



HAHIMA Newsletter

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President's Message LaPacquah Brown, RHIA, President

Not Saying Goodbye, but
Until the Next Time...

Hello my fellow Health Information Management Colleges. I would like to start off by saying what a pleasure it has been to serve as your President for the Houston Area Health Information Management Association. I have learned and grown in ways one cannot express in a few words. The Executive Board wishes to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all the speakers who participated this year and to our corporate sponsors (Iron Mountain, Kiwi-Tek, eMediSafe, SPi, Texas ROI, Inc, Lexi-Code Corporation and Voice Products Inc.). Without the continued support of each of you and the members of HAHIMA this organization would not be a great success.

I want to thank the HAHIMA Executive Board for doing a great job this year. Again I am not saying "Goodbye" but until the 'Next Time' to the Executive Board members who will be leaving (Nonie Lambert, Diane Hardwicke, Kim Hrehor and Jeanne Qualey). Each of you has added your expertise

and knowledge in various ways and we appreciate the time and effort you put into serving the Houston Area Health Information Management Association. You will be missed but not forgotten. We cannot say enough about the HAHIMA Members who have continued to support the Houston Area Health Information Management Organization throughout the years. You are the reason we continue to grow and contribute to the community of HIM Professionals. We want to extend our gratitude to the HIM Students who are also a very important part of both the organization and the future of the Health Information Management profession. You are our eyes and ears and play a vital role in growing the profession and we appreciate your continued participation.

Lastly I would like to end with the term of "Rebranding". I had the opportunity to attend a Workforce Solutions Job Search seminar and the key word was "Rebranding". The facilitator mentioned this word several times and gave examples of how different companies are "Rebranding". Even



the hospital I work for, MD Anderson Cancer Center, has a new logo now. When I think of the term "Rebranding" I intently think change, making anew or just re-organizing. We as HIM professionals should think about how we can "Rebrand" the way health information is processed and utilized. Are there things we could do to change the image of either operations or even oneself. I challenge each of you to take a look at something you are involved with and see if there is room for "Rebranding". This can be in either your professional or personal life, you make the call.

Again this is not saying "Goodbye, but Until the Next Time... It has been my pleasure; see you at the Quarterly Meeting in June at San Jacinto and TxHIMA in San Marcos, Texas.



Nominating Committee Report Nonie Lambert, RHIA, Past President

Welcome to summer! After a long fall we are getting close to no school and summer vacations. Before leaving on that first vacation please check your mail for the HAHIMA 2010-2011 election ballot. It has been mailed to active HAHIMA members. We want to thank Carolyn Connolly who graciously agreed to tally and report the results of the election. The candidates are running unopposed; however we still need your vote to make it official. The ballots are in a white envelop with the return address of either Roger or Nonie Lambert. There is a self addressed stamped envelop enclosed, so please take a minute to vote and pop the envelop in the mail. The HAHIMA Board is working on automating the voting process for the next year's election.

This is my last submission to the newsletter as a Board Member of HAHIMA. I have greatly enjoyed the experience of serving on the board for the past 4 years. I would like to thank all of the current and past board members for their mentorship, friendship and dedication to each other and to HAHIMA. I am also grateful to you, the HAHIMA body for your participation to HAHIMA's mission of providing quality HIT/HIM education to the Houston area.

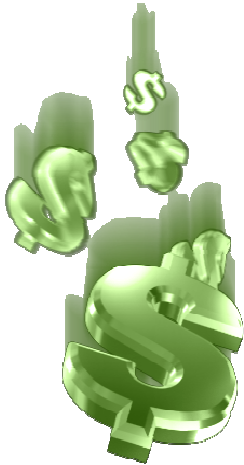
So, to pass the torch to new HAHIMA Board members, we will announce them in the June meeting and bow to the existing Board members for continuing our mission. Thank you so much for this wonderful life experience!
Warm Regards, Nonie Lambert, HAHIMA
Past President 2009-2010

***“Labor to keep
alive in your
breast that little
spark of celestial
fire called
conscience.”
George
Washington***

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Budget Committee Report
Diane Hardwicke, RHIA, Treasurer

Account Balances as of April 30, 2010:

HAHIMA Checking	\$16,061.21
Money Market	<u>\$10,164.25</u>
Total	\$26,225.46

***“It is neither
wealth nor
splendor, but
tranquility and
occupation,
which give
happiness.”***

***Thomas
Jefferson***

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Public Relations Committee Report Kimberly Hrehor, RHIA, Vice President

Happy Summer! School is out, time for vacations, spending time with family, relaxing at the pool or beach, sipping a cool beverage, and trying to stay cool. No easy feat in Houston Texas.

As this month draws near to a close I am preparing to transfer my Vice Presidential responsibilities to a new board member. These past two years have been wonderful. It has been very rewarding to work with a group of very fine and talented people on the HAHIMA board. I have learned a LOT—before this I have never made any changes or updates to a web site. I have

never used an e-mail marketing product. While I have done newsletters before for other organizations, this one was unique in that we relied on all the other board members for their submissions.

So as I complete my last newsletter for HAHIMA, I am a little saddened and also grateful for all the opportunities HAHIMA has provided.

I am sure my successor will do a very fine job—please give her your encouragement and support as she joins the HAHIMA board. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.



***“Be civil to all;
sociable to
many; familiar
with few; friend
to one; enemy
to none.”
Benjamin
Franklin***

Corporate Membership Report Jeanne Qualey, RHIA, Parliamentarian & Corporate Sponsor Liaison

HAHIMA continues to have seven corporate members this quarter. They are: eMEDiSAFE, Iron Mountain, Kiwi-Tek, Lexicorp, SPI Healthcare, Texas ROI and Voice Products. Please be sure to visit our corporate members during the ^{June 11th} meeting.

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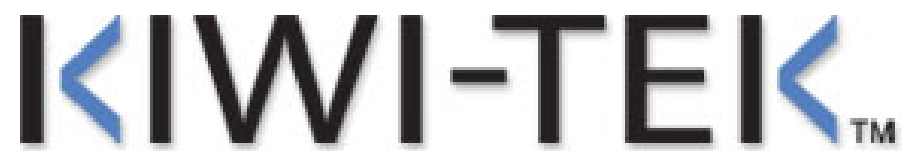
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HAHIMA
HOUSTON AREA
HEALTH INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

2009-2010 Membership Application

The Executive Board of HAHIMA welcomes you to the 2009-2010 yearly association membership. It is a pleasure to serve the Health Information Professionals of Houston and surrounding areas. Thank you for your interest and support. Visit the HAHIMA website at www.hahima.org.

PREFERRED CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME

ADDRESS (last) (first) (m.i.)

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: ALTERNATE PHONE #:

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

**Please note that most communications will be sent via email. Please be precise in providing your email address.*

EMPLOYER

JOB TITLE

I DO NOT WANT MY NAME/ADDRESS PUBLISHED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

Active (Active members must also be an active member of AHIMA) AHIMA# _____
Circle all that apply: RHIA RHIT CCS CCA CCS-P CHS CHP CHPS
\$15.00

Associate* Other professional not an active member of AHIMA
\$15.00

Student* School/Program: _____
\$7.50

Annual membership payment includes membership through August, 2010.

*** Please note Associate and Student members do not have voting privileges and may not hold office.**

Make checks payable to HAHIMA. Return application with payment to:
MD Anderson, HIM Dept., Attn: Revecca Jones, RHIA, 9220 Kirby Suite 100, Houston, TX 77054

For Credit card payment, please access <http://www.hahima.org>.
For membership questions or to change contact information, please contact Revecca Jones at (713) 792-2262
or via email at hahima07@yahoo.com.

(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY) Method of pmt: Check # _____ Cash (amt) _____ Date Rcvd: _____

HAHIMA Calendar of Events

September TBD
HAHIMA Quarterly Meeting

TxHIMA Calendar of Events

June 26
CCS Exam Review, San Marcos, Texas

Upcoming TxHIMA Convention Dates and Locations

June 27-29, 2010: San Marcos, Texas

June 27-29, 2011: Arlington, Texas

June 3-5, 2012: Galveston, Texas

AHIMA Calendar of Events

- June 17-19: AHIMA Academy for ICD 10, Boston MA
- June 29: Guiding your HIM Department Through Economic Challenges
- July 15: Keeping the Pace: Coding for Cardiac Monitoring Devices
- July 16-18: AHIMA Summer Meetings, Chicago IL
- July 20: Maternity Care and Delivery Procedural Coding
- July 22: Procedural Coding for Gynecologic Care
- July 29-31: AHIMA Academy for ICD 10, New Orleans LA
- August 5: Interventional Radiology Coding
- August 12: ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines: An Overview
- August 14-15: ARRA Workshop, Chicago IL
- August 16-17: Legal EHR Summit, Chicago IL
- August 18-20: AHIMA Academy for ICD 10, Chicago IL
- August 26: HITECH Update: Privacy and Security Enforcement Part 2
- September 2: FY11 CMS IPPS Update

Upcoming AHIMA Convention & Exhibit Dates and Locations

- September 25–30, 2010: Orlando, FL
- October 1–6, 2011: Salt Lake City, UT