

News & Views

March 2008



President's Message

Dear NHIMA Members,

I always ponder the theme of the President's Message. This quarter I would like to give a big "shout out" to all the members who volunteer their time and talent to AHIMA or NHIMA. Without the willingness to of these volunteers, our organization would not be valuable resource that we have all come to rely upon. The variety and number of people that volunteer in our state each year is inspiring. I'd like to thank everyone that has given their time and knowledge over the years.

There are many opportunities to become involved in the organization. There are several committees already in existence that will never turn down an additional helping hand. Several new opportunities will be created in the next few months as well. By definition a committee is "a group of people elected or appointed to perform some service or function, to investigate, report on, or act upon a particular matter." By volunteering, you will not be doing it alone, there will be others to assist and guide along the way.

I would like to ask everyone to evaluate their strengths, and maybe weaknesses you'd like to strengthen, and give serious consideration to becoming more involved in our wonderful organization. The time I have volunteered over the years has been some of the most rewarding and educational experiences in my career.

The Board is gearing up for the annual business meeting that will take place at the Spring Conference. The Annual Report will be available to all members on the Geographic Nebraska CoP prior to the meeting. Please be sure to review and bring a copy with you to the meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you will be able to stay informed with the electronic copy. The Spring Conference will be held April 24 & 25 in Grand Island. The planning committee has worked diligently to provide an excellent program for our members. We hope to see many of you there.

Kari Eskens, RHIA
NHIMA President

Welcome to New NHIMA Members

Joan Alberts, CPC
Linda Hansen, RHIT
Roberta Hanson

Billie Jo Greenwald
Danielle Kamler
Trena Rogge
Heidi Johnson

Stephanie Burrus
Erica Spears
Megan Wichman

NHIMA Scholarship

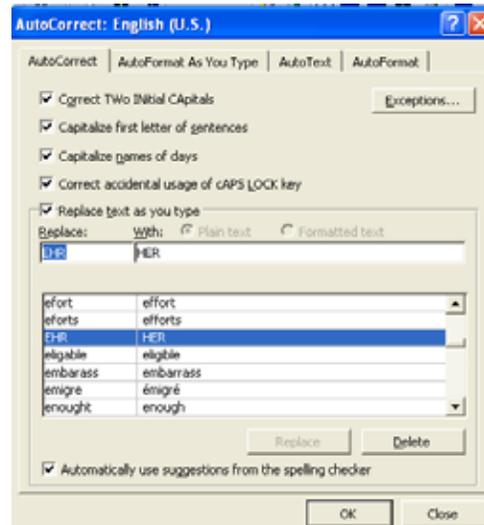
To download the Scholarship Fund Policy and Application Form, go to www.nhima.org. Applications are due April 1.

EHR/HER Word Processing Tip

How many times have you typed a document with EHR in it, only to have Microsoft Word change it to HER???

Here is how to fix that pesky little problem:

1. Point to "Tools" on your menu bar.
2. Click on AutoCorrect
3. The AutoCorrect tab contains a list of corrections. Scroll through the list to find "EHR" in the *Replace* column and the "HER" in the *With* column. Click on this line.
4. Towards the bottom of the window, there should be a button titled "Delete." Click that button to delete this correction and EHR should no longer turn into HER.



NHIMA Distinguished Member Award Policy

TITLE: DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Number: 3.14 Effective: 2/4/05

PURPOSE: To nominate an NHIMA member for outstanding NHIMA.

PROCEDURE:

1. Place the nomination for Distinguished Member Award form in News and Views publication prior to the Spring Conference.
2. May also place the nomination for Distinguished Member Award form in with the NHIMA ballot mailing.
3. Nominations are sent to the NHIMA President.
4. After nominations received, contact Board of Directors to vote on the results received.
5. President-Elect orders plaque for Distinguished Member with name and date. This may take several weeks. Flowers may be given at NHIMA business meeting to the distinguished recipient and will also need to be ordered.
6. Announce Distinguished Member Award winner at the end of the Annual NHIMA Business Meeting held during the Spring Conference and present plaque (if available). Flowers may be given to the distinguished recipient at the NHIMA Business Meeting.

See the last page of this newsletter for the Nomination Form – due March 31st.

Mark Your Calendar!
The Voyage of Change

NHIMA Spring Conference in Grand Island - April 24-25, 2008

April 24, 2008

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 Welcome – *Cindy Linke, RHIA, MBA*
- 8:15 MAC Update
Aileen Sigler
- 9:15 The Personal Health Record
Peg Wolff, MBA, RHIA
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Thayer County Health Services EHR Grant
Michelle Kuhlmann, RHIT, Mike O'Neal
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 NHIMA Annual Business Meeting
Kari Esken, RHIA, NHIMA President
[Annual Report available on CoP after 3/24/08 – Please print and bring to the meeting.]
- 1:45 Rural Health Clinic Coding
Janet Lytton, RHIT, NHA, Consultant
- 3:45 Break
- 4:00 POA's
Theresa Rihanek, RHIA
Ranae Race, RHIT
- 5:00 Closing Remarks

April 25, 2008

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 Welcome
- 8:15 Coping with Change
Lee Elliott
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Legal Aspects of EHR
Sara Juster, JD, Compliance Officer
Nebraska Methodist Hospital
- 10:45 EHR Panel
- 12:15 Closing Remarks



For complete brochure, go to
www.nhima.org

NHIMA Annual Meeting & Report

The Annual Business meeting will be held on April 24, 2008 at the NHIMA Spring Conference in Grand Island, NE (see above for conference details).

The Annual Report will be available in the Geographic Nebraska Community of Practice on 3/24/08. Please review and print your copy prior to the Annual Business meeting on 4/25/08. Copies will not be distributed.

The NHIMA Membership List is no longer printed in News & Views. However, the NHIMA membership list can be emailed to NHIMA members. Request your list by emailing the NHIMA Central Office at kim@consulthi.com.

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Health Information Privacy and Security Week

April 13-19, 2008

Western Nebraska Health Information Exchange Closer to Reality

Kim Woods, WNHIE Project Manager

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Over 90,400 panhandle residents will be the beneficiaries as the Western Nebraska Health Information Exchange (WNHIE) Network moves a panhandle-wide "real time" electronic medical record closer to implementation.

The WNHIE is funded by an AHRQ Implementation Grant and a HRSA Rural Network Development Grant and is managed as a LLC by a seven-member board with representatives from the panhandle hospitals as well as the Panhandle Public Health District, Region I Behavioral Health and the Panhandle Community Services Center.

Milestones for the project include documentation of information flow and functionality already in place at the facilities, development of privacy and security standards, a preliminary business plan, a draft user's agreement, issuing an invitation to bid to select vendors for a regional sharing solution and naming of a selection team for the regional sharing solution in addition to the formation of the LLC in July 2007.

The group is currently working to select a software vendor and expects the narrowing process, financial review, site visits, reference checks, negotiations and selection of the sharing solution to occur between October 2007 and January 2008. It is anticipated implementations will begin early next year at partner organizations in phase one of the regional migration path to electronic health information exchange.

The architectural solution will initially be a hybrid model with movement toward a central data repository. The partners are not being asked to discard software already in use to participate in the exchange. Members of the network are working to ensure that the software products fit the needs of each hospital and, at the same time, when completed, will seamlessly allow the exchange of information between hospitals and providers.

Proposed 2008-2009 NHIMA Budget

INCOME	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Dues	12,000.00	
Fall Conference 2008	13,500.00	Lincoln location
Spring Conference 2009	9,000.00	North Platte location
Vendors	1,500.00	
Interest/Checking	50.00	
Publications/News & Views/Privacy Guide	300.00	
Professional Promotions		
Corporate Member Fees	1,000.00	
Prepaid Income		
Web advertising		
Coding Roundtable	2,500.00	Educational activities
Miscellaneous	50.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,900.00	
EXPENSES		
NHIMA Delegate/National Conference	6,200.00	4 delegates
NHIMA Society/Clinic Coding	1,210.00	
Fall Conference	11,000.00	
Spring Conference	6,500.00	
President	250.00	
President-Elect	250.00	
Board	2,500.00	
Summer Team Talks/Leadership Conference/Coding Roundtable	3,130.00	4 attendees
Winter Team Talks	1,045.00	1 attendee
Assembly on Education	825.00	3 attendees
FORE Donation	150.00	
Nominating Committee	50.00	
Legislative Committee	250.00	
Professional Promotions/Recruiting	250.00	
Legal Guide Task Force	25.00	No new activity in 2008-2009
Scholarship	500.00	1 scholarship
NHIMA Website	250.00	
Central Office	3,350.00	
Legal/Accounting	575.00	
Corporate Status Biennial Report	20.00	
Miscellaneous	150.00	
Coding Roundtable	1,000.00	Educational activities
Community Ed Coordinator	200.00	
NE State Sales Tax	20.00	
EHR Roundtable	200.00	New per strategic plan
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,900.00	

HIM Spotlight – Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital

Marlene Rodysill, RHIT, Director

Central City is home to approximately 2,900 residents. Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital is a critical access hospital in Central City. In addition to our acute care area which offers swing beds and a full range of outpatient services, Litzenberg includes an attached long term care facility and a separate assisted living facility called Merrick Manor.

Our HIM Department consists of 3 full time equivalents. We have one coder that codes all inpatient encounters concurrently and is also responsible for utilization review, discharge planning and the CERT program. In addition she can also do transcription. Another coder is responsible for outpatient coding and reviews the charts for correct orders and tests. She is also responsible for various other outpatient clinic duties and can also do transcription. The department has one full time transcriptionist who transcribes all inpatient, outpatient and various therapies. She also completes many other various duties in our department. One day a week, we have two other employees who assist with filing, copying and other duties in the department. As Director, I am responsible for overseeing the department, involved in medical staff and quality insurance activities, and assist in all areas of the department.

In a small hospital the department is expected to pitch in where ever it is needed. My staff works well together and I am very proud of them.



2007-2008 Corporate Member

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2008 Virtual Winter Team Talks

Thursday, March 27, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm CT

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. MT

Sign up for an opportunity to interact by web conferencing with your peers, learn about ongoing plans within the Association, receive comprehensive meeting materials, and share your thoughts on upcoming strategic decisions all free of charge!

Registration link is available in the Resources section of the Nebraska Geographic CoP.

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Legislative Committee	Anne Skinner
Nominating Committee	Connie Henderson
Archivist	Retha Hudkins
Spring 2008 Conference Committee	Brenda Moors & Christina Fiala
Fall 2008 Conference Committee	Lori Richter & Angie Gage
Coding Roundtable	Theresa Rihanek
Professional Promotions	Janice Sandquist

NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Please note that the nomination of this NHIMA member is someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Nebraska HIM Association!

Nomination submitted by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work) E-mail: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____
(Home/Work) _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work) E-mail: _____

Individual notified of nomination: Yes No

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Also, attach supporting information such as current resume, biographical data sheet which includes present employment status, previous position, education, association activities, publications, leadership in education, etc.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO: Kari Eskens
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NOMINATIONS DUE March 31st