

**President's & Past-President's
Message**

Welcome fellow NWOHIMA members to a new association year. We are planning some exciting educational and networking opportunities for everyone to take advantage of. I welcome all of you to contact me with any comments or recommendations you feel might better serve the association. With the coming of ICD-10 and the continued implementation of other legislative issues, our professional opportunities are growing and we plan to grow with them. Please consider taking an active role in the association by volunteering or getting other HIM professionals you know to become a member of NWOHIMA and take advantage of what we have to offer. Here's to a fun and productive year.

Teresa A. McGaharan, MA, RHIT
NWOHIMA President

I encourage every member of NWOHIMA to take advantage of the opportunity to serve our extraordinary association. New ideas and leaders are vital to the continued growth and success of our organization. Serving in a leadership role has many advantages, but probably the most important benefit that I have found has been the opportunity for personal and professional growth. Please take the opportunity to share your talents, with other members, to help our association grow stronger, increase our membership and participation and provide better services to those who have chosen the health information field and this association as their own.

Susan A. Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR
NWOHIMA Past-President

Upcoming Events

NWOHIMA's Spring Symposium Meeting

Date

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Location

Holiday Inn French Quarter
Perrysburg, OH

NWOHIMA's 2011 Annual Meeting

Date

May 2012
(exact date TBD)

Location

The University of Toledo Medical Center

More information will be coming soon.



Meet the 2011-2012 Board of Directors

President: Teresa McGaharan, MA, RHIT

President-Elect: Jill Caton, RHIA

Past President & Director, Networking & Recruitment: Susan Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR

Treasurer: Deanna Buckley, RHIT

Secretary: Deanah Moore, RHIT

Director of Alliance: Judy Dudley, MA, RHIA

Director, Healthcare Policy and Legislation: Kellyann Hartnett, RHIA

Project Leader for Special Interests: Amy Veler, RHIT

Project Leaders for Data Quality & Reimbursement Council (DQRC): Michele Coan, RHIT

NWOHIMA Student Liaisons:

Mercy College of Ohio
Chere Olvera

Owens Community College
Kelli Fisher
Deb Jenkins

Terra State Community College
Karen Faulk

University of Toledo
David Hardamon

Other Updates

Bylaws

The NWOHIMA bylaws have been revised and are currently under review. You will be notified when the updated version is available on the website.

ICD-10

“AHIMA Certified Professionals are required by CCHIIM to participate in a predetermined number of mandatory *baseline* educational experiences specific to ICD-10-CM/PCS. These ICD-10-CM/PCS specific CEUs will count as part of all AHIMA certificants’ total CEU requirements for the purpose of recertification.”

“AHIMA Certified Professionals can begin earning ICD-10-CM/PCS specific CEUs during the period of January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2013.”

For further information, please refer to the following website:

http://www.ahima.org/downloads/pdfs/certification/ICD10_CEU_FAQs.pdf



NWOHIMA's 2011 Annual Meeting

The board of directors would like to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting that was held May 19, 2011 at The University of Toledo Medical Center. During the meeting multiple items were covered as well as a wonderful speaker.

To begin the meeting Teresa McGarahan, MA, RHIT presented the group an annual NWOHIMA update pertaining to the Board of Directors reports for the term as well as an election update. Teresa then presented the student scholarship award winners with their certificate and award. The winners were: Mia Jackson from Mercy College of Ohio, Skytha Fleming from Owens Community College, Laura Armendariz from Terra Community College and lastly, Ramavarapu Sathya from The University of Toledo.



Susan Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR, Laura Armendariz (Terra Community College) & Teresa McGarahan, MA, RHIT

Next, the Distinguished Member award was presented to Bonnie Hemp, MBA, RHIA. The distinguished member award is given to a

Health Information Management Professional who has made outstanding contributions to the HIM Profession and whose activities bring credit to Northwest Ohio and its professional community. This year's recipient was Bonnie Hemp, MBA, RHIA, who has demonstrated her commitment to the HIM profession through many contributions over the years.

Bonnie is the Chair of the Owens Community College Health Information Technology Program and also serves as a member of The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education - CAHIIM Board of Commissioners and is also serving as the Secretary on the Board of Directors, of CAHIIM. She also serves on the Ohio Board of Regents, Member Transfer Assurance Guide Committee for Health Information Management.

She has been actively involved in our state organization (OHIMA) over the years as a Project Leader, a Director and, as President. Most recently she won the nomination for Delegate. At the local level, she has served as a Director and Project Leader as well as President. She is also actively involved as an advisory committee member for several HIM programs.

We would like to congratulate Bonnie again on her success in the HIM professional and as the winner of NWOHIMA's 2011 Distinguished Member award.



Bonnie Hemp, MBA, RHIA

At the meeting Susan Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR was also presented with an award to represent her previous term as President of NWOHIMA.



Teresa McGaharan, MA, RHIT & Susan Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR

Susan was president for the 2010-2011 term of NWOHIMA. Susan did a remarkable job organizing the Fall coding Roundtable, the Spring Symposium as well as the annual meeting. She also kept the organization on the right track to continue its success in providing educational offerings to the HIM community. We would like to thank Susan for all of her time and effort that she has put into Northwest Ohio Health Information Program. She has made a everlasting positive impression in the organization and her success does not go unrecognized.

Lastly, for the educational offering Dana Stricker, RHIT who is the Senior Analyst for the Clinical Outcomes and Resource Management (CORM) Department at a local hospital presented to the group the “Use of Custom database to Improve and Capture Outcomes for Cardiothoracic Surgery Reporting Through the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). This new database that she created and developed is very interesting and helps improve documentation for

Cardiothoracic surgeons. We would like to thank Dana again as well for presenting her enlightening and educational presentation.



Dana Stricker, RHIT & Jill Caton, RHIA



Bonnie Hemp, MBA, RHIA

