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The Mission of the Michigan Health Information Management Association is to be Michigan's expert voice on health information.

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AHIMA Summer Team Talks Overview

AHIMA Strategic Directions

1. From accommodation of health record content and format variances to advocacy for standardization.

Why? Standardization is seen as a key resource in advancement of the EHR, improving patient safety and care and making healthcare more efficient.

What will AHIMA be focusing on?

- Active Participation in national standardization efforts
- More clinical pathways and documentation standards
- Less customization of products and systems

2. From exclusivity to inclusive membership driven by role, aspirations and interests. From academic only to academic and performance-based certification.

Why? AHIMA is the largest professional membership association directly related to health information. We need to expand our influence across the healthcare industry.

What will AHIMA be focusing on?

- Develop additional products and services for educational opportunities
- Develop master degree programs

3. From autonomy and self-sufficiency to working alliance with like-minded bodies.

Why? AHIMA leads and participates in several industry alliances, however maximum leverage is not achieved.

What will AHIMA be focusing on?

- Form partnerships with MGMA, AAFP
- Identify other like-minded bodies

4. From traditional leadership to governance adept at advancing change

Why? There is duplication of efforts between the House of Delegates and the Board.

What will AHIMA be focusing on?

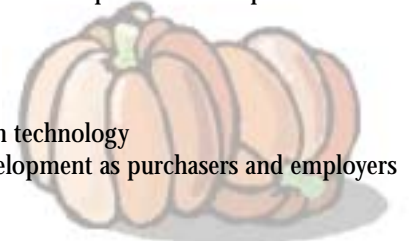
- Adopt streamlined bylaws
- Explore mechanism for all CSAs to have a central office resource
- Clarify delegates' roles and expand delegate orientation

5. From passive responsiveness to vendors to system-building certification of offerings

Why? Our constituency is not consistently engaged in the purchase or implementation of EHR products.

What will AHIMA be focusing on?

- Get involved in developing EHR specifications.
- Educate members on standards and information technology
- Get AHIMA members involved in product development as purchasers and employers



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OTHER AHIMA ACTIVITIES

Environmental Scanning: Tracking issues that determine our strategic direction. Topics identified by members across the nation (including Michigan) include:

- Recruitment of new members
- Retention of a diverse membership
- Access to continuing education
- Transition from school to employment
- Shortage of workforce (coding, transcription, registrars)
- Promoting and marketing the profession
- Implementation of e-HIM
- New roles in technology, e-HIM and informatics
- Bridging of clinical data to technology
- Technology use in CSA communications, Websites, CoPs
- Education of the public in the PHR
- Increased need for legislative and regulatory advocacy
- Building alliances with other organizations
- Gap in standards and guidelines
- Implementation of ICD-10
- Definition of the legal record
- Management of RHIOs

Participants at Summer Team Talks were asked to rank these topics by order of importance/urgency. The results of this ranking will be used by the House of Delegates to prioritize its activities over the next year.

RHIOs: The development of Regional Health Information Organizations is occurring across the nation. Watch for educational information from AHIMA in the form of Journal articles, webinars, etc.

- RHIOs provide for the controlled exchange of health information between health providers in a geographic area.
- Some states are much farther along than others in developing RHIOs.
- If you become aware of one forming in your area, offer to get involved, as your expertise in HIM can be a valuable asset in the planning and development of RHIOs.

Consumer Education Campaign: The goals of AHIMA's consumer education campaign are:

- Increase public awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding health information;
- Encourage individuals to maintain a personal health record (PHR);
- Create greater awareness of the HIM profession and the important role HIM professionals play

As part of this campaign, each CSA was asked to appoint a Consumer Education Coordinator. Ours is Margaret Neterer. She will be soliciting volunteers to undergo training in order to conduct community-based presentations on the topic of health information.

National Health Information and Technology Week



Mark your calendars for National Health Information and Technology Week, November 6 through 12, 2005, sponsored by AHIMA and the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA). The annual event was started 16 years ago to recognize the work of health information management professionals who maintain and protect the health information of individuals nationwide. The theme of this year's celebration is "Information for a Healthy Nation." Official merchandise for the week is only available through Bells Select, and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of official merchandise goes to support the week. To view and order materials enter this address in you Internet address line: <http://www.imprintmall.com/ahima/>

From **AHIMA Resources**, August 2005

AHIMA CEO Linda Kloss Makes 2005 “ Most Powerful” List

This week *Modern Healthcare* announced the results of its fourth annual ranking of the “100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare” and AHIMA CEO Linda Kloss, MA, RHIA, has made the list for the fourth consecutive year. New to this year’s list is AHIMA board member Gail Graham, RHIA, director of health data and informatics for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Congratulations to both Kloss and Graham for not only being ranked as one of the top 100 of the healthcare industry’s most influential people, but also making it to the top 50. Find out who holds the number one spot as well as the 98 others who made this year’s list by visiting: <http://www.modernhealthcare.com/resource.cms?resourceId=25>.

Federal Register Fiscal, Calendar Year 2006 Final and Proposed Provider Payment Rules

On August 4 the skilled nursing facility final prospective payment system rule for fiscal year 2006 was published in the *Federal Register*. The final rule can be seen at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050804c.html.

On August 8 the proposed revisions to payment policies under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2006 was published in the *Federal Register*. Visit http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050808c.html to view the proposed rule.

On August 12 the final rule to the FY 2006 inpatient prospective payment system was published in the *Federal Register* at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050812c.html

Federal Register Posts Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility and Long Term Care Facility Updates

On August 15, the inpatient rehabilitation facility prospective payment system rule for FY 2006 was published in the *Federal Register*. The *Federal Register* also published the immunization standard for long term care (LTC) facilities proposed rule. This proposed rule will increase Medicare and Medicaid immunization rates by requiring LTC facilities to offer each resident immunization against influenza annually and lifetime immunization against pneumococcal disease. To view the *Federal Register* updates, go to http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050815c.html.

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MHIMA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 29, 2005

The MHIMA Leadership Conference was held at the Michigan Health & Hospital Association in Lansing, Michigan on July 29, 2005, in conjunction with the Board meeting. The day started with networking and a continental breakfast for those attending. The Leadership Conference started at 9:00 am, with the President, Sally Rynberg welcoming everyone.

Each person introduced themselves and told everyone their position, place of employment and HIM school attended. Sally Rynberg, MSA, RHIA, is the current MHIMA President and a Delegate. She is the Data Standards Manager for Trinity Information Services and a Ferris graduate. Tracy Mardis-Brown, RHIA is the MHIMA Past President Director and a Delegate. She currently works at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall as Director of Medical Records and is a Ferris graduate. Connie Klein, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P is the MHIMA 2nd year Director and the Past President of Mid MHIMA. She is currently the Lead Coder at Synergy Medical Education Alliance and a Baker College graduate. Charlie Robinson, RHIT, CCS-P is the MHIMA 1st year Director and Project Manager of Education. He is currently the Coding Director for the Midwest Region for MedQuist and a Baker College graduate. Rochelle Cooper, RHIA, CCS is the MHIMA QIO/HPMRP Project Manager, and has filled every position on the Board. She is currently the Director of Education and Coding Compliance for William Beaumont Hospitals and is a Ferris graduate. Carol Jennings, RHIA, FAHIMA is the Nominating Committee Chairman for MHIMA. She is the Corporate Manager of Reimbursement Education for William Beaumont Hospitals and a graduate of Mercy College of Detroit. Denise Holstege, RHIT, CCS is the MHIMA President Elect, has served in most positions on the Board. She is currently the Manager of HIM at Hackley Hospital and a Baker College graduate. Marsha Allen, RHIA is currently the Central Office Coordinator for MHIMA. She was an AHIMA Correspondence RHIT in 1974 and received her RHIA from Ferris in 1994. Audrey Kolevar is a student from Baker College who is performing her externship at Oaklawn Hospital. She is from Detroit and currently lives in Jackson. Margaret Neterer, MM, RHIA is currently the MHIMA Community Education Coordinator. She has held most positions on the MHIMA Board. She currently is the Medical Record Services Manager at MI State University, Veterinary Teaching Hospital and a graduate of St. Louis University. Lynn Helms, RHIA is the SWMHIMA President. She is a Coder/UR Coordinator at Zeeland Community Hospital and a Ferris graduate. Joan Koets, RHIT is the director of public relations for SWMHIMA. She is the office manager for the State of Michigan Diabetes Education and a graduate of Ferris. Chris McCann, RHIA is the MHIMA Vice President, past Director, and Project Manager for the Convention Arrangements Committee. She is a Systems Analyst for Trinity Information Services and a Ferris graduate. Karen Kramer, RHIT is the Awards Project Manager for MHIMA, a member of the Convention Arrangements Committee and President Elect of SEMHIMA. She is currently the Medical Records Coordinator for Community Network Services and a Schoolcraft graduate. Michelle Mercieca, RHIT is the current SEMHIMA President and has held most positions for that regional association. She is currently the Coding Supervisor at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, but is soon going to work at Providence Hospital and is a Baker college graduate. Rita Montague, RHIT is a current first year MHIMA Delegate and a past member of the Convention Arrangements Committee. She is currently a Leader Research Abstract Analyst for Henry Ford Health Systems and a graduate of Henry Ford Community College. Leslie Mack, RHIT, is a current MHIMA Delegate and has held most positions on the MHIMA

Board including President. She is currently the Corporate Director of HIM at CareTech Solutions and a graduate of Ferris. S. Rynberg also mentioned that Alison Miller, RHIA is a Delegate and Karen Ruehl, MSA, RHIA is the Secretary/Treasurer. They were unable to attend. Sheila Bowlds, RHIA, CCS is the current Project Manager of CDIP (Coded Data Integrity Panel) and Karen Schmidt, RHIT, CCS is the Project Manager of Legislative issues.

For an "Ice Breaker" S. Rynberg gave everyone a picture and asked everyone to draw a picture of themselves in hair, clothes, shoes and hats that showed what they like. She also asked that everyone put something you carry with you in your hands and to draw what you like to do in the background; hobbies, pets, etc. Everyone showed their pictures and talked about what they had drawn about themselves. It was a good exercise so attendees could learn more personally about each other.

S. Rynberg discussed her recent attendance at the Michigan HIMSS conference. They present all of their sessions in one day. She did point out that an interesting item; on the easel in the lobby it said "MI Health Info Mgmt Association", not MHIMSS. She mentioned that about 100 people attended the general session in the morning. Her suggestion was that MHIMA talk with them regarding more joint efforts. There were 12 vendors present, but only ½ hour was planned for them after lunch.

S. Rynberg covered some "housekeeping" items. The Board meetings will be held at MHA on September 9, and November 11, 2005, and January 13, and March 10, 2006. The January meeting will probably be scheduled as a conference call because of the weather. The May Board meeting will probably be scheduled on Sunday prior to the annual meeting. S. Rynberg asked that members let her know if that would be difficult to attend. Most of the meetings are scheduled in the Professional Conference Room. The easiest way to get in to MHA is to park in front. The doors in back are locked and need a pass key to get in. Dress for future meetings will be Business Casual. That just means no jeans. A member asked if something had been said about dress in the past. S. Rynberg stated nothing had been said, but we need to present a professional appearance at MHA. Please put cell phones and pagers on vibrate. Board meetings are for Board business. Regional representatives and members are always invited to attend. Board members and Delegates are expected to attend Board meetings. Participating by conference call is an option if someone is unable to attend, especially if there is business to be voted upon. Reimbursement for mileage is allowed for attendance at Board meetings. There was some discussion regarding what other states are doing to require Board meeting attendance. Some states are tying Delegate reimbursement to the National meeting to Board meeting attendance. In September the Board will review the Delegate/Advocate job description and make some changes.

S. Rynberg mentioned some items regarding the Central Office and its functions. M. Allen works 30 hours a week and is responsible for minutes, some meeting arrangements, coordination of association activities and background work. Project managers need to make sure of their roles in relation to the Central Office.

S. Rynberg then discussed some ground rules for Board meetings. Roberts Rules of Order will be followed. There should be only one speaker at a time so when a person has the floor, there should be no side discussions. There are 7 voting members; President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Past President Director and 2 other Directors.

Delegates and Strategy Managers do not vote. A quorum is the number of the voting members that are at the meeting. MHIMA uses a "Consent Agenda" which is sent prior to each meeting to the voting members. It includes minutes from the previous meeting, the budget comparison to date and any other pertinent correspondence. It is typically routine information and can be approved as a package. It allows more time to focus on strategic issues. If anyone on the Board has questions or wants further discussion, that item is discussed separately before approval. She then covered the following points for making a motion: 1. Obtain the floor - Address the President. 2. Make your motion. State it affirmatively, "I move that...". 3. Wait for another member to second the motion, or the president will call for a second. If there is no second, your motion will not be considered. 4. The President will state your motion, saying, "It is moved and seconded that we..." After this happens, discussion, debate, or voting can occur. Your motion is now "assembly property" and you cannot change it without the consent of the members. 5. Calling the question - the President asks, "Are you ready for the question?" If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.

S. Rynberg then presented the Summer Team Talks Overview, which is discussed in the cover article of this issue.

L. Mack talked about MEMRI and where they are going as an RHIO. David Ellis is working with DMC on Healthcare futures. MEMRI has a good concept, but have not progressed. Several other states have created RHIO's. There are some Michigan hospitals participating in one in the South West areas with Indiana. K. Schmidt will ask Henry Ford Corporate if Governor Granholm has anything going on with EHR. Those having success with RHIO's seem to be Community sponsored where information is shared.

S. Rynberg also mentioned that from the Leadership Conference, AHIMA is presenting awards in Component State Association Core Service Achievement. This is a relatively new program and they are accepting applications in eight areas. They are; continuing education - HIM practice, continuing education - coding, member communications, recruitment/retention of members, recruitment/retention of students, support for local accredited programs, legislative & regulatory advocacy, and diversity programs. She discussed Missouri, who is paying for examinations for their students. The application is on their website, and the criteria are that they take the exam within 1 year of graduation and they are an AHIMA member. The first year they spent \$1300 and to date 22 of 50 potential members have joined. Other states listed with awards were Minnesota with their scholarship program and how they keep their funds high. Tennessee was mentioned with their E-HIM initiative where they use their vendors to teach not to sell and paid for some of their members to attend HIMSS meetings. South Dakota was mentioned for their coding workshop set up in conjunction with AAPC in 2 ½ day seminars, which created \$5000 in revenue and provided the coding information to members geographically diverse. Montana received one for Member Communications for launching a state CoP with Board members as committee chairs in a state with only 250 members. Minnesota received an award for Member Communications with the development of an electronic newsletter, member surveys for content, and offered CE credits for members who wrote articles. Idaho received an award for support of local accredited programs by using an RHIA in a graduate program to perform a workforce assessment and with the help of a vendor they are creating a virtual lab to be used by HIT and HIA programs. Florida received an award for Legislative advocacy by having a state Capitol Hill Day and distributing packets about FHIMA and AHIMA to 33 state senators and representatives. There was some discussion about how Michigan could submit a proposal for an award. T. Brown mentioned the increased number of votes for the electronic balloting as a possibility.

Michelle Mercieca, RHIT and Karen Kramer, RHIT presented a short report regarding what is happening with SEMHIMA. They created their website and now send their newsletter electronically as well as their flyers for meetings. They have a schedule that the Board follows monthly to respond to emails from members. Their Annual meeting is scheduled on September 15, 2005 in the evening and that will also be the installation of their officers. They are in the process of creating a delegate page for information to be placed on the website and then their Delegate/Advocate can reply. She can print comments and feedback from the web and bring it to the Board. They just sent their Ballot out for their election of officers. This year it was not as hard to get members to volunteer to run for office. The ballot has almost all new members running for office.

Lynn Helms, RHIA and Joanie Koets, RHIT mentioned that SWMHIMA is struggling to get members to attend meetings and to run for office. They have presented two seminars this year. There was some discussion of who to contact as members. M. Allen mentioned that she can sort a list by county that will list all members in SWMHIMA area. They could then send membership applications and meeting notices to all of those members. They still have the problem that they do not have anyone who will run for office. They do have a website. It is difficult to set up Board meetings and get Board members to accept responsibility for meeting planning. S. Rynberg volunteered to help them with setting up and reviewing bylaws and policies and procedures. After some discussion, SEMHIMA also offered to help. They will schedule a conference call with SWMHIMA to discuss some ideas that might help.

M. Neterer talked about the American Veterinary Health Information Management Association. They will be meeting in Hawaii next year. She suggested that others check out the website at www.avhima.org. There are only 30 members of the AVHIMA. They code for data and research only. Clients pay out of pocket at the time of service and insurance companies reimburse them, if they have insurance.

Marsha A. Allen, RHIA



Heartfelt sympathy to
Sandra McCann Ellis, RHIT
on the death of her
father, James McCann on
August 1, 2005

President's Message

Wow, it's been a busy summer! In July, Board members, delegates and MHIMA members attended AHIMA Team Talks in Chicago. You will find a summary of the topics discussed in this publication. Denise Holsteg and I attended AHIMA's Leadership conference following Team Talks. We heard an excellent speaker discuss how volunteer organizations (such as ours) can realize their greatest potential. We also shared ideas and brainstormed with representatives from other component state associations on achieving our goals. Both the Team Talks and the Leadership Conference offered us an excellent opportunity to network with our counterparts from other states, and with members of AHIMA's executive board.



We used the information and insight gleaned from the national sessions as the framework for MHIMA's Leadership Conference at the end of July. Our goals and objectives for the coming year were reviewed and modified to best meet the needs of our membership, and also to align with AHIMA's key strategies. Some of our major objectives this year include:

- Appointment of a Consumer Education Coordinator
- Emphasis on E-HIM activities
- Support for our state College/University HIM programs
- Forming alliances with like-minded organizations

With regard to forming alliances, I am pleased to report that MHIMA members were named to two standing committees at the Michigan Health & Hospital Association. I will participate on the Data Policy Committee and Karen Schmidt will participate on the Legislative Policy Panel.

It's time to vote! AHIMA elections are taking place now. Voting online is fast and easy. Please show support for your professional association by casting your vote for our national leaders before the polls close on September 10. Thank you!


Sally Rynberg, MSA, RHIA
President

MHIMA MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 2005

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11	Active Senior	30	30	-
20	Associate	162	165	+3
21	Student	392	341	-51
	New Grad	82	97	+15
	Honorary	1	1	-
50	Corporate	15	15	-
		2135	2134	-1
	Certified Nonmembers	885	886	+1*

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*AHIMA changed the way they count these members. The number includes all previous members even if dues have not been paid.

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AN UPDATE FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN

When coding inpatient admissions, be sure to document any additional resources above and beyond the normal or expected. That's the key to higher DRG reimbursement, according to Donna Waller from BCBSM. Donna presented an overview of the BCBSM DRG validation process, from case selection through review and appeal. They start by selecting cases most likely to be revised upon review. During the audit, BCBSM uses a combination of the Coding Clinic guidelines and BCBSM policies. Each case is examined on its own merit. BCBSM auditors, who are also RHIT's or RHIAs, pay close attention to specific physician documentation associated with the secondary diagnoses, looking for evidence that the coded conditions affected the treatment received or extended the length of stay. Using the discharge summary, BCBSM auditors review the entire case, including the cause for any complications. Sometimes they find that the hospital coding meets all the technical guidelines, but lacks clinical support. Clinical issues are referred to a physician of a similar specialty for determination. By contract, findings can be appealed at two levels; however, only documentation received through internal review is considered during the external review. It's important to note that less than one percent of all inpatient hospital payments are recovered in a DRG validation audit. And the recoveries are returned to BCBSM customers through controlled premium increase or reduced benefit expense.

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From the Editor...

As we go to press, the disaster in the Gulf Coast area is very difficult to comprehend. Please take a moment to give thoughtful consideration to all the folks affected by Hurricane Katrina. These people need our support in any way we can give. Our colleagues that are dealing with their personal crisis along with the operational crisis of evacuating the hospitals will need our support throughout the next few days, weeks and maybe months. The extremely difficult tasks that lay ahead will be challenging. I personally want to express my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to everyone who is living in the affected states and to anyone in Michigan who may have relatives in that area.

Please remember to go to the AHIMA web site and vote in the National Election. This can be done electronically and we would like to have a great showing from Michigan. Remember that we have Peggy Chapo, RHIA on the ballot this year and we need to give her our support.

We are always looking for articles to publish. Send your submission to the Editor and the committee will review for possible publication.

Please enjoy the upcoming Fall season. Remember to take time for yourself and family. Appreciate what you have around you.

*Denise Holstege, RHIT, CCS
Editor, FOCUS*



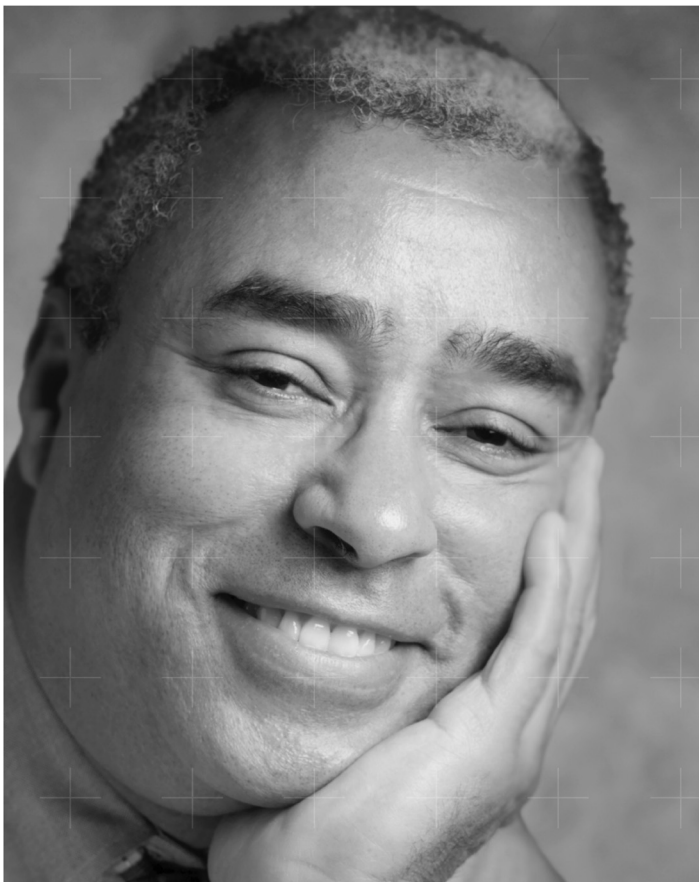
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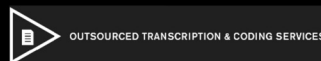
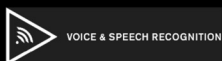


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Peggy L. Chapo, MS, RHIA

Fact: Only 10 percent of AHIMA members vote!

Vote and contribute to the success of your association! Your leaders help to realize goals that benefit you and determine how your membership dollars are spent.

As of 12 midnight (CST) on August 23, 2005, your online poll booth is open and waiting to record your ballots for president, the Board of Directors, the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), and the Council on Certification. The polls close at 11:59 p.m. (CST) on September 10, 2005.

If you're eligible to vote (any AHIMA member with active, senior, or honorary status holding a valid AHIMA credential as of June 30, 2005, is eligible), it's simple to make your choices. **Either vote online by visiting your Communities of Practice (CoP) home page (accessed through www.ahima.org) or call toll-free (866) 688-3096.** You'll need your AHIMA member ID number to vote. Either way, it takes only moments to determine your association's direction. Individuals who attempt to use both telephone and online methods will have both ballots declared invalid.

To vote online, [log on to the CoP](#) now. To log in, enter your AHIMA ID number and password (your last name in lowercase letters, unless you changed your password through your member profile or joined AHIMA online), click "Log In," and click on the Online Voting link just below Member Search. Or enter this address in your Internet address line: <http://www.ahimanet.org/Balloting/Main.cfm>.

Whichever way you choose to vote, please make sure you're acquainted with the issues, the candidates, and their positions before casting your ballot. Detailed biographies and position statements for each candidate are available on the ballot—just click on the candidate's name. You may also refer to the July/August *Journal of AHIMA*, which includes brief biographies, job descriptions, and photos of all candidates.

If you have questions, or need any assistance with either of the above voting processes, please feel free to contact AHIMA Customer Relations at (312) 233-1100.

Plan on making your voice heard in this year's election.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

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This program includes:
5 CE CREDITS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2005

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2006 CPT & APC Update and Coding Round Table

COST: Members - \$90.00 ■ Non-Members (includes maintenance of CE) - \$105.00 ■ Student/Educator - \$25.00

TIME: Registration – 8:15 a.m.
Seminar – 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

DEADLINE: December 1, 2005; \$25.00 processing fee will be maintained if cancellation required. *Bring 2006 CPT Manual and highlighter.* This program includes the latest 2006 CPT and APC changes and what's new, what's deleted and what's changed. After lunch at each site, there will be a Coding Roundtable addressing CPT Coding and issues. Sheila Bowlds, RHIA, CCS will be the facilitator at William Beaumont and Mary Schafianski, RHIT, CCS will be the facilitator at Ferris State University Grand Rapids. Please fax or email any questions you may have to the central office prior to the seminars.

PRESENTER: Rochelle Cooper, RHIA, CCS – Rochelle is currently the Director of Education and Coding Compliance for William Beaumont Hospitals. She has over 20 years of experience in HIM with a major emphasis on Coding.

There is no availability for a videoconference, but it will be videotaped and the tapes will be available after the meeting. PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Please make Checks payable to: MHIMA

REGISTRATION: Mail to MHIMA Central Office, 3311 David-Bee Street, Muskegon, Michigan 49444-3619

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Wednesday, December 7
Ferris State University, Grand Rapids Friday, December 9
William Beaumont, Royal Oak

Attention MHIMA Members We Need You!

The Nominating Committee is asking you to seriously consider becoming more active in the leadership ranks of MHIMA. In order for MHIMA to continue its growth and activities, please consider submitting your name as a possible nominee for:

President-Elect: Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. Maintain liaison with regional associations; appoint the Chair of the Nominating Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors, and to perform such duties as delegated by the President and/or Board of Directors.

Vice-President: Serve as an aide to the President; assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to serve. Serve as General Chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee.

Secretary/Treasurer: (2 year term) Attend all meetings of the MHIMA Board of Directors. He/she shall keep informed of all activities of the association; prepare financial reports as requested; serve as Strategy Manager of the Finance Strategy; assist in the development of the proposed budget each year; sign business documents as required; complete payroll responsibilities for Central Office.

Director: (2 year term) Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and assist in carrying out the business of the Association. Perform such duties as delegated by the President and/or Board of Directors.

Delegate: (2 year term) Represent MHIMA at AHIMA's House of Delegates; serve as an advocate to regional associations. Requires access to e-mail and the Internet, good communication skills, and critical and strategic thinking skills.

AHIMA Nominating Committee: Represent MHIMA on the Ballot for the AHIMA Nominating Committee. Requires some experience with AHIMA to assure knowledge of members nationally who may be selected to run for an AHIMA office.

MHIMA Nominating Committee: Represent MHIMA in selecting qualified candidates to run for office in the following year election.

Yes! Yes! I am willing to participate in MHIMA's future!

I would be willing to serve: _____
OFFICE or COMMITTEE

NAME TYPED / PRINTED SIGNATURE DATE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER E-MAILADDRESS

Please list any previous Board experience and list organization and year:

You may also submit names of any MHIMA active or associate members who would be qualified for office or committee membership:

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Please return completed forms with a resume attached by November 1, 2005 to:

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You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who cannot repay you.

– Ruth Smeltzer

Current MHIMA Bylaws

The MHIMA Standing Rules mandate that the bylaws be published every two years for the membership. The current bylaws with revisions from the May 2005 Annual Business meeting are published now on the website for your review or printing.

Communities of Practice

Are you interested in contacting other members with the same issues or interests that you have? The Communities of Practice (CoP) Section of the AHIMA website allows that option. If you are an Active member of AHIMA, you will have access to this area. If you sign in to the CoP section, across the top are several options to choose from. The first on the left is the Member Search. If you click on Member Search, a screen will come up with multiple criteria. You can enter any or all: Last name, first name, title, company, city, state or country. Then there are three other options that you can add or remove items of criteria for; there are 58 areas of interest, 38 job functions and 9 work settings. An example for a recent request that I received in the Central Office is members in Michigan working in Long Term Care. If you only enter Michigan as the state, and no other information, you will get 2139 members. The listing will not automatically download with that many, but you have the option of choosing to download all of them. If you narrow your search for example, enter Michigan as the state and add Long Term Care as the work setting, you will get 68 members that have listed Long Term Care as their work setting and you can send all of them or some of them an email with a question. You need to be sure to highlight and item and add it to your selection before you click on the bottom bar "search for members", or it will bring up all Michigan members. This is a very useful tool for members who are in non-traditional roles. Give it a try.



Marsha Allen, RHIA

After all this is over, all that will really have mattered is how we treated each other.

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9/9/05	Lansing, Michigan	MHIMA	Board Meeting	Central Office	231-767-9717
9/15/05	Livonia, Michigan	MHIMA	ICD 9 CM Updates Seminar	Central Office	231-767-9717
9/16/05	Grand Rapids, Michigan	MHIMA	ICD 9 CM Updates Seminar <i>Video Conference to UP</i>	Central Office	231-767-9717
10/15-20/05	San Diego, California	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
11/19/05	Lansing, Michigan	MHIMA	Board Meeting	Central Office	231-767-9717
12/7/05	Grand Rapids, Michigan	MHIMA	CPT 4 Updates Seminar	Central Office	231-767-9717
12/9/05	Royal Oak, Michigan	MHIMA	CPT 4 Updates Seminar	Central Office	231-767-9717
5/22-24/06	Dearborn, Michigan	MHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	Central Office	231-767-9717
10/7-12/06	Denver, Colorado	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
5/21-23/07	Kalamazoo, Michigan	MHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	Central Office	231-767-9717
10/6-11/07	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
10/11-16/08	Seattle, Washington	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
10/3-8/09	Dallas, Texas	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
9/25-30/10	Orlando, Florida	AHIMA	Annual Meeting and Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org

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