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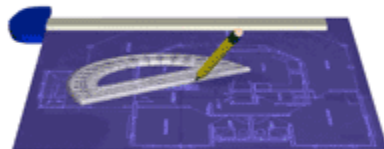
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Holly Woemmel, MA, RHIA



Extreme Makeover – HIM Edition, the continuing theme as we move forward rebuilding our future for FHIMA. The Board with the aid of the Presidents and President-elect's of the regional associations began with the building blocks of the strategic plan for 2005-2007. There will be four main goals in which the strategic plan is built upon:

1. To enhance communications with FHIMA members,
2. Bridging the Gap: Education to Employment,
3. Advocacy,
4. Promote the Electronic Health Record.

The blueprint of the strategic plan is a working document that items will be updated and added throughout the next three years. We as a Board appreciate any feedback or suggestions to this plan. You can now view the strategic plan by clicking on to this link: [Click Here for 2005-2007 Strategic Plan.](#)

We had a great time at the Leadership Meeting in September and I wanted to thank all of the participants for making this a successful meeting. I did want to mention that Beth Friedman trained everyone in attendance on the Personal Health Record (PHR). We now have the training and tools to promote the PHR to a variety of groups, like Mommy and Me, church clubs and various other speaking engagements. It is important that health care consumers understand how to keep their own records electronically, what information is pertinent to the healthcare providers and their rights under HIPAA regulations. The Presidents and President Elects are planning on doing training in their regions so that we can all promote the PHR. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the Board or your regional presidents in regards to this important initiative.

We are in the midst of testing electronic balloting for the 2006 elections. This is the first step in achieving our goal to move toward the e-HIM era for FHIMA. The testing is going well and we expect to do a postcard mailing to the membership this year as a reminder to vote on line. Carolyn has also been working on the site for the 2007 annual conference. We are exploring various localities around the state to have our annual meeting. FHIMA should be able to announce the locale early in the upcoming year.

As I write this, we are on our way to the AHIMA conference in San Diego. Michelle Mock, Carolyn Glavan, Patricia Schnering, Karla Philippou and I will be representing the state of Florida in the House of Delegates. Some of the issue forums include:

1. Implementation of the E-HIM and the use of technology/standards/implementations and background information,
2. Documentation and data standards
3. Increased alliance activities
4. The promotion and marketing of the profession and the credentials
5. Environmental scanning

Our Chief Delegate, Pat Schnering, will be reviewing and integrating some of these issue groups into our own House of Delegates in July. We look forward to her recommendations for lively discussions in the House this year. The most passionate item to be discussed will be transferring the decision making authority regarding dues from the House of Delegates to the AHIMA Board of Directors.

I want to recognize one of our Board members, Stacie Buck, RHIA, LHRM for receiving an AHIMA Triumph Award. This is quite an accomplishment for Stacie and we are always proud to have a member from the state of Florida to receive such a prestigious award.

On a sad note, I would like to remember a fellow FHIMA member that passed away in September. Dianne Swann was the Director of Florida Hospital in Deland Florida. I networked with Dianne professionally for years and considered her great colleague and friend. Dianne was suddenly taken away from us by Leukemia at the age of 45. Dianne has two sons and a husband of 20 years that are now faced to move on without her. She was the Director of the Children's Choir at the Christian Church in DeLeon Springs and loved to do scrap booking. I ask that everyone keep Dianne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to personally wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. It is hard to imagine that we are upon that time of year again. Enjoy the time you spend with your families and friends for the Thanksgiving and Holiday season. I know the hustle and the bustle can be so hectic, but when we take the time to really sit back and reflect upon the year and our personal accomplishments we realize how fortunate we are. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

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FHIMA Member awarded Outstanding New Professional at 2005 FHIMA Convention!

Diana Spaulding, RHIT, CCS – Outstanding New Professional

Diana has been active in the Suncoast Health Information Management Association since graduation from Indian River Community College 2 years ago and is currently serving as president. Her active involvement in HIM has even led to her appearing in local TV commercials and newspaper advertisements promoting both Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and the HIM profession.

Diana has been described as consistently demonstrating enthusiasm, positive energy, dedication, and professionalism. Diana is a true asset to the HIM field and is very deserving of this award.





Stacie Buck, RHIA, LRHM is awarded AHIMA's Rising Star Triumph Award

At the 2005 AHIMA national convention in San Diego, Stacie Buck was awarded with AHIMA's Rising Star Award. Since her graduation in 1998, Stacie has attained success in many areas of HIM. She was instrumental in organizing the first ever Hill Day for her state, garnering awareness of HIM issues on a state level. When her local association struggled with attendance and lack of growth, she was successful in rebuilding it, taking measures to strengthen her association and encourage member participation. Now it is one of the strongest in the state. She has also served as an adjunct instructor, educating and inspiring future HIM professionals.

Stacie is a noted author in the areas of coding and compliance and has authored many books, newsletter articles and audio seminars in these subject areas. She is an active AHIMA volunteer and has served on numerous committees on local, state and national levels. She is a tireless advocate for the HIM profession. She inspired the idea for promoting our profession with a CD-ROM, an adaptation specific to her state from the AHIMA initiative, "Where the Future Clicks."

Currently, Stacie is the vice president and managing partner at Southeast Radiology Management. A colleague put it best when she stated "Stacie has the expertise, the energy and the commitment to her field that inspire others to want to do more for our profession." By accomplishing so much in her short career, Stacie has demonstrated that she is a rising star who will shine brightly in the future, not only for her but also for the entire HIM profession.



FHIMA CALL FOR ELECTIONS!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

FHIMA Needs Enthusiatic Volunteers LIKE YOU!

Each year, we seek candidates for the following positions:

President-Elect: The position is a 3-year commitment. The president-elect is a member of the Board and works

closely with the President and Management Steering Committee. The 2nd year is the President, and the 3rd year, sits on the Board as Past President/Director.

Qualifications: 1) Experience serving as an FHIMA Board Member 2) Active Membership in AHIMA and FHIMA

Director: This is a 2-year commitment. Each year **THREE** Directors are voted on to the Board. They serve as liaisons to Committees and conduct business of the Association.

Qualifications: 1) Experience serving as an FHIMA Committee Chair or officer in a regional association or prior HIM leadership role in another state. 2) Active Membership in AHIMA and FHIMA.

Delegate to AHIMA: This is a 2-year commitment. The first year the AHIMA Delegate attends the HIMA Annual meeting, and the second year, attends the AHIMA Meeting AND sits on the Board as Chief Delegate.

Qualifications: 1) FHIMA Board or Committee Chair experience. 2) Served as a delegate to FHIMA House of Delegates 3) Active Membership in AHIMA and FHIMA.

*FHIMA Board members have registration fees waived to the annual meeting

[Click here to obtain the 2006 Nominations Form](#)

For more information, please contact:

Ashlyn Dellenger, RHIA
FHIMA Nominations Chair
(407) 804-1372
adellenger@cfl.rr.com

SERVICE AWARDS

ATTENTION: All FHIMA Members

Nominations are now open for the following awards:

- Distinguished Member
- Distinguished Service (FHIMA Member or Non-member)
- Literary
- Outstanding Student
- Outstanding New Professional
- Outstanding Professional (Practitioner or educator)

We have many deserving members. Please review the criteria and submit your nomination to:

Sandra Smart, RHIA
2785 Mariah Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940
(W) (321) 799-7177
sandra.smart@health-first.org

Deadline for receipt of nominations is March 17, 2006.

****Please Note:** As per 2000-2001 policy and procedures **nominees** will be contacted to provide supporting information to the committee.

Nomination Form - Service Awards



Distinguished Member



Outstanding Student



Distinguished Service



Outstanding New Professional



Literary Award



Outstanding Professional

Click Here For The [Service Awards Nomination Form](#)

Click Here For The [Service Awards Criteria](#)

2006 FHIMA SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION



Florida Health Information Management Association is pleased to announce a continued support of individuals pursuing Health Information Management careers. FHIMA has again voted to provide scholarships this year to students enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate studies related to the Health Information Management field.

As in years past, scholarships will be awarded to FHIMA members to defray the cost of a Health Information Management related education. Awards will be presented at the Membership Luncheon during the 2006 Annual Convention. Scholarship recipients are strongly

encouraged to be present at the Annual Convention Membership Luncheon to accept the award.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Your completed scholarship application and required attachments must be received by the FHIMA Scholarship Chairperson no later than published deadline.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be presently enrolled in one of the following program

Health Information Management Program.

Health Information Technology Program.

Graduate level degree seeking program relevant to H.I.M. (Graduate applicants must be either an RHIA or RHIT and have a bachelor's degree)

Current membership in AHIMA/FHIMA .

An individual is only eligible to win one scholarship for each category.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2006

Mail Applications & Attachments To:

Lisa Libby, RHIA, CCS
3230 Yule Tree Drive
Edgewater, FL 32141
(W) (407) 321-4500
lisa.libby@hcahealthcare.com

Click Here For The [FHIMA Scholarship Application and Criteria](#)

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION:

FHIMA utilizes a point system to evaluate scholarship applicants. Scholarship Committee members will review the applications for the following criteria:



Properly completed application -- with

attachments present



Scholastic ability -- official transcripts will be reviewed



Leadership ability -- the resume and/or other documents will be reviewed. The following areas will be considered: awards/honors, previous and current employment (if any), school activities, volunteer work etc...



Potential contribution to the profession -- the essay titled "How I Plan to Achieve My Long Range Professional/Career Goals" (undergraduates) or career objectives (graduate) will be reviewed.



Professionalism – supporting letters and professional organization membership



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FHIMA Members - Is your email address correct???

FHIMA relies on email blasts to keep members informed of events, news, CEU opportunities and other importing things.

However, many email addresses are work addresses and the security setup within many facilities block emails sent by a "list" which is how FHIMA facilitates an email blast. If you are a member of FHIMA and you are not getting emails from FHIMA, you may want to make sure your email address is correct with AHIMA. Also, if you are using your work email address, please be aware that FHIMA emails might be blocked by your facility and you are not receiving important information!! If that is the case, you may want to change your email address with AHIMA to your personal email address!

Don't miss out on emails containing exciting news, updates and even the chance to vote in the Spring!!

Extreme Makeover – FHIMA Voting!!

by Ashlyn Dellenger, RHIA, FHIMA Nominations Chair

Don't be expecting a paper ballot in the mail in early 2006. You won't be receiving one. Instead, you will be able to vote online. FHIMA is moving toward electronic balloting, similar to AHIMA as well as many other CSAs.

At the FHIMA convention this past July, many of you completed a membership survey. 83% of those surveyed agreed FHIMA needs to move away from paper ballots.

Don't worry, FHIMA will remind you when it is time to vote. We will send you e-mail blasts letting you know when and how. There will be a start date and time as well as an end date and time for voting. All candidate bios will be available to be reviewed. Just think, you won't even have to use a stamp this year!

The Nominating Committee is out looking for qualified nominees for the FHIMA ballot. It is a great feeling to serve your association. The work is not that difficult or time consuming. If you or someone you know is qualified for one of the open positions within FHIMA, please contact Ashlyn Dellenger (Central) Mario Perez, III (South) Diana Spaulding (Suncoast), Kelly Wilson (Gulf Coast). The nominating form as well as the qualifications are on the FHIMA website under the What's New section. We are searching for nominees for President-Elect, Chief Delegate, and

FHIMA Director. The FHIMA Nominating Committee needs you to be the future of FHIMA!

FHIMA Regional Associations Update!

by Carolyn Glavan, MS, RHIA, Executive Director

At the September 2005 FHIMA Board of Directors meeting, the Board recognized eight functioning HIM regions in the state of Florida. Several regions that have not had active participation in several years were moved into neighboring, active regional associations. Those former regions without active participation in several years include: Panhandle, Broward and Tri-County. Over the past few years, many attempts at the Board level and the regional level to revitalize these regions have not been successful. There has not been any active leadership within those regions and for several years there has been sporadic or no participation at the FHIMA House of Delegates or FHIMA Leadership Conference.

Therefore, these regions were combined with other regions to give the members of the non-functioning areas an opportunity to belong to and participate in an active region. Members in the former Panhandle region will be included in the Northwest region, members in the former Tri-County region will be included in the Gulf Coast region and members in the former Broward region will be included in the South Florida region.

Below is the outline of the counties within each region. Over the past few years we have had themes for FHIMA regarding “expeditions and discovering new territories” and “wings of change.” The Board’s decision to recognize these 8 regions reflects the concept of changing and improving FHIMA for the better for our members. The regional leaders of all 8 regions were represented at the FHIMA Leadership Conference in September and were in agreement with the outline of the 8 regions. The regional leaders of the three regions with additional counties will be sending welcome letters to these members inviting them to join the active region. As an FHIMA member, belonging to a regional association keeps you in touch with what’s happening locally and provides networking opportunities with local HIM professionals. So, with all that said and in the spirit of this year’s theme, do an “extreme HIM makeover” professionally and join your regional association. And, if you really want to make it “extreme”, volunteer at the regional and state level for various leadership positions!

<p>Region I. – Northwest</p> <p>CONTACT: Denese Collier, RHIA dcollier@dassee.com</p> <p>Bay Calhoun Escambia Franklin Gadsden Gulf Holmes Jackson Jefferson Leon Liberty Madison Okaloosa Santa Rosa Taylor Washington Wakulla Walton</p>	<p>Region IV. – Gulf Coast</p> <p>CONTACT: Cathy Minan, RHIT, CCS cjminan@aol.com</p> <p>Citrus Dixie Hernando Hillsborough Levy Marion Pasco Pinellas Polk Sumter</p>	<p>Region VII. – Southwest</p> <p>CONTACT : Elizabeth Whitmer, RHIT ewhitmer@swfheartgroup.com</p> <p>Charlotte Collier De Soto Hardee Highlands Lee Manatee Sarasota</p>
<p>Region II. – Northeast</p> <p>CONTACT: Chandrika Horton, RHIA Horton.chandrika@mayo.edu</p> <p>Alachua Baker Bradford Clay</p>	<p>Region V. – Ocean</p> <p>CONTACT: Judy Gureckis, RHIT Judy.gureckis@fhmd.org</p> <p>Flagler Putnam Volusia</p>	<p>Region VIII. – Suncoast</p> <p>CONTACT: Diana Spaulding, RHIT dianaspaulding@comcast.net</p> <p>Glades Hendry Indian River Martin</p>

Columbia Duval Gilchrist Hamilton Lafayette Nassau St. Johns Suwannee Union		Okeechobee Palm Beach St. Lucie
Region III. – Central CONTACT: Diana Albers, RHIA Diana.albers@fhosp.org Brevard Lake Orange Osceola Seminole	Region VI. – South CONTACT: Ivette Castillo, RHIA icastillo@mercymiami.org Broward Miami-Dade Monroe	



Report from the 2005 AHIMA House of Delegates - San Diego, California

by Patricia Schnering, RHIA, CCS, Chief Delegate, FHIMA

Your FHIMA delegates attended the 2005 AHIMA House of Delegates in San Diego, California. Thanks to Holly Woemmel, Michelle Mock, Karla Philippou, and Carolyn Glavan for joining me in participating in the business before the HOD. It was a pleasure and an honor to represent FHIMA as your Chief Delegate.

It was my first trip to anywhere in California. I really enjoyed the cooler weather. Our AHIMA convention was in the beautiful new convention center on the San Diego bay. The people there are warm and friendly just like our beach towns. I felt at home on the beach there except for the BIGGER waves in the surf.

The delegates attended the Issue Forums in the morning, and participated in discussions with enthusiasm. The Issue Forums were:

- 1) Implementation of e-HIM and Use of Technology in HIM (Best Practices)
- 2) Promotion and Marketing of the Profession/Credentials
- 3) Increased Alliance Activities on the Nation, State and Local Levels
- 4) Aligning Membership
- 5) Documentation/Data Standards
- 6) Environmental Scanning

A summary of each Issue Forum was presented at the HOD in the afternoon.

The HOD was called to order by our president, Mervat Abdelhak. There were three Action Items:

1. Proposed Revisions to Standards for Initial Certification

The HOD approved the proposed revisions to standards for initial certification.

They were revised to reflect the following:

- a. To update language and show the change from program accredited by CAAHEP to accreditation by CAHIIM.
- b. To update AHIMA HIT Independent Study to reflect the discontinuation of the program.
- c. Update language regarding applications, examinations and administrations to reflect procedures in accordance with policies set forth by COA

- d. To eliminate the section referring to the Provision (which expired December 31, 2004).

2. Proposed Bylaws Amendment on Dues

The HOD approved the proposed bylaws amendment on dues.

- a. The amendment deleted the powers and duties of the HOD to approve dues for all membership classes except for Corporate.
- b. This action follows the concept of the "Board governs the association, the House governs the profession".
- c. This amendment moves the fiscal responsibility of managing the dues from the House of Directors to the Board of Directors.

3. Proposed Motion on Dues Process

The HOD approved the THIMA motion on Dues Process. The motion is that AHIMA will put a policy in place that outlines the following:

- a. When a dues increase is warranted/recommended, multiple modes of communication will be utilized to publish justification of the increase and allow the members a 60 day comment period.
- b. All comments will be considered prior to the final BOD decision to raise dues.

This motion was passed to ensure that the members would have the opportunity to have input before a dues increase is approved.

2006 Nominating Committee election

The newest members of the 2006 Nominating Committee election are as follows:

1. Lynn-Marie Wozniak, MS, RHIT
New York Health Information Management Association
2. Jace H. Morganti, RHIA
Tennessee Health Information Management Association
3. John Richey, MBA, RHIA
Ohio Health Information Management Association

These members will serve from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007. These members will join the current members and committee chair Melanie Brodnik, PhD, RHIA.

Results of the 2005 National Ballot

President-elect:

Bryon Pickard, MBA, RHIA (TN)

Directors:

Rita K. Bowen, MA, RHIA, CHPS (TN)
Bonnie S. Cassidy, MPA, RHIA, FAHIMA (GA)
April Robertson, MPA, RHIA, CHP (CA)

Commission on the Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM):

RHIT Practitioner: Ann Waters, RHIT, CCS (AK)
HIA Educator: Ann Peden, MBA, RHIA, CCS (MS)
HIT Educator: Marie Conde, MPA, RHIA, CCS (CA)

Council on Certification:

CCS Professional: Lois Yoder, RHIT, CCS (FL)
CCS-P Professional: Deanne D. Mandley, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P (OH)
HIA Educator: Marion Prichard, MEd, RHIA (OK)
Privacy Professional: Brenda Olson, CHP, RHIA (KS)

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your chief delegate to the 2005 AHIMA HOD.



Would you support long term care (LTC) HIM Certification?

By Renae Spohn, MBA, RHIA, CPHQ and Jamie Husher, RHIA

Curriculum requirements in HIM programs prepare AHIMA members well for roles in acute and ambulatory care. Many AHIMA professionals can adapt the education to other settings when necessary. In long term care, most staff working in nursing home HIM departments have a high school education or have had limited nursing education. Often times they have not had the opportunity to complete formal HIM training.

With the Success by Association initiative, AHIMA has invited an opportunity to recruit new members from the long term care setting. As part of the long term care provider community, we would like to promote the development of a certification for long term care staff and consultants that would communicate their expertise.

Some of the associate level RHIT certification requirements could serve as core elements for the development of curriculum, but there are significant additional curriculum requirements that would need to be developed for the following topics:

- Coding based on long term care guidelines
- Reimbursement based on Resource Utilization Groups (RUG's)
- Documentation requirements based on the resident assessment instrument process
- State survey process using long term care regulations
- Geriatric disease processes
- Information management practices for long term care

Professional practice experience would be needed in long term care settings. One course on alternative practice sites simply cannot cover the content that is required to practice in the long term care setting.

We believe the long term care industry could benefit greatly by having credentialed HIM staff.

We would propose this certification would require associate membership with AHIMA and credential maintenance similar to coding certification.

The request for AHIMA to do a market study to assess the need for this long term care credential has not yet been developed. We are inviting you, each member of AHIMA, to provide input on the LTC COP regarding the support or concerns you may have.



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1. Rep. Johnson Introduces HIT Legislation Providing for ICD-10 by 2009



As reported in e-alert on Oct. 28, Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT), chair of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, has introduced the Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005 (HR 4157). In addition to dealing with a range of health information technology issues such as standards, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and privacy, the bill addresses one of AHIMA's most critical issues—the implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. AHIMA has worked closely with Johnson and her staff on this legislation, and our work needs to continue. With HR 4157 now pending, AHIMA needs your help to generate strong support for this legislation. **Please visit the Advocacy Action Center of the Advocacy Assistant today** at <https://secure.ahima.org/DC/Login.asp> to send a letter to your member of Congress. All you need to do is add your contact information, point, click, and your letter is sent. We cannot express how critical this issue is and how much we need your help. To learn more about HR 4157 and to send your letter, visit <https://secure.ahima.org/DC/Login.asp> today!

2. Senate HHS Appropriations Bill Includes Funds for Health IT

The US Senate has passed the fiscal year 2006 appropriations legislation (HR 3010 [amended]) for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education and Related Agencies, by a vote of 94-3. The Senate legislation contains a total of \$95,150,000 for health information technology initiatives—\$32,600,000 below the president's request. Of the total funding in the Senate bill, \$45,150,000 would be provided to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The additional \$50 million is slated for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for continued demonstration projects. On June 24, the House passed its version of HR 3010 and met the president's \$125 million request. \$75 million was provided to ONC and \$50 million to the AHRQ.

A House/Senate conference committee will soon commence to negotiate the differences in the House and Senate versions of the legislation. The conference report will then be considered by each body and sent to the president once it is approved.

3. Genetic Nondiscrimination Legislation Gaining Steam

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (HR 1227) is quietly gaining momentum in the US House of Representatives. Since the end of May, the legislation has gained 53 additional cosponsors, bringing the total to 153—of which 62 are Republican members of the House. Gaining Republican cosponsors has been a goal of Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL) and the Coalition for Genetic Fairness, of which AHIMA is a member. Twenty-nine Republicans have added their support since the end of May, 15 of which AHIMA had specific meetings requesting their cosponsorship.

The legislation, introduced by Biggert, would prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment. We need your help for it to pass. Visit the Advocacy Action Center of the AHIMA Advocacy Assistant at <https://secure.ahima.org/DC/Login.asp> to send your letter today.

4. Report Links EHRs, Research Advances

Accelerating cures should be a goal of the emerging national health information network in addition to improving patient care, according to a report released today by FasterCures/The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions. The report, "Think Research: Using Electronic Medical Records to Bridge Patient Care and Research," encourages institutions to "think research" as they struggle with the adoption and implementation of health information technology systems. While the focus of most efforts to do so has been on improving care by limiting

costs and medical errors, the real savings, in terms of both reducing healthcare costs and, more importantly, in eliminating human suffering, will come from curing disease and from limiting its damage. The report examines the current landscape of electronic record adoption and profiles innovative health systems that are pioneering their use as a research tool. FasterCures was founded under the auspices of the economic think tank the Milken Institute. To read the report, go to <http://www.fastercures.org/>.

5. HI&T Week Begins November 6

Health Information and Technology (HI&T) Week (sponsored by AHIMA and the Canadian Health Information Management Association) is almost here! This year, HI&T Week will be observed November 6–12. The annual event started 16 years ago to recognize the work of HIM professionals who maintain and protect the health information of individuals nationwide. This year's theme is "Information for a Healthy Nation." It's not too late to recognize the accomplishments of yourself and your fellow HIM professionals. For ideas, visit <http://www.ahima.org/hitweek> to access the planning kit.

6. Upcoming Leadership Seminar

Sharpen the skills you need to lead a successful transition to an electronic healthcare landscape, while dramatically broadening your take-charge abilities in all areas of life.

"Renaissance for the 21st Century: Leading the Change to E-HIM®" helps you look inside to become the best leader you can be. Gain expert information and unique insight. For example, do you know how to predict the reaction to change within your department or hospital and how to be ready to effectively manage it? You will after the conference. Best of all, the cost includes personal coaching after the seminar. The next seminar will be held November 14–15 at AHIMA's office in Chicago, IL. Attendees will earn 15 CEUs upon completion of the seminar and subsequent one-on-one coaching. Visit <http://www.ahima.org/renaissance> for complete information and registration.

7. CoP News You Can Use

e-HIM Practice Guidelines Available in the BoK

The FORE Library: HIM Body of Knowledge (BoK) is designed to help HIM professionals quickly and easily access information needed to be successful.

Over the last three years, AHIMA has commissioned a number of volunteer work groups to develop practice

standards for areas that play an integral role in the transition from paper to electronic health records. Recently added and available only in the BoK is an expanded version of the article "The Legal Process and Electronic Health Records," available at http://library.ahima.org/xpedio/groups/public/documents/ahima/pub_bok1_028134.html. This practice brief reviews the EHR custodian's responsibilities in the legal process and includes an appendix of legal process glossary terms. It was developed by the e-HIM Work Group for Defining the Legal Health Record.

To log in to the BoK, visit <http://www.ahima.org> and select the Body of Knowledge icon at the top-right section of the page. To have full access to all information, click the "log in" button in the top brown bar and enter your AHIMA ID number and password. Remember that your password may be your last name if you haven't changed it in your member profile or joined AHIMA online.

8. Upcoming Audio Seminars

ICD-9-CM Digestive, Respiratory, and Thoracic Tube Insertions

November 17

Faculty: Cesar M. Limjoco, MD, CCS, and Sandra L. Nicholson, MA, RHIA

Gain clinical knowledge for indications and techniques used to insert, repair, or remove digestive, respiratory, and thoracic system tubes, and increase your awareness of relevant ICD-9-CM coding guidelines. We'll discuss the clinical indications and techniques for insertion of chest tubes, endotracheal, feeding, and gastric tubes and interventions such as repair, partial replacement, and removal of a tube once it has been inserted. For registration and information, visit <http://imis.ahima.org/orders/productByType.cfm?t=1> or call (800) 335-5535.

Diagnosis Coding for Arthritis

December 1

Faculty: Kathy Boomgarden, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, and Karla Peter, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P

Lessen the challenges of diagnostic coding by getting the clinical information you need on arthritis, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and other forms of this condition. We'll delve into treatment and related coding and documentation issues. For registration and information, visit <http://imis.ahima.org/orders/productByType.cfm?t=1> or call (800) 335-5535.