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Special Holiday Edition

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From the President



Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a great fall. You are all probably now preparing for the holidays and winter months ahead and it is hard to believe the NYHIMA 2017-18 year is almost half over already.

The Nominating Committee has assembled a great ballot for 2018-19 and I urge all of Active Members to vote. Thanks to everyone who nominated someone and a special thanks to all who are running! Good luck everyone!

The NYHIMA Board has been working to update our bylaws with the retirement of the NYHIMA House of Delegates this past year as well as to reflect the current structure and philosophy of NYHIMA. We are in the process of coordinating and getting AHIMA's approval and will then be sending them out to you for review and approval. Be on the lookout for them after the New Year.

The Annual Conference Planning Committee has been working very hard to secure speakers and develop the program agenda. It looks to be a GREAT lineup with something for everyone. NYHIMA's Central Office has created the conference logo and we'll be starting to send out information on the Conference very soon. Don't forget to hold the dates - June 3-6, 2018 at the Sagamore Hotel on beautiful Lake George, New York.

The Legislative (Advocacy) Committee is busy researching what other state associations are doing to prepare an Advocacy Agenda for next year. Our Advocacy Committee Chair Peggy Presbyla, was recently interviewed by the health information management publication, "*For The Record*." They were looking for a response to New York State eliminating fees for requests for patent records who are seeking disability benefits.

The Communication and Membership Committees are working together on a NYHIMA awareness campaign and will be reaching out to AHIMA NYHIMA members and students to share the benefits of being a NYHIMA Dues Paying Member. One way is through the GREAT educational programs that the Education Committee puts on each year so check them out! NYHIMA Dues Paying Members get great discounts.

On behalf of the NYHIMA Board, we would like to wish everyone very Happy Holidays and the best for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Kim

Submitted by: NYHIMA President, Kim Charland, BA, RHIT, CCS

NYHIMA News and Notes

NYHIMA 2018-19 Elections - Vote Today!

All *Active Members*, except students are eligible to vote. The polls are now open and will officially close at 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, December 29, 2017.

For voting purposes: please select one candidate for each category except the Awards Committee, for that committee you are able to select a maximum of five candidates. You will only be able to access the election form once and will not be able to change your vote after you submit.

Exercise your membership privileges. Cast your vote today!

[CLICK HERE](#) to log on & vote today!

All ballots will be verified and tallied. Election results will be announced at the beginning of 2018.

If you have questions about the ballot, please contact the NYHIMA Central Office at 518-435-0422 or nyhima@caphill.com.

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings.

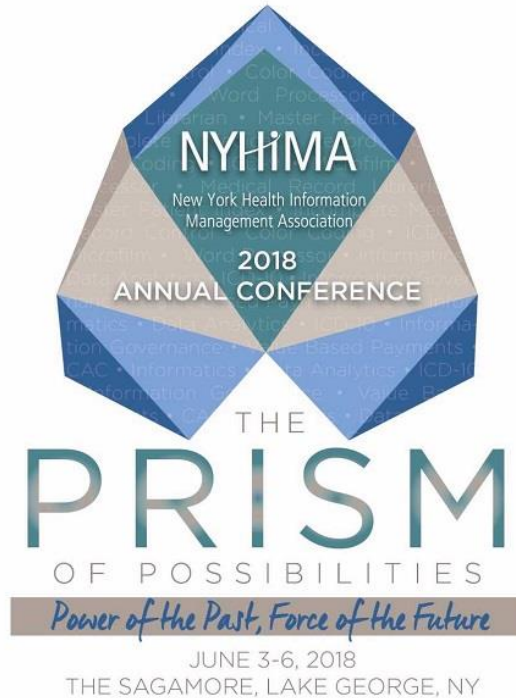
- **Wednesday, January 31, 2018: Coding Compliance and Ethics...A Must!**

Webinar Presented By: Gloryanne Bryant, RHIA, RHIT, CDIP, CCS, CCDS, National Director Coding Quality, Education, Systems & Support Kaiser Permanente Hospitals & Health Plans

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register Today!

Stay tuned for more information on NYHIMA's winter & spring educational offerings!

SAVE THE DATE for NYHIMA's 2018 Annual Conference. *Registration Details coming soon!*



Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

NYHIMA Central Office Holiday Hours

The NYHIMA Central Office will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 and will reopen Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Also, we will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your friends & family!

Local Association News

HIMANNY Member News

Toni Frazer has received her RHIT and is now the Director of Health Information Services at Massena Memorial Hospital.

Ciara Gonyeau has accepted the position of HIM Administrator at Sunmount DDSO.

Join us in congratulating Toni & Ciara!

***Save the Date for the HIMANNY Annual Spring Meeting: Friday, May 11, 2018 -
Details to follow!***

Submitted by: HIMANNY

**RRHIMA Member Spotlight: Donna Rugg, RHIT, CDIP, CCS, AHIMA approved
ICD-CM/-PCS Trainer**

Donna Rugg's decision to enter the Health Information Management profession started with a look through the Monroe Community College (MCC) catalog and a visit to the HIM department at Strong Memorial Hospital (SMH). She had a conversation with the HIM Director at SMH, which led her back to MCC where she enrolled in the program then known as "Medical Records Technology" in 1976.

She successfully completed the program in 1978, graduating with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science - Medical Records Technology. In the years following her graduation, Donna has gained valuable experience (and a great deal of respect from her peers!) and has met many talented HIM professionals!

[Click here to read more.](#)

Submitted by: RRHIMA

AHIMA News

AHIMA WEBINARS: OUR YEAR-END SALE: Earn CEUs before the year-end deadline. Get up to 4 Webinars for the Price of 1! - A \$300 Savings.

AHIMA has assembled a rich menu of learning opportunities. Choose from nine webinar replay bundles that offer a range of savings across a range of topics. From Coding, to MACRA regulation, to Big Data, this unique event is a perfect opportunity to advance your HIM knowledge and save a little money at the same time. Featuring today's hot topics, you'll be able to watch and learn at your own pace, whenever or wherever you roam.

Our webinar sale also represents a chance for AHIMA to say thank you for all the support you've generously given us in 2017. Year-end is a perfect time to take stock of your career. With that in mind, please peruse our engaging catalog of webinar bundles and enjoy the substantial savings! No Limit on Number of Purchases!

[Click here for full details.](#)

Industry News

Cybersecurity guidance targets medical records strategies

New guidance from the American Health Information Management Association offers 17 steps toward building a comprehensive cybersecurity plan that addresses not only the information technology department but a range of other stakeholders.

The effort aims to increase organization-wide awareness of security weaknesses and to reassess information management strategies that put data at risk.

"Governance of information shifts the focus from technology to people, processes and the policies that generate use, and manage the data and information required for care," says Kathy Downing, director of practice excellence at AHIMA with 15 years of experience in HIM and as a privacy officer in provider facilities.

[Click here for the full article](#)

By Joseph Goedert, Joe takes the lead role in generating news for Health Data Management's award-winning website