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President's Message

By Tara DeAndrea, RHIA

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As the old Chinese proverb states, "every journey begins with a single step".... The HAHIMA board is wrapping up a year that was begun with a single step! We have accomplished all of the milestones that we set out to achieve. The mission of HAHIMA is to provide Houston area HIM professionals with educational programs and to support the profession in general. This year HAHIMA has provided a total of 24 CE hours! The HAHIMA educational meetings were fantastic as our President-Elect; Nonie Lambert worked extremely hard to provide outstanding speakers. Thanks to Nonie for all of her hard work and dedication to the educational needs of the Houston HIM community.

The Vice-President of HAHIMA, LaPacquah Brown, has done an amazing job this year with designing a new HAHIMA website. It has been long and coming, but LaPacquah has managed to put together a website that has very few limitations and will be used by HAHIMA well into the future. LaPacquah also had the responsibility of publishing the quarterly newsletter, which is no small task. Every quarter she has done wonders with getting the content, the advertisements and the graphics just right. Thanks to LaPacquah for a job very well done!

Terri Frnka has been the backbone of the HAHIMA board this year! Terri serves this year as the Past President of HAHIMA... for the third year in a row!! Her dedication and commitment to HAHIMA is has been unwavering. There is no way to include in this short article all that she has accomplished in the last three years, so I will limit her accolades to this year. Terri was called on to serve as the Past-President when an untimely move caused the position to become vacant. She gladly accepted. Terri worked very closely with San Jacinto College North to ensure that HAHIMA had a wonderful place to hold quarterly and board meetings. Terri facilitated a joint venture between TxHIMA and HAHIMA to hold a CCS exam in Houston. Most recently, Terri worked as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to put together a slate of candidates for next years HAHIMA Board. She has made numerous copies, phone calls and spent countless hours mailing meeting notices and many other tasks that are too numerous to mention! With all of this and with a busy personal life, Terri volunteered to be the TxHIMA convention coordinator for the 2008 convention in the Woodland. Her dedication and hard work will be missed next year as she has taken on a bigger role with TxHIMA.



Committee Reports

Presidents Message, cont.

Carolyn Connolly has become a very experienced Secretary with HAHIMA! Like Terri, Carolyn volunteered to stay on with HAHIMA after the secretary position became vacant due to an election year variance. She is solely responsible for notifying HAHIMA members about any and all membership issues. She receives and collects membership applications, meeting registrations and ensures that all goes well with meeting registrations. Kudos to Carolyn for the email notifications that HAHIMA has sent out in this past year ... it is a very daunting task keeping track of changing email! But, Carolyn has managed to make HAHIMA email notification an efficient process. Thank you Carolyn for all your hard work!

Diane Hardwicke is the treasurer of HAHIMA; she is an unsung hero of sorts! HAHIMA has an influx of money during specific times of the year... membership dues, and 3 or 4 periods of receiving meeting registration dues. Diane keeps records receipt of all of the money (and money due!) for our organization. She comes up with budgets and makes recommendations on how to use our resources wisely. Because of Diane's budgeting and financial guidance, HAHIMA was able to purchase a laptop for use within the organization! This is a tremendous asset for all of us. Thanks to Diane for getting us on track financially and keeping us there!

All of the HAHIMA Board members encourage you to become active with HAHIMA. Our entire Board works very hard to provide the Houston HIM community with opportunities. We hope to see you during the coming year at any of the meetings or functions. As always, if you are an active member of HAHIMA and would like to run for an office or become involved, contact any HAHIMA Board member. We are looking forward to a great year with HAHIMA and hope to see all of you soon.

Nominating/Bylaws/P&P Committee

Submitted by Terri Frnka, RHIT

DID YOU VOTE!!!! Ballots were mailed on Monday, May 12, 2008. There are three positions available this year - President-elect, Vice-President and Treasurer. The deadline to vote was Friday, June 13, 2008. Thanks to all the candidates for volunteering their time to support HAHIMA.

Also, thanks to Marice Ivey from Lee College for taking the time to receive and count ballots. Results of the elections will be announced at the HAHIMA quarterly meeting which will be held in conjunction with the TxHIMA annual meeting in the Woodlands on June 23, 2008.

I would like to take this time to say farewell as Past-President of HAHIMA. I have had the honor to serve as Past-President for three years. It has been a privilege to work with the professionals of the HAHIMA Board. Each one has dedicated many hours to the success of our organization, and they are committed to making it better every day. Thanks to each of you for your support and your encouragement.

I now have the honor to work with the TxHIMA Board. As the new Education Director for TxHIMA, I understand that I will be extremely busy. Thanks to everyone for your vote and please be assured that I will be working hard doing my part to make TxHIMA the best it can be!!! Have a great summer and hope to see you at the TxHIMA annual convention in the Woodlands, June 22-24, 2008.

Committee Reports, Cont.

Public Relations Committee

Submitted by LaPacquah Brown, RHIA

Greetings to all the members of HAHIMA. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your Vice President, and hope that you found the newsletter and website a good source for information. Website and PayPal update, we are still trying to work out the kinks with the new Website. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we hope to have a system in place that will allow the HAHIMA members to pay online for things such as membership and quarterly meetings.

The "Email Blast" is back! Make sure you have made contact with Carolyn Connolly to ensure your email address is current, so that you are able to receive all the latest updates and news.

Remember the board is always looking for ways to maintain and increase the membership, if you have any suggestions please contact me at akapac90@yahoo.com.



Membership Committee Report

Submitted by Carolyn Connolly, RHIA

The 2007 - 2008 HAHIMA membership years has closed with a total of 218 members. I wanted to thank all of you who have joined, and hope your association with HAHIMA has been a good one.

The membership at this time is as follows: 136 active, 68 students, 8 associate, and 6 corporate sponsors.

The HAHIMA 2007 - 2008 Membership Directory has been completed and will be available to all members who have requested one. The Directory has been put on a CD and will be delivered to the membership shortly. For those of you attending the 2008 TxHIMA Conference at The Woodlands on June 22 - 24, the Membership Directory CD will be hand delivered to you in your conference packets. For those of you not attending the conference, the Directory will be mailed to you.

The 2008 - 2009 membership year begins September 1, 2008, so any of you wishing to join may do so by contacting me or accessing hahima.org for a membership application after that date.

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Committee Reports, Cont.

Budget Committee

Submitted by Diane Hardwicke, RHIA

Balances as of June 30, 2008

Checking Account \$ 8,914.82

Money Market Account \$10,109.71

TOTAL Bank Accounts = \$19,024.53

Program Committee Report

Submitted by Nonie Lambert, RHIA, President Elect

The next Educational HAHIMA meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2008 TxHIMA Convention in the Woodlands from June 22-24, 2008. There will be ample opportunity to visit the many tracts of HIM interest.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.txhima.org/>.



HAHIMA
HOUSTON AREA
HEALTH INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 Membership Application

The Executive Board of HAHIMA welcomes you to the 2007-2008 yearly association membership. It is a pleasure to serve the Health Information Professionals of the Houston Area. We thank you for your interest and support. Feel free to visit our website at HAHIMA.org.

PREFERRED CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

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 (last) (first) (m.i.)
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 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Please note that most communications will be sent via email. Please be precise in indicating your email address.

EMPLOYER _____
 JOB TITLE _____

**I DO NOT WANT MY NAME/ADDRESS PUBLISHED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
 PLEASE SEND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY TO ME ON CD.**

| TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: | | Pmt received on or before 9/29/07 | Pmt received after 9/29/07 |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 | \$30.00 | \$40.00 |
| Associate* | Other professional not an active member of AHIMA | \$30.00 | \$40.00 |
| Student* | School/Program: _____ | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |

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

Annual membership payment is due September 29, 2007 and includes membership through August, 2008.

Make checks payable to HAHIMA. Return application with payment to:
 Carolyn Connolly, RHIA
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For membership questions or to change contact information, please contact Carolyn Connolly at (713) 827-8889 or via email at hahima07@yahoo.com.

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HAHIMA Calendar of Event**June 2008**

Quarterly Meeting

AHIMA Calendar of Events**July 24**Benchmarking Coding
Quality audio seminar**July 31**Coding Endoscopic Sinus Surgery audio
seminar**August 7**Coding Central Venous Access Devices audio
seminar**August 12-13**Workflow Analysis: Foundation for Transitioning
to e-HIM
Chicago, IL**August 14-15**Clinical Coding Regional Workshops: Achieving
Coding Excellence
Salt Lake City, UT**August 18-19**Legal EHR Conference: Ensuring Health
Record Integrity
Chicago, IL

Upcoming AHIMA Convention & Exhibit Dates and Locations

October 11–16, 2008
Seattle, WA

October 3–8, 2009
Dallas, TX

September 25–30, 2010
Orlando, FL

October 1–6, 2011
Salt Lake City, UT