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IAHIA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Daniel V. May, RHIT, CCS-P

I am honored and excited to be serving as your President for the 2018 - 2019 term. Over the course of my membership with CHIA, I have been fortunate enough to connect with a number of people and work with professionals who continue to strive for the best in our community and make an impact in-patient care. We have already seen growth in our Inland Area chapter and have had several successful continuing education sessions that benefit those in our ever-expanding career field.

I implore each and every one of you to become involved, reach out to our members, leadership group and create awareness for the need of HIM professionals and more importantly, vote! Your voice makes a difference! I am optimistic about the future of our IAHIA chapter and look forward to serving in any capacity available.

Thank you all for your willingness to attend sessions and be involved in the way you are. Without you and your continued support and membership, IAHIA, would not exist and would not be where it is today.

We will continue to strive for:

1. Community engagement
2. Professional development
3. Scholarship opportunities

I truly appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve as President.

Thank you all for the support and effort. It truly is appreciated.
CHIA BOARD MEETS IN RIVERSIDE AND CONDUCTS STRATEGIC PLANNING EVENT

By Melany Merryman, BA, MSL, RHIA, CRCR

On January 11 and 12th, the CHIA Board hosted a strategic planning event at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. In addition to the board members, other participants included CLA Board Presidents (or their designee) and two CHIA student members. The event was facilitated by Linda Kloss, of Kloss Strategic Advisors with input from the CHIA Board of Directors and participants.

Participants engaged in networking activities on Friday evening, and focused on strategic planning as outlined in the following meeting goals:

- Update, as needed, CHIA’s key directional statements of Vision, Mission and Values.
- Understand current challenges for professional associations and their implications for CHIA.
- Identify current challenges that impact the practice and profession of HIM and the implications for CHIA.
- Draft strategic priorities for 2020-2022 including desired outcomes and measures.
- Identify ways that CHIA needs to change to ensure flexibility to adapt, perform, and be impactful on behalf of its members and the industry they serve.

Plans are for the CHIA Board to review the outcomes of the strategic planning event and discuss at the next CHIA Board call on February 9th. CLAs are encouraged to attend the monthly CLA Leadership Forums to stay connected and to continue to the discussion about the 2020-2022 strategic plan.

UPCOMING CHIA EVENTS

Health Care Fraud & Compliance Update
Thursday, February 7
Webinar
Speaker: Jacqueline Bloink, MBA, RHIA, CFE, CHC

Two-Day Advance Coding Workshop
Friday, February 22 to Saturday, February 23
Irvine, CA
ICD-10-CM Speaker: Gloryanne Bryant, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCDS;
Victoria Hernandez, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCS-P
ICD-10-PCS Speaker: Lynn Kuehn, MS, RHIA, CCS-P, FAHIMA

Curiosity Killed the Career: Consequence for Failing to Safeguard PHI
Wednesday, February 27
Webinar
Speaker: Nancy Davis, MS, RHIA, CHPS

2019 Convention & Exhibit
June 8 - 12, 2019
Hyatt Regency Indian Wells
Indian Wells, California

IAHIA MEMBER NEXT CHIA PRESIDENT-ELECT

The IAHIA Board is pleased to announce the next CHIA President-Elect will be a representative from IAHIA. Melany Merryman, RHIA, MSL, currently a 2nd year CHIA Director and liaison to the IAHIA Board won the election that concluded on January 25th. The results were just revealed on 1/31/19. She will be installed as President-Elect for 2019-2020, then take office as CHIA President for 2020-2021, and then become Past President for 2021-2022. Melany would like to thank all of her supporters and the many words of encouragement she received both before and during the election. She vows to work hard on behalf of IAHIA and all of CHIA’s members.
This year the CHIA Board decided to invite the President or President-Elect from each CLA to attend the retreat and be part of the planning process for the CHIA three-year strategic plan.

She also spoke about how the CHIA Board is looking at ways at being more inclusive and increase transparency. In addition, she motivated the active members to embrace the new generation of incoming HIM professionals by mentoring and sharing their expertise. She also, motivated and encouraged the students to get involved with their CLAs and CHIA by volunteering in different areas and networking.

“She motivated the active members to embrace the new generation”

We had an excellent turn out of both active members and students during this event. The White Elephant Auction and networking were a success with the night ending with lots of fun, laughter and comradery.

To end the evening, the White Elephant Auction took place with the winning bidders being Gus Abusad for Christmas wrapping paper and bows, Katie Borafede for a red trimmed crystal candy dish, John Barbara for Christmas cookie cutters, Rafaela Arteaga for Jim Beam gift set, Maria C. Alizondo for Starbucks mug and delicious coffee, Rafaela Serrato for gold plated steak knives, Sally Urquiza for a crystal candy dish, Shamika Harris for bath bombs, Shirley Lewis for a wax warmer and Vicki Key for Christmas wrapping paper and bows. As for the raffled Starbucks gift cards provided for by Integrity Document Solutions, Inc. (IDS) the lucky winners were Rachele Porter-Williams, Sally Urquiza and Rafaela Arteaga.
“Everything can be done if we only pace ourselves through life”
The IAHIA Joan Ziegelmayer Scholarship is funded by the proceeds of the White Elephant auction held at each educational session. The number and amount of awards are determined by the IAHIA Board of Directors and available funds. Applicants are evaluated based on GPA, personal essay, and letter of recommendation.

The IAHIA Student Scholarship recognizes IAHIA Student Members and aims to help support them to complete their journey in CAHIM-accredited HIA or HIT programs and career paths.

Eligible applicants must be a student member of CHIA and a member of IAHIA or an active member of IAHIA pursuing an advanced HIM certification (CCS to RHIT, RHIT to RHIA); currently enrolled in a CAHIM accredited HIA or HIT program; as well as a minimum GPA of 3.0 in final quarter/semester of program and submit a personal essay of 500 words, letter of recommendation from supervisor, instructor or HIM professional and an unofficial transcript.

**Application deadline is February 16, 2019.** View the IAHIA Student Scholarship Application and learn more. Award recipients will be announced by mid-April 2019. The award(s) will be presented at the May 2019 IAHIA installation meeting.

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### IAHIA FINANCIAL REPORT

December 20, 2018

**Balance as of November 30, 2018** = $13,342.68

**Education Meeting: Edu cation Meeting: AHIMA & CHIA Strategic Planning**

**Deposits: Registration Cash, Evenbrite & Paypal** = $882.46

**Vendor Sponsorship** = $300.00

**White Elephant** = $280.45

**Expenses: Catering Expenses** = $1,210.99

**AV Rental** = $95.00

**Balance as of December 31, 2018** = $13,499.60
CHIA ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2019 - 2020

The following are the new incoming CHIA Board of Directors and AHIMA Delegates.

**PRESIDENT ELECT**
Melany Merryman, MSL, RHIA, CRCR (IAHIA)

**DIRECTOR**
Sally Gibbs, RHIA, CCS (SVHIA)
Vivian Thomas, RHIA, CHDA, CHPS, CPHD, CPHHQ (GOCHIA)

**AHIMA DELEGATE**
Shirley Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC (SCHIA)

**AHIMA ALTERNATE DELEGATE**
Liz Duggan Graham, RHIT, CCS (NCHIA)

CODING BRAIN TEASER

Lets get back to anatomy and physiology. The question to think about is,

“How many valves does the heart contain and what are there names?”

It might be a simple question to some or a brain-teaser for others. Keeping our selves on our toes at all times makes us who we are.

* Answers to our last brain teaser article are
  1. Guidelines
  2. Secondary
  3. Unspecified
  4. Default
  5. Dash
SCHOOLING OPPORTUNITIES

We all think about making a career change or simply want to further our educational knowledge at one point in our lives. The following school, located in the Inland Empire area, can provide either a certificate or degree within the HIM profession. This school is also CAHIIM accredited.

Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Professions
- Certified Coding Specialist Certificate
- Health Informatics & Information Management, B.S
  - In-campus or Online schooling for B.S.

CHIA AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The CHIA Awards and Scholarship Fund offers CHIA Student and Active members, and California’s CAHIIM-accredited programs a variety of scholarships, awards, and grants. The purpose of these programs is to promote the importance of HIM professional credentials, strengthen the HIM profession, promote the value of AHIMA and CHIA membership, identify and engage future leaders, and support HIM related research. The following scholarship and grant programs are offered:

Student Scholarship are awarded to CHIA Student members assisting them to complete their educational goals in CAHIIM-accredited Health Information Administration (HIA) or Health Information Technology (HIT) programs, and CHIA Active members enrolled in HIA or HIT programs pursing a specialty or higher HIM credential than they currently hold (e.g., CCS or CCS-P pursuing RHIT or RHIA; RHIT pursuing RHIA) or pursuing a post graduate degree in an HIM related field.

Certificate Exam Fee Reimbursement Program awards eligible CHIA Student and Active members reimbursement for AHIMA’s HIM exams (RHIT, RHIA), HIM coding exams (CCS, CCA, CCS-P), and specialty exams (CHPS, CHTS CDIP, CHDA, CHPI).

“Our educational decisions makes our lives fruitful for ourselves and other”
Foundation for Active Member Education (FAME) Scholarship provides opportunities for CHIA Active members to attend CHIA-sponsored educational programs in those instances when the member would not otherwise be able to attend due to financial limitations.

HIIM Program Grants are awarded to Health Information, Health Informatics, and Health Information Technology programs to support improvements in teaching and learning to help meet special needs of these programs in California.

Research Support Awards provide financial assistance to CHIA Active members who are conducting HIM related research while seeking advanced degrees (master’s and doctoral students) in areas relating to the field of HIM.

Contribute/Donate today to support these important programs and HIM emerging and practicing professionals. The CHIA Awards and Scholarship Fund is made possible through the generous contributions of CHIA Members, Corporate Partners, Vendor Contributions, and other HIM professionals. Please consider making a contribution today.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION HIGH BIDDERS

Gus Abusad, CDI
High bidder for X-mas wrapping paper & bows

Katie Borafede, CCDS
High bidder for red trimmed crystal candy dish
John Barbara, Vice President Business Development IDS
High bidder for X-mas cookie cutters

Maria C. Alizondo, MOI, RHIT, FAHIMA
High bidder for Starbucks coffee mug and delicious coffee

Rafaela Arteaga, LLU Coding Student
High bidder for Jim Beam gift set

Shamika Harris, LLU Coding Student
High bidder for bath bombs

Rafaela Serrato
High bidder for gold platter steak knives

Sally Urquiza, ARMC HIM Director
High bidder for crystal candy dish

Vicki Key, LLU Coding Student
High bidder for X-mas wrapping paper & bows

Shirley Lewis, Consultant, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC
High bidder for wax warmer
Spokesperson for Integrity Document Solution, Inc. for this event was John Barbara, Vice President Business Development.

Rachele Porter-Williams, Regional Hospital Inpatient Coder, Raffle winner for Starbucks card.

Sally Urquiza, ARMC HIM Director, Raffle winner for Starbucks card.