

Newsletter



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President's Message

Debora J. Butts, EdD, RHIA, President

It is our Time

Hello HAHIMA Members and Associates.

It is our time to take the Health Information Management Profession to a new level of recognition recognition and respect. We work very hard everyday in our various roles. The advent of the Electronic Health Record is beaming the spotlight on us the way Diagnoses Related Groups did in 1983.

Not to mention the 30 year of Coding System is being converted to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. These two major changes alone will require new skills and new processes for managing what we love and that is Health Information Management. I am excited to be a member of this Profession at this time and welcome the opportunities that lie ahead of us.

Let us continue to encourage and uplift each other through our information sharing and networking.

The Houston Area Health Information Management Association is working hard to bring you meetings that are unprecedented. We have as **our Keynote Speaker for the December 17, 2010 meeting, our National President of AHIMA, Ms. Rita Bowen, RHIA.** We will hold this meeting in the world famous shopping and entertainment center, the Houston Galleria! Please come out and hear Rita and the other dynamic speakers that are on the December 17th Program. Let us come and meet new colleagues, reacquaint with old colleagues, strengthened and renew our commitment to the Profession and the Local Association.

I can hardly wait to see you there!

Debora

Program Committee Report Sonja Ross, RHIA, President-Elect

Greetings HAHIMA Members.

It's that time again, and a special time of the year, as we embark on the Holiday Season the HAHIMA Board has pulled out all the stops. This meeting is extra special we have the honor of having Rita Bowen President of AHIMA as our Key-note Speaker. She will be speaking on Prospering Through Change.

You don't want to miss this presentation as our profession is experiencing many changes to include EMR, ICD-10, and HITECH to name a few. We will have Mr. Ken Janda President/CEO of Community Health Choice, he will speak to us on "How will Health Care Reform impact CHIP/Medicaid and other low income populations in Texas". This will be a very informative presentation for those involved in Reimbursement at your Health Care Delivery System. Our last presenter Dr. James P. Turley of University of Texas will engage us with the latest in HITECH updates. This presentation will give us more information on EMR its impacts, and information we need know in order to make informed decisions for our organizations, as we move to the Electronic World.

Piggy backing Dr. Butts comment "It is our time" the profession is about to experience growth, and offer more opportunities the IT world. Manual processes are a thing of the past. We have to embrace this change, and prosper through this change. It is my hope that the speakers we have lined up will inspire you to be open, and available to the changes in the future. I will leave you with the following quote from Mahatma Gandhi "Be the change you want to see in the world" I am always looking for speakers and topics please don't hesitate to contact me with topics or speakers.

My contact information is on the HAHIMA.org website. I hope to see you all, as we enrich our lives and profession on the 11th floor in the Monarch Room at the Westin Galleria 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm overlooking the City of Houston from all angles. This is a classy venue for HIM Professionals the most distinguished group in health care today. Hope to see you all there Socializing and Networking, as a Professional Group/Organization during the dinner hour.

Happy Holidays.



Corporate Membership Report Terri Frnka, RHIA, Parliamentarian & Corporate Sponsor Liaison

As the new HAHIMA Parliamentarian this year, it is my responsibility to promote and support our Corporate Sponsors. I am here to help with new ideas to improve and build relationships with current and potential Corporate Sponsors. This organization would not be where it is today without their support. Thanks to all of you that have supported HAHIMA in the past and we hope to see your continued support in upcoming year.

I would like to take this time to introduce and welcome a new Corporate Sponsor for 2010-2011, Joel Verhoff with Addisonsearch. We look forward to a exciting year of opportunity and thank you for your support of HAHIMA and it's membership. Please stop by and say hello at the next HAHIMA meeting in December.

To our membership, if you know of anyone that is interested in becoming involved as a Corporate Sponsor, ask them to contact me. If you have comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to call me as well.



Budget Committee Report

Valerie Cooper, RHIT, Treasurer



Account Balances as of August 31, 2010:

HAHIMA Checking	\$15,220.94
Money Market	<u>\$10,167.67</u>
Total	\$25,388.61

Membership Committee Report

Rebecca Jones, RHIA, Secretary

We're continuing off our annual HAHIMA Membership drive! Along with being a member of our world class organization, some advantages include discounts to the quarterly HAHIMA meetings / seminars. HAHIMA meetings offer a wealth of current and useful information, and are an excellent opportunity to earn CEU's and network with other HIM professionals, students, and vendors.

JOIN now to receive the membership registration rate for the Dec 17 2010 meeting featuring Key Note Speaker, AHIMA President, Rita Bowen!!

Membership Dues:

Active Membership (must be active AHIMA member):	\$50 – per person
Associate Membership (inactive AHIMA member):	\$50 – per person
Student Membership:	\$15 – per person

Membership Process:

In efforts to "Go Green", our website, www.HAHIMA.org allows you to complete your membership application AND pay your dues online.

It's a simple 2 step process:

1. Simply select to the "Membership", and select and complete the "Membership Application". It's important to know that you will need to complete a new application, even if you were a HAHIMA member last year.
2. Return to the Membership page and click the "BUY NOW" button for the appropriate membership type. You can pay your dues via Paypal. We encourage you to print and keep a copy of the receipt for your records.

I look forward to meeting each of you at the meetings throughout the year!

ONLINE

If you complete the online application and pay the dues online: <http://www.hahima.org/MembershipApplication.html>

MAIL

If you're mailing your completed HAHIMA application (please print) and check to:

Valerie Cooper, RHIT (HAHIMA Treasurer)
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Public Relations Committee Report

Carla Tyson-Howard, EdD, MHA, RHIA, Vice President

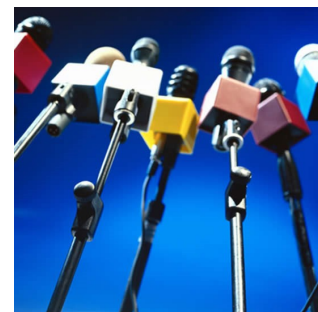
These are exciting times for our profession and we must “*Prepare for Change*” because we are the viable solution to the HIM critical issues. Critical issues such as ICD-10, EHR, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Health Information Exchange and the list goes on. The changes that our happening in our profession are unprecedented. Unprecedented times cause for unprecedented actions.

We must be decide to serve our profession specifically and the medical profession generally by honing our unique skills through continuing education.

Our local association supports those who strive for the edification of the HIM field. HAHIMA dedicates a portion of our proceeds to deserving Houston area HIM students. The winners of the 2010-2011 college scholarship will be honored at the December 17th quarterly meeting.

I am honored to be serving with a HAHIMA Board that values excellence and demonstrate this by bringing the AHIMA president to Houston. I guarantee you, this is one quarterly meeting you don't want to miss!

Happy Holidays!



“In all your getting, get an understanding.”



HITECH Programs for Health Information Education

Carla Tyson-Howard, EdD, MHA, RHIA

Community College Consortia to Educate Health Information Technology Professionals in Health Care Program

Houston Community College- Coleman College for Health Sciences is offering a non-degree Health Information Technology Training Program to prepare the Electronic Health Record workforce. This 6-month program is designed to provide a pool of qualified workers to implement and maintain electronic medical records. Students must have either a medical or information technology background. Job Placement Assistance will be provided! Tuition assistance is being provided to the first 150 students. Information Sessions scheduled for September 20th and 23rd at 5pm. For more information, and to apply, visit Houston Community College – Coleman (serving south Texas) at coleman.hccs.edu/hitech

PURE HIT - Program of Assistance for University-Based Training

The Professional University Resources and Education for Health Information Technology (PURE HIT) is a consortium project supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). PURE HIT is recruiting students to participate in HIT certificate programs and a master's program in electronic health record (EHR) /health information exchange (HIE) Implementation. The PURE HIT consortium is led by Texas State University in collaboration with The University of Texas College of Natural Sciences in Austin and The University of Texas Health School of Biomedical Informatics at Houston.

Visit Texas State University at <http://pure-hit.health.txstate.edu/>

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Biomedical Informatics has opened the Master of Science in Applied Health Informatics (Pending Approval). The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) will fund up to 29 full-time students for the one-year duration of the Master of Science in Applied Health Informatics program. For selected full-time (9 hrs/semester) students, the ONC grant will subsidize:

60% of tuition and fees

A \$15,000 stipend

Free student health insurance for the duration of the program

Visit the UTHSC at <http://www.uthouston.edu/sbmi/education/applied/>

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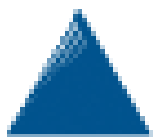


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2010-2011 Membership Application

The Executive Board of HAHIMA welcomes you to the 2010-2011 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 (Due September 30th and increase after October 1st):

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
\$50.00

Associate* Other professional not an active member of AHIMA
\$40.00

Student* School/Program: _____
\$15.00

Annual membership payment includes membership through August, 2011.

*** 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:
Valerie Cooper, RHIT (HAHIMA Treasurer)
2110 English Green Way
Fresno, TX 77545

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 (<http://hahima.org>)

Quarterly Meeting Dates, Location TBD

December 17, 2010

March 25, 2011

June 15, 2011



TxHIMA Calendar of Events

TxHIMA Hill Day Winter Symposium

January 25-26, 2011

Austin, Tx

January 26, 2011

Health IT Day

TxHIMA Annual Convention

June 27-29, 2011

Arlington, Tx

Upcoming TxHIMA Convention Dates and Locations

June 27-29, 2011: Arlington, Texas

June 3-5, 2012: Galveston, Texas



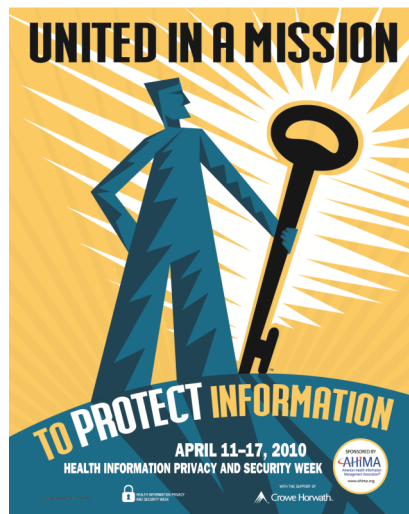
AHIMA Calendar of Events (<http://ahima.org/events>)

AHIMA Academy for ICD 10: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis Coding:

May - December, 2011 - Various locations through the states

Health Information Privacy and Security Week

April, 2011



Upcoming AHIMA Convention & Exhibit Dates and Locations

October 1-6, Salt Lake City, UT

**You are Cordially Invited to attend the
Houston Area Health Information Management Association
Fall Meeting and Holiday Networking Event**

Keynote Speaker at 12:30 p.m.
Rita Bowen, RHIA
President of AHIMA



**Please Join Us at the
Westin Galleria Houston**

Date: December 17, 2010
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: 5600 West Alabama
Houston, Texas 77056
Monarch Room

**Light hors d'oeuvres served at Noon
Dinner and Holiday Social at 5:00 p.m.**

www.HAHIMA.org
The HAHIMA Board