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Welcome to the new MHIMA Connection! The Marketing-Communications committee appreciates your input in helping us rejuvenate our newsletter. Thank you!

President's Message

Hello! It's hard to believe it is over half way through January. The advertisements for springtime are already starting!!!! I am definitely looking forward to it. I am excited to be writing the first President's Update for 2014! Sometimes I still can't believe it is 2014 – it seems like just yesterday we were talking about Y2K and the year 2000! I am looking forward to making this a great year with MHIMA!

I wanted to spend my message in this edition focused on the power of volunteering. MHIMA is made up of volunteers at all different levels. The makeup of a diverse background, experience, and skills is essential for providing our membership with the best education and resources. The reason that I am talking about this is we really need to work on growing our volunteer body with the HIM professionals from all different areas. We have an amazing group of volunteers with MHIMA, and I am so lucky to be working with each of them. It is not too late to volunteer. I would love to talk to you about it if you are interested – e-mail me at dbrinda@css.edu and we can set up some time. Ranelle Bauer is working on constructing our ballot for the 2014-2015 MHIMA Offices. President Elect, Secretary, 1 Delegate Director, 2 Audit Committee Member. Please connect with her if you or someone you know would like to get their name on the ballot by January 26, 2014 - ranelle.bauer@allina.com.

Our volunteers have done so much work and accomplished so much – one of the newest accomplishments is the new format for our newsletter. Thank you to the Marketing and Communications Committee for sending out the survey and the redesign. AND thank you to ALL of the MHIMA Members who took a few minutes to take the survey. I am excited about the future of the newsletter and bringing you the best of MHIMA!



Our Annual Meeting Committee has done an AMAZING job putting together the agenda for the next year. I just want to send out a thank you to all of them, especially the co-chairs and our Executive Director, for all the hard work that they have put into the planning so far. Please make sure to check out the agenda and get registered – this is DEFINITELY a year you will not want to miss! Wednesday, April 30 – Friday, May 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, MN – *Dream Big and Believe!*

Distinguished Member: Call for Nominations

The 2014 Distinguished Member will be celebrated on May 1, 2014, at our annual meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton-Bloomington, Minneapolis South.



Eligibility for Nomination: Candidates must have been an active member of MHIMA for five (5) years or longer and whose record of contributions to our field is truly exceptional. Qualified nominees must be MHIMA members at the time of nomination, and have made an outstanding contribution to our profession in one or more of the following leadership areas:

Submit names of nominees no later than February 15, 2014 to Ranelle Bauer at Ranelle.Bauer@allina.com

- Volunteer service to our association, as an officer, director, committee chair or member, project or task force chair or member, CoP facilitator, or representative of the HIM field at governmental or state healthcare associations

- Outstanding achievement in professional practice through leadership in a specialty area or innovative approaches to methods improvement
- Leadership in education through regular presentations at HIM conferences or other educational events, respected instructor in academic HIM programs, or development of teaching strategies

- Contributions in research or published materials such as authorship, editing, or service on editorial boards for journals, books and other publications that advance the HIM profession

[Honored previous MHIMA Distinguished Members](#)

The MHIMA Nominating Committee, chaired by Ranelle Bauer, Past President, is seeking your recommendation for an individual deserving of being recognized as MHIMA's 2014 Distinguished Member. This is a way to recognize excellence within our professional association.

2013 MHIMA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER



Carolyn Gaarder, MA, RHIA
Program Director at
Minnesota State Community
& Technical College

Vision: The Minnesota Health Information Management Association, together with AHIMA, will set the standard and be the recognized leader in health information management practices, technology, education, research, and advocacy.

Mission: MHIMA is committed to the professional development of its members through education, networking, and life-long learning. These commitments promote high quality health information and benefit the public, health care providers, and other clinical data users.

The MHIMA Nominating Committee is seeking names of individuals interested in having their names placed on the ballot for our MHIMA 2014 election. Positions open are:

- President-Elect (3 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term)
- (1) Delegate Director (2 year term)
- (2) Audit Committee Members



The election occurs in March and the elected positions take office on July 1, 2014. If you are interested, or want to recommend someone for consideration, please contact [Ranelle Bauer](#) no later than January 26, 2014.



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Health Information Management

Emerging Issues:

Patient Portals



As part of the Meaningful Use Stage 2 objectives, patient portals will be one of the key functionalities needed in order to meet these requirements; as providers must have "at least five percent of their patients using an online patient portal" to get incentive payments. As with other healthcare-related technologies, patient portals will pose both opportunities and challenges for HIM professionals working to manage the privacy, security, access and information flow of patient records.

Patient portals, whether in the form of an integrated module of an organization's electronic health record system, or as a stand-alone product are hoped to improve patient involvement in their own care. Several articles have appeared on websites and online journals over the last few months, such as Hartford's *The Courant*, (reiterating an article from ConsumerReports.org) have recommended to their readers several reasons for trying them:

- Active involvement in their own care
- Convenience - ability to schedule appointments, pay bills
- Accuracy - the ability to review the visit records to recall what was discussed, and to be able report any errors there might be
- Faster feedback – receiving lab results or comments more quickly
- More rewarding visits – the ability to improve communication and the provider-patient relationship.

ConsumerReports.org (2013) also suggested the patient portal may be a way to ensure the provider focuses on you as a patient during your visit, as information that may typically need to be asked or gathered during an appointment could be gathered prior to the visit.

While the opportunities are very apparent, the emergence of patient portals to a more prominent place in healthcare will mean additional challenges. AHIMA called out in its October 30th press release the need to balance "proper security measures vs. usability," identifying the need to address issues related to authentication levels and password management. Additionally, as health information exchange and Meaningful Use requirements converge, patient ability to transmit their records to providers and organizations may lead to significant levels of duplicative information within an EHR, requiring workflow adaptation to manage the new format of incoming information.

Education about the limitations of patient portals will need to be explained, as most organizations do not share all records available to the patient in their system. Patients may also experience frustration with needing to access more than one portal to gather their information, if seen at different healthcare organizations.

AHIMA (2013, October 30). Patient portals present opportunities, challenges. Retrieved from <http://www.ahima.org/~media/AHIMA/Files/PR/N130130%20Patient%20Portal%20News%20Release%20FINAL.ashx>

Consumer Reports (2013, December). The doctor will email you now. Retrieved from <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2014/01/the-doctor-will-email-you-now/index.htm>

Hartford Courant. (2014, January 18). Consumer reports: five reasons patient portals can lead to better health. Retrieved from http://articles.courant.com/2014-01-18/business/hc-ls-consumer-reports-patient-portals-20140118_1_health-care-health-data-health-information

Laura Blabac, MS, RHIA
Chair– Emerging Issues Committee

MHIMA Promotional Items:

This year MHIMA will be selling fleece jackets at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Each jacket will be \$25. We will be ordering multiple colors and sizes, however, quantities will be limited at the meeting.



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MHIMA
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work. There are lots
of "hot topics" in
today's world of
healthcare, Privacy
& Security, e-HIM,
ICD-10, etc. If
you're interested in
authoring an article,
please contact
MHIMA's Executive
Director.



"Dream Big & Believe"

Join us at our 2014 Annual Meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington-Minneapolis South April 30- May 2, 2014



The 2013-2014 Annual Meeting Committee has been working hard to provide Minnesota HIMers with an excellent line-up of speakers, exhibitors, meals, and activities this spring. The MHIMA Annual Meeting will run from April 30th to May 2nd, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, MN. If you have yet to register through our new Annual Meeting Registration System, KnowledgeConnex, please do so soon!

Our speakers this year are bringing us fantastic and fun presentations. Here are just a few of the speaker topics:

- Is Too Much Technology Making Us Stupid? – informative and fun
- Accountable Care Organizations and the Triple Aim – how healthcare will continue to change for the better
- Improving Healthcare Quality through Research and Outcomes Collection – how research using the EMR and patient surveys improve best practices in medicine
- The Healing Power of Laughter will complete our first day – we are ending the first day with a bang through information and hilarity!
- Melanie Endicott from AHIMA is giving us a couple of great presentations on ICD-10 Implementation
- Our Breakout sessions will cover many relevant topics every HIM professional needs to know nowadays – it will be difficult to select the ones you want to attend!

You won't want to miss out on this exciting event. To learn more of what can be expected at the Annual Meeting, please visit MHIMA's website. See you there!



Want to stay connected with MHIMA? Be sure your AHIMA profile information is up-to-date.

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you changed positions? Do you have a new email address? Have you recently moved? MHIMA depends on the member information in your AHIMA profile on a regular basis, including how we communicate with you.

Take a couple of minutes today and visit the [AHIMA website](#), log in with your seven-digit AHIMA member number and your last name, and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update any old information.

In the section for Component State Association (CSA) Selections, may we ask that you check "YES" to select e-mails about products and services and "yes" to Postal Mailings. "CSA" stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email as our primary method of communication, and occasionally land mail. If you check "no" in either of these options, you don't receive either type of communication from MHIMA.

Remind your colleagues to update their profile as well.



Take the Emerging Issues Survey!

Check out the new survey! The Emerging Issues Committee would like your opinion on what topics are affecting our HIM world in Minnesota. The committee is going to be writing articles for the newsletter and wants to get your feedback about the topics you are most interested in! The survey is only one question, so take 5 minutes and complete it for us!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XB75V8>



MHIMA is pleased to once again remind our eligible students of our 2014 MHIMA Scholarship. This scholarship is based on merit and not on financial need.

Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship? A Minnesota resident, or an AHIMA member with Minnesota designated as their state, who is enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state HIM program. Applicants must have completed 50% of one of the following:

- Accredited health information technology or health information management program
- Graduate program related to HIM in a college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
- Coding certificate program
- AHIMA coding basics interactive campus program

All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0), and must be a member of AHIMA.

The application process includes:

- Completing the MHIMA Scholarship application document
- Providing a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor, faculty member or mentor
- Providing verification from your Program Director that you are in your last year and are expected to graduate
- Providing a written essay of between 300-700 words under the title: "How I Will Use This Degree to Advance the HIM Profession"
- Providing an official school grade transcript that indicates your cumulative GPA

You can find links to all of the scholarship application documents from our website Scholarship page: <http://www.mnhima.org/aboutus/aboutus8.html>. Program Directors from all of our Minnesota HIT/HIM programs have received information about our Scholarship program as well.

The exact amounts of the scholarship awards depend on yearly contributions to our MHIMA Scholarship Fund; however, past awards have been between \$500 and \$1500.

Scholarship winners will be announced in April 2014, and the scholarships will be recognized at our MHIMA Annual Meeting on May 1, 2014, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The person being awarded the scholarship will be eligible to attend our Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at no cost. (MHIMA will not reimburse for any associated expenses to attend the meeting, such as hotel, meals, or travel.) The actual scholarship checks will be forwarded to the winners from the AHIMA Foundation, which holds our MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship Fund dollars. Winning essays will be published in the July issue of MHIMA's electronic newsletter, *MHIMA Connection*.

2014 MHIMA Scholarship Forms Available Now!



All application materials must be received on or before February 28, 2014. No applications will be considered after this date.

If you are eligible to apply for a scholarship, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

Best regards,

Sue Powell, RHIA
2014 MHIMA Scholarship Program
Chairperson



Newsletter Survey Results

Thank you to all that participated in our survey. We received a lot of positive and helpful feedback. We have taken much of it into consideration for this current issue of the newsletter. Based on the survey results, we will now be issuing the newsletter quarterly. The newsletter will be sent via eblast and also posted to mnhima.org, Facebook and Twitter. We will continue to offer articles on HIM and Legislative topics. We will now also be including an Annual Meeting update and a calendar of events.



Dates to Remember!



****Check mnhima.org for details****

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Call for Nominations for MHIMA Board of Directors Due

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MHIMA Annual Meeting Committee Meeting

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ICD-10 and RAC Symposium

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ICD-10 and RAC Symposium

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Region D Spring Meeting

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MHIMA Annual Meeting & Educational Conference Begins!