

News & Views

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President's MessageWhat a Difference a Year Makes.....

A few years ago, AHIMA gave a charge to reduce and stabilize the number of delegates in the HOD to keep it effective and stable. Last year, at a very volatile HOD, a model was proposed and sent back to committee for review. Over this last year, a model still had not been passed as of August, despite many, many, many phone conferences, emails, and other communications. Past-President Ranae Race, paved the road last year at HOD, for NHIMA to propose a bylaw amendment to change the HOD apportionment to a Senate model at this year's HOD. This allows every CSA to have two voting delegates at the HOD. New Jersey proposed a change to our amendment by asking the HOD to strike the Senate Model language and insert a thirds model apportionment. NJHIMA and NHIMA felt that this topic has been discussed much longer than necessary and it is time to move on. These were the last two models that had not been formally voted on therefore we decided to bring them forward and hoped one or the other would pass. We had support of several other states for the Senate model and had great hopes it would pass. If not, the general consensus seemed to be united in wanting one or the other to pass so we could put the topic to rest. Unfortunately, there was some confusion during the actual HOD meeting and neither model was passed. The HOD make-up stands as it is for now. To read more about the other topics discussed during break out session at the HOD meeting, use this link:

<http://www.ahimatoday-digital.com/ahimatoday/20100927#pg1>

~ Angie Gage, NHIMA President



AHDI Encouraging Transcriptionists to become RHIT or RHIA Credentialed

Deanna Snyder, RHIT recently attended the AHDI Annual Convention and Expo in Austin, Texas. Deanna notes that AHDI is encouraging transcriptionists to become RHIT or RHIA credentialed. She enthusiastically shares her convention experience with us. For her full article, please see: www.nhima.org/news.htm

ICD-10 Webinar

The NHIMA coding roundtable is presenting an ICD-10 coding webinar titled ICD-10, Branching Out. The webinar will be presented on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 12:00-2:00 pm by AHIMA certified ICD-10 Trainers Theresa Rihanek and Pam Koch. The 2-hour webinar will be a combination of information that was originally presented at the NHIMA spring meeting from both speakers. The cost for each site listening in on the webinar will be \$75, which is a great value for this type of education. Each site may have as many listeners as they would like for just one session fee (all listening in on the same conference line). Each listener will receive 2 CEU hours for the webinar. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Ilsley at milsley@nebraskamed.com or Ruth Gappa at: ruth.gappa@alegent.org. To register for the session, go to <http://knowledgeconnex.com/nhima/register110210.htm>

"The Reality Of The New E-Discovery Rules and HIM"

NHIMA members were treated to an educational webinar "The Reality of the New E-Discovery Rules and HIM" on September 21, 2010. Presenters were Jill Ackerman and Jim O'Connor from the BairdHolm law firm in Omaha. Ms. Ackerman and Mr. O'Connor presented the history and rationale for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure E-Discovery rules. Ms. Ackerman noted that the phrase "electronically stored information" has been added to several parts of the Rule and explicitly includes all the various forms of electronic information that are rightfully subject to discovery. Discussion included what determines a record and five themes in the Rules. Hold orders, data maps, unique problems with e-mail, and legal issues regarding cloud computing were also discussed. The replay of this webinar is available at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/343516745>. After viewing either the live or the replay presentation, please click on the following link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8D9YCWY>) and complete the evaluation. You will be able to print your continuing education certificate at the conclusion of the evaluation. Eighty-five (85) sites and an estimated 175 persons are registered for either the live presentation or the replay. Note: The NHIMA Board of Directors voted to make this webinar available to members at no charge. This decision was based on feedback from the NHIMA membership that the Board designate funds for educational opportunities. Questions or feedback: cdunbar@neheart.com, kim@consulthi.com or post on the Nebraska Communities of Practice.

2011 AHIMA National Convention – Room Reservations

If you are planning on attending AHIMA's national convention next fall in Salt Lake City, it was highly recommended that you make your housing reservations soon. There are 2 national conventions occurring at the same time, therefore competing for accommodations.

NHIMA Contact Information

Board Members ♦ Committee/Task Force Chairs ♦ Region Chairs

Dates to Remember: November 2, 2010 – ICD-10, Branching Out Webinar
March 30 – April 1, 2011 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney