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President's Message

By: Deanna O'Neil, RHIA, CCS-P

Where has the time gone? Isn't it amazing, here we are already into the new year where some of us have set goals and some are still deciding. HIMAH met for a Strategic Planning meeting in November where we established goals for the remainder of 2010 forward to continue to focus on what we need to do to provide a solid foundation for our HIMAH members and non-members. HIMAH ended 2010 with a big bang with the presentation by Dr. Butler's ICD-10 presentation in December. Thanks to the Education Committee and everyone helping for making this happen. This was really a great day and what a way to end 2010. We had such a good time. At this event there was so much networking going on with those in attendance. Networking in our field is so important to all of us either on an individual basis, state wide, national or international level. Here is a picture taken at AHIMA 2010 Annual meeting of international networking. These ladies are from Korea. While at convention or like other state or local events I had the opportunity to meet so many neat people from Hawaii, Florida, South Dakota, Korea, Washington, California, Utah, Idaho and more. Everyone with so many neat stories they wanted to share with you as you became more acquainted. It is important that we continue to reach out to not only those who are from your workplace but those from other places as well. It is a basis of who we are in our select field and where we see ourselves going into the future. Keep seeking out those who will be a great help to your career and meeting up with those from all over, that is what networking is about.



Looking forward to seeing you again at all our upcoming HIMAH events.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!!!

DEANNA O'NEIL RHIA, CCS-P
HIMAH President

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House of Delegates Meeting
AHIMA Convention 2010
Emma Thompson, HIMAH President-Elect

This Fall I had the opportunity to represent our State Association at the House of Delegates at the AHIMA Convention. Surprisingly, for me at least, the work and preparation for the House of Delegates begins long before you board a plane to attend the convention.

Soon after the HIMAH elections, Deanna and I were asked to each participate in one of six House Teams. The 2010 House Teams are:

- House Operations
- HIM Higher Education and Workforce
- Environmental Scan
- Professional Development and Recognition
- Volunteer and Leadership Development
- Best Practices/Standards

I selected Professional Development and Recognition as much of the discussion focused on I-10 training initiatives, while the recognition component of the committee centered on gaining recognition for our professional organization and our credentials.

The House of Delegates opened with breakout meetings in our respective House Teams. In Professional Development and Recognition, we provided input into continuing education offerings, developed effective channels for delivering and communicating ICD-10 training initiatives, provided input to CCHIIM on standards for certification, certification maintenance and credential promotion and development.

We also approved the final draft on two letters that are resources to support and promote the HIM profession. One letter is available for use by CSAs and one for individual HIM professionals.

The customized letters can be sent in response to job advertisements for roles that HIM professionals are qualified for but are not specifically being sought. Examples include clinical documentation improvement, privacy officers, security officers, information officers, information technology roles or revenue cycle roles. These are only a few examples that HIM professionals are uniquely qualified to fill. We will also post the letters on our HIMAH.org Web site, click on Resources, then Links. Or click [here](#).

In the afternoon, the floor was open to discussion on two action items. And talk about a lively discussion, opposing sides of each item definitely provided entertainment for the afternoon! The first action item was a proposed name change. Tennessee CSA proposed inserting the word 'Informatics' into the association name, making it the American Health Informatics and Information Management Association (AHIIMA). The rationale was that AHIMA should reflect and promote the growing evolution of 'informatics' into the professional domain of HIM.

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Education Article

Submitted by Mary Webber, RHIT, CCS

Education chairman 2010/2011

On December eighth Dr. Butler presented details of the physical anatomy to 85 interested participants.

This presentation gave the participants and understanding of how important it will be for coders to clearly understand the anatomy of the human body so that they will be able to correctly assign ICD 10 diagnosis codes.

Dr. Butler briefly touched upon some of the differences in the terminology that will be used in the assignment of ICD 10 PCS.

He has graciously agreed to return this time next year to delve into the details of the physiology of the human body.

The AHIMA website provides a model that identifies tasks or milestones that must be completed within specific timeframes by specific organizations and in some cases specific roles within organizations. It is organized first by healthcare entity, then by roles, enabling you to focus on your setting and role and then identify the important milestones and action items to help inform your planning. The model identifies not only what you need to do and by when, but also links to suggested resources to help you accomplish these steps. Please follow this link for further information: <http://www.ahima.org/icd10/role.aspx>.

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HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM UPDATES!

A special thank you to the HIM team at Tripler Army Medical Center for again hosting the following HIT extern students:

- Dana Fernandez
- Crystal Lino
- Michele Malek
- Hazel Daoang

The externship is a crucial component of the Health Information Technology Program by providing students with the opportunity to put class room theory into practice and to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned at Heald to actual work situations.

****AHIMA members who have worked directly with HIT extern students during the extern qualifies to earn 1 CEU from AHIMA****
Mahalo!

If you would like to host a HIT extern student please notify me at vanessa_duplechain@heald.edu or by phone at 808-687-0855

Vanessa Duplechain
Program Director, Heald College HIT Program

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE CORNER



Looking for a few good candidates willing to serve the HIMAH community for calendar year July 2011 to June 2012—do you have what it takes?

Contact Vanessa Duplechain at (808) 687-0855

Previously I informed you this year election will be going electronic, well, we are. AHIMA is currently setting up our election page which will allow YOU to vote for your candidate *electronically*. The name and time period to vote of our election is:

2011 - 2012 HIMAH Board Palo'ka (Ballot)

March 1 - April 15, 2011

If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, please give me a call. Next year's open positions are:

President elect, Treasurer and First Year Director.

Interested....contact vanessa duplechain @ vad@hawaii.rr.com

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HIMAH AT THE HONOLULU GIFT FAIR By Carol Lum

Neither rain nor humidity nor physical exhaustion kept several dedicated HIMAH members from selling the remaining HIMAH benefit cookbooks at the Honolulu Gift Fair December 17, 18 and 19, 2010. The 7th annual Honolulu Gift Fair, produced by Philip G. Kuchler, Inc, was held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. This fair is quite unusual because entrance to shoppers is free, and donations to the Food Bank are encouraged. HIMAH was able to participate because Mr. Kuchler generously donated booths to non-profit organizations with presentation of appropriate documentation.

Despite a dearth of volunteers, Kathy Tsumura, Jocelyne Chun, Lela Ollila, Norene Ichori, Emma Thompson, and Carol Lum, sold more than 400 HIMAH benefit cookbooks, Christmas ornaments handmade by Norene Ichori's mom, poinsettia plants, Chinese pretzels made by Jocelyne Chun, Emma Thompson, Kathy Tsumura, and Carol Lum, and butter mochi, brownies, and popcorn donated by Emma Thompson and Carol Lum.

At 4:00 pm Sunday Dec. 19, HIMAH's booth was as bare as Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Exhausted, but triumphant certainly described those who participated. Those who participated were elated that the cookbooks all had new homes.

A couple of memorable moments stood out. Sunday about 10:30 am, I looked up toward the ceiling of the exhibition hall, a few hundred yards from the HIMAH booth, and saw a deluge of rain pouring into the hall, where the glass windows of the atrium meets the ceiling windows. Several vendors had to be moved due to rain prior to that, and a few more joined the move.

A few hours later, a young girl, about 9 or 10 years old, purchased a cookbook. She looked so delighted, I knew she'd found the perfect gift for her mom!

After expenses, HIMAH made more than \$800 from the sale of cookbooks, Christmas ornaments, poinsettias and snacks. A heartfelt mahalo goes to those who donated time and goods for the fair. Mahalo to Deb New for her efforts in production, sale and storage of HIMAH's benefit cookbooks.

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HIMAH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Health Information Management Association, HIMAH, supports Heald College's HIT students in the advancement of their degree and certification:

Health Information Management Association of Hawaii, HIMAH, recognizes commitment and professionalism as necessary characteristics to succeed as health information technology (HIT), professionals for the advancement of degree and certification. To assist qualified individuals with these characteristics, HIMAH has developed a scholarship program for HIT students at Heald College. The scholarship program will financially assist those qualified outstanding student members of the American Health Information Management Association, AHIMA, and HIMAH who are in their final quarter of the program, extern quarter, and who are eligible to write for the AHIMA Register Health Information Technology (RHIT) examination. Scholarship applicants who have met the set criteria and are selected will be awarded \$250 to assist with their examination fees.

Criteria for application submission are:

1. The applicant must be a student in their final quarter of the program, (extern quarter).
2. The applicant must be a student member of AHIMA.
3. The applicant must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. The applicant must demonstrate financial need.
5. The applicant must demonstrate dedication to the profession.

Additionally, student will be required to provide three letters of references, unofficial transcripts, their AHIMA RHIT examination application and an essay on their future goals in Health Information with their application.

Completed applications will be accepted by:

March 15 (January quarter), **May 15** (April quarter), **September 15** (July quarter), **December 15** (October quarter) to be considered. HIMAH Board of Directors expects to notify the award recipient within four weeks of the submission deadline.

Qualified students who want to know more about the HIMAH scholarship program may contact Vanessa Duplechain, HIT Program Coordinator, by email at vanessa_duplechain@heald.edu or by phone at 687-0855.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2011!

1/19/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Interventional Radiology: Coding for Lower Extremity Endovascular Interventions

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

1/25/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Breach Notification: Best Practices for Identification, Response, Investigation and Reporting

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security

1/27/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Coding Advanced Skin Procedures

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

2/10/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

RAC Current Events: Medical Necessity, 72-Hour Rule and Other Program Initiatives

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

2/17/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Coding Postoperative Complications

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

3/3/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Coding Bariatric Services

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

3/7/2011 10:00 AM–2:00 PM CST

The Latest on ARRA-HITECH

Event Type: Virtual Meeting

Learning Category: Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security

3/8/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Transitioning to the EHR: What It Means for HIM Re-engineering

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Health Information Management Operations

3/22/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

ICD-10-CM: Annual Updates on Codes and Coding Guidelines

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

3/25/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

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ICD-10-PCS: Annual Updates on Codes and Coding Guidelines

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

3/28/2011 – 3/29/2011 8:00 AM–7:00 PM CST

Team Talks - Hill Day

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Location: Washington, DC

3/29/2011 12:00 PM–1:30 PM CST

Accounting for Disclosures: New ARRA Regulations

Event Type: Audio Seminars / Webinars

Learning Category: e-HIM and Electronic Records

3/31/2011 8:00 AM–5:00 PM PST

AHIMA Winter Team Talks - Las Vegas

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Career Management

Venue: Cosmopolitan Las Vegas

Location: Las Vegas, NV

4/11/2011 – 4/12/2011 8:00 AM–5:00 PM CST

2011 ICD-10 Annual Summit: Strategies and Tactics for Industry Success

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

Venue: Hilton Baltimore

Location: Baltimore, MD

4/13/2011 – 4/14/2011 5:00 PM–5:00 PM CST

2011 Computer-Assisted Coding Summit

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

Venue: Hilton Baltimore

Location: Baltimore, MD

5/19/2011 12:00 PM–3:00 PM CST

Expediting Payment and Increasing Revenue in Physician Practices

Event Type: Virtual Meeting

Learning Category: Health Information Management Operations

5/23/2011 – 5/25/2011 8:00 AM–5:00 PM MST

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

Location: Boise, ID

6/1/2011 – 6/3/2011 8:00 AM–5:00 PM EST

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

Location: Raleigh, NC

6/8/2011 – 6/10/2011 8:00 AM–5:00 PM EST

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

Event Type: In Person Meeting

Learning Category: Coding and Reimbursement

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URL Links at your Finger Tips

- WWW.AHIMA.ORG --Official link to AHIMA home page
- WWW.JCAHO.ORG --Official link to JCAHO home page
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp> --Official link to CMS home page
- <http://www.hawaii.gov/health> --Official link to DOH home page
- <http://www.heald.edu/programs/healthcare.htm> --Heald College Health Information Technology Program

For additional home page links, access HIMAH's web site, click under the Legislative/Regulatory tab



MISSION

To be the professional community that improves healthcare by advancing best practices and standards for health information management and the trusted source for education, research, and professional credentialing.

VALUES

- Public's right to accurate and confidential personal health information
- Innovation and leadership in advancing health information management practices and standards worldwide
- Adherence to the AHIMA code of ethics
- Advocacy and interdisciplinary collaboration with other professional organizations