk of Court of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

When: Wednesday, August 6th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Where: Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, Building 10, Room 116 A

NHIMA Scholarship Application deadline July 31st

Policy, instructions and application can be found at www.nhima.org.

NHIMA Contact Information (updated 2014-15): [Board Members](#) - [Committee/TF Chairs](#)

Dates to Remember: April 22-24, 2015 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Kearney, NE
