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## President's Message

Hello NHIMA Members,

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I began the NHIMA Presidential journey. I have become even more passionate in helping to lead the HIM profession this year. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity! I appreciate the many volunteers who give of their time and energy to assist in making NHIMA a successful organization. We had a great board this year who worked very hard on your behalf. The board also deserves a special thank you for their passion, energy and perseverance. Together, we have started down a path with some exciting changes ahead!

All NHIMA members should be on the lookout this summer for some exciting changes to the AHIMA Communities of Practice. The format is going to be completely re-structured, and will be called "Engage". With membership spread throughout the state this is a great place for virtual professional communication for our members.

In closing, am confident that Charlene Dunbar will do a great job as 2013-2014 President as the momentum into our new reality builds. I look forward to continuing to volunteer with NHIMA as this has been personally and professionally very rewarding. Have a great summer and I hope to see you in Kearney in 2104.



Michelle Ilsley, NHIMA President

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## AHIMA House of Delegates

The AHIMA House of Delegates (HoD) has started a successful transformation into more of a virtual house model. Many meetings are held via WebEx with additional communication via the AHIMA Communities of Practice (CoP). The May virtual meetings for the House of Delegates introduced 3 bylaw amendments that will be voted on virtually, prior to the face to face meeting in Chicago in July. Items being voted on include:

1. Student Membership in AHIMA- There is a proposed by-law amendment allowing any full or part time student formally enrolled in a CAHIIM accredited or AHIMA approved program, including those that are pending accreditation/approval or enrolled in another course of study acceptable to AHIMA, or a student currently enrolled in a formal certificate or degree granting program directly relevant to AHIMA's purposes to be eligible for student membership in AHIMA. The student could retain this type of membership until graduation from that program or for a maximum of four years or until registering for an AHIMA certification for the first qualifying examination for which they are eligible, after which time the student membership would be transferred to active membership. Student members have the same rights and privileges as active members except that student members do not have voting privileges nor can they serve as an officer or director of AHIMA or on the House of Delegates.
2. Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates- There is a proposed amendment allowing the qualifications for a Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates to be updated from an current member of the House of Delegates to a current or previous member of the House of Delegates.
3. Adoption of amendments- There is a proposed by law amendment allowing a more consistent time frame for house action items and by-law changes. A summary of the proposal is: a request for the House of Delegates to amend the By-laws would be initiated by the Board of Directors, a component state association or any active member at any time that is at least 30 days prior to a House of Delegates meeting at which a vote on the proposal to be taken. Previously this had been at 40 days, which was inconsistent with house action items.

There are discussions on each of these items on the CoP. In addition, if you would like to discuss any of these items with the board, please feel free to contact any board member. House of Delegates will be voting on line between 6/7 and 7/1 on these items.

Following the on-line voting, all NHIMA delegate board members will be attending this year's leadership summit (a one day; face to face) meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> in Chicago.

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## Got Connections??

The Coding Roundtable committee has been asked to make contact with EHR vendors or perhaps the larger insurance companies in the state to try to obtain monies to help defray the costs of putting on the ICD-10 coding workshops.

Do you have a vendor that you think might be interested in making a donation? If so.....please contact Shirley Carmichael at [shirley.carmichael@jhc.us](mailto:shirley.carmichael@jhc.us) with the information or call me at 402-729-6854.

## Annual Business Meeting Minutes

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

## NHIMA Scholarship Applications Due July 31st

Policy, instructions and application can be found at [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org).

**NHIMA Contact Information:** **Board Members** - **Committee/Task Force Chairs**  
**Dates to Remember:** April 16-18, 2014 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

## Virtual Education

**Mamma Mia! ICD-10 OB Coding Principles** (recorded live 7/2012)

This webinar has updated information and discusses both diagnosis and procedure coding for obstetrics.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0 Cost: \$40

Register [here](#).

**ICD-10-CM Introduction** (recorded live 12/2012)

This one hour webinar introduces ICD-10-CM. The presentation will discuss differences and similarities between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM, as well as provide information on implementation.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0

Cost: \$40

Register [here](#).

**ICD-10-PCS Medical/Surgical Section Coding** (recorded live 3/2013)

The objectives of this 1 hour webinar are to 1) Review the code format and structure of ICD-10-PCS the Medical/Surgical tables; 2) List the advantages of ICD-10-PCS; 3) Review the seven chapters of the ICD-10-PCS codes; 4) Use operatives/procedure reports to demonstrate the assignment of appropriate ICD-10-PCS codes.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0

Cost: \$40

Register [here](#).

Additional offerings can be found at <http://www.knowledgeconnex.com/LearningPortal/ondemandeducation.html> on the KnowledgeConnex On Demand Education web page.

# It's still coming!

## ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education

The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) is partnering with the Nebraska Health Information Management Association (NHIMA) to provide ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education.

Sessions are tentatively planned for the following dates/locations:

Scottsbluff – May 2014  
Kearney – May 2014  
Norfolk – June 2014  
Lincoln – June 2014

Exact dates will be provided as soon as they are confirmed. The format of each workshop will be the same.

Day 1 will focus on ICD-10-CM and days 2 and 3 will focus on ICD-10-PCS. You may register to attend only the first day or all three days. Stay tuned for further updates from NHA and NHIMA.

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