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## President's Message

Oh my, how time flies! It seems like just yesterday that I officially took the office of President of NHIMA. What is it that they say? "Oh my, how time flies when you're having fun". I have had so much fun and will treasure the memories that we made together.

First of all I would like to give a great big thank you to my fellow board members who have helped me so much this year. I hope that it was as pleasurable for each of you as it was for me. I thank you for all your hard work and your commitment to NHIMA. Each of you has made a difference.

I would also like to thank Kimbra Johnson, Central Office coordinator without whom I truly expect that nothing would have happened in a timely fashion.

I don't know about each of you, but I look forward to the upcoming year, new board members, fresh ideas and who knows what will evolve in our own profession as well as healthcare in general. I challenge you all again. Be daring and volunteer and most of all stay mentally strong!

Joe Tye, Values Coach, lists some things that mentally tough people don't do and I'm adding how I believe we all should handle the scenarios in our life:

- **They don't give away their power.** We don't allow others to control us.
- **They don't shy away from change.** We welcome positive change and are flexible.
- **They don't give up after the first failure.** We should see failure as an opportunity to grow and improve.
- **They don't believe the world owes them anything.** We look for opportunities based on their own merits and don't feel entitled.
- **They don't expect immediate results.** We apply our skills/time to the best of our ability and understand that real change takes time.
- **They don't make the same mistakes over and over.** We must move on and make better decisions based on past mistakes.
- **They don't worry about pleasing everyone.** We should strive to be kind and fair but stand firm if others are upset because our decision didn't make them happy. Sometimes we must say no.

This is a crazy old world that we're living in. Stay balanced. Stay focused and most of all stay true to yourselves. Keep smiling it makes others wonder what you're up to.

*Shirley Carmichael, RHIT - NHIMA President*

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## Compilation of ICD-10 Trainer List on NHIMA Website

Being cognizant of the need to promote equal opportunity, the NHIMA Board of Directors is compiling a list of Nebraska AHIMA-certified ICD-10-CM/PCS trainers. Only your name and contact information will appear on this list and does not indicate endorsement by NHIMA.

When external organizations and other interested parties inquire about the availability of ICD-10-CM/PCS trainers, they will be directed to the list on the NHIMA webpage. Organizations can then contact the individuals directly and make their selection and arrangements.

If you would like to be included on this list AND agree to have your name and contact information posted on the NHIMA webpage, please send an email with your name and contact information to Kim Johnson at [kim@consulthi.com](mailto:kim@consulthi.com).

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## ICD-10 Medicare FFS End-to-End Testing

Click [here](#) to read more.

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## Words of Appreciation

📌 I would like to express my sincere and humble thanks to the NHIMA Board and members for the honor of receiving a Distinguished Member Award at April's Annual Conference. Although during the presentation there were several NHIMA activities mentioned in which I participated throughout the years, I want to stress that I received back so much more. I strongly encourage current NHIMA members to get involved as much as possible with our state organization as the rewards you receive can be endless. Volunteer for a committee, attend conferences, and agree to run for a Board position or for the Nominating Committee. Even if you aren't elected the first or second time, don't give up!

The more you are involved, the more exposure you will have to members across our state. NHIMA is a very important organization for the healthcare industry and the public, so wear your membership proudly, support each other, and continue the networking. Again my sincere appreciation for allowing me to be a part of this organization! ~ *Charlene Tilson, RHIT*

📌 Thank you so much for honoring me as a 2015 recipient of the NHIMA Distinguished Member award. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of NHIMA since 1985. Through this organization, I have met many of you and have developed life-long friendships. As a list of my NHIMA involvement was read during the presentation at the meeting in Kearney, I reflected on all of those activities. I realized many were small and some were large, but this reinforces the fact that some volunteer opportunities do not take a lot of time, but are important for years to come. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for a committee or task force, to speak at our convention, or to run for a Board position. The rewards are friendships, mentoring others in the profession, gaining new knowledge, and polishing leadership skills. It is truly an honor to be recognized as a NHIMA Distinguished Member. And, most of all, thanks for your friendship during my years in NHIMA. ~ *Charlene Dunbar, MBA, RHIA*

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## Clarification on NHIMA'S 2016 Convention

Since the Save the Date cards were printed incorrectly, here is the correct information for next year:

Save-the-Date: April 13 - 15, 2016

Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska

Reservations will be available at the Wingate and the Comfort Inn.

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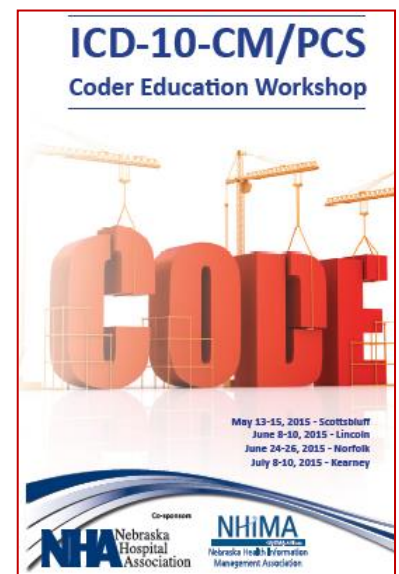
## Coder Education Workshop:

The coding workshops are fast approaching but please remember to keep in contact with our Nebraska representatives to let them know we want ICD-10-CM/PCS to proceed - #ICD10matters - no more delays!

At any time between now and October 1st, legislation could be introduced to once again delay implementation. We need to continually let our representatives know that we are ready to proceed.

Remember to bring your ICD-10-CM/PCS code books with you to the workshops.

This year is you will be invoiced for the registration fee closer to the date of the workshop.



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## NHIMA Scholarship Application deadline July 31<sup>st</sup>

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

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## NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

## Dates to Remember:

April 22-24, 2015 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Kearney, NE

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