

From the President



Welcome to the new NYHIMA year!

Although NYHIMA has just officially kicked off its new membership year, many exciting events have already occurred, and even more are being planned for the very near future! In July, Meg DeVoe and I had the pleasure of attending the 2019 AHIMA Leadership Symposium in Chicago, IL. It was a wonderful three days of educational sessions, networking, and gaining insight into the future of AHIMA. We had the privilege of hearing AHIMA's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Wylecia Wiggs Harris, Ph.D., CAE speak where she presented a powerful mission to the attendees about AHIMA's new strategic plan and vision under the new structure. I would urge anyone interested in next year's AHIMA Convention to attend!

The NYHIMA Board held its first Board of Directors meeting on August 19th in Albany to discuss the upcoming year. We have been reviewing member feedback gained from our recent Education Survey and our 2019 Annual Conference survey. The goal of the Board is to listen to our members and do our very best to implement effective practices to meet the needs of our members and provide the best education and professional resources we can.

The 2018-19 year was a great year for NYHIMA, and I would like to personally thank Jeffery Youngs for his leadership as our President. Jeffery and the NYHIMA Board of Directors worked very hard in the past year to implement positive changes that would help our association thrive as we move forward. Without the Board's commitment, we would not be as successful as we are today. I would also like to thank to the 2019 NYHIMA Annual Conference Planning Committee from CNYHIMA! Our 84th Annual Conference, "*Navigating Together Towards Tomorrow*" at the historic Downtown Syracuse Marriott was an immense success. Great Job by all involved! We hope to see everyone in Buffalo for the 2020 Annual Conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Buffalo, an exciting city with much to offer!

2019-2020 is going to be a remarkable year! I have just started a new position in this fantastic field and am honored to serve as your President. We have a strong and a determined Board of Directors who are ready to keep our momentum going. We are all here to serve our members, so if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Central Office or a NYHIMA Board Member.

Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,

Sue Clarke-Kendrick, MHA, RHIA

Please Welcome Your 2019-20 NYHIMA Board of Directors!



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Membership with NYHIMA

NYHIMA membership provides you with access to a broad collection of tools, content, professional development opportunities in many topics and formats, and a smart and vibrant community of peers—all to help you advance in the HIM profession.

NYHIMA membership dues are offered at a low rate of \$50.00 annually for HIM professionals, \$25.00 annually for emeritus members (65 years or older), \$10.00 annually for new graduates, or complimentary for student members.

As a NYHIMA Dues Paying member, you will enjoy an array of benefits:

- Assignment to a Component Local Association (CLA), based on the county in which you reside, providing you with local networking and educational offerings.
- An interactive CLA community with the NYHIMA Board of Directors and Central Office that provides consultation services via leadership retreats and consultation calls.
- Discounted registration fees for NYHIMA's continuing education programs and events (to include the NYHIMA Annual Conference)
- The capability to hold a NYHIMA office
- Eligibility to vote in the NYHIMA election
- Eligibility to serve on a NYHIMA committee
- Eligibility to apply for NYHIMA scholarships
- Access to the members-only portal of the NYHIMA website with access to HIM professionals through a membership directory
- The opportunity to participate on the many state & federal legislative initiatives that will have a direct impact on HIM professionals
- Ability to submit open positions to the NYHIMA Job Board at **No Charge!**
- Subscription to the digital edition of the quarterly NYHIMA newsletter, ***Perspectives Online***
- E-mails regarding upcoming education programs, events and industry news
- Automatic access to your User Profile on NYHIMA Website
- NYHIMA Communications via LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter

If you are interested in signing up please complete the online membership application found at the below links.

The New York Health Information Association (NYHIMA) is a Component State Association (CSA) of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

- **Membership to NYHIMA is contingent upon your membership status with AHIMA; to qualify for membership in NYHIMA you must first be a member of AHIMA.**

Membership Renewal Links:

[NYHIMA Membership Application](#)

[NYHIMA Emeritus Membership Application](#)

[NYHIMA New Graduate Membership Application](#)

[NYHIMA Student Membership Application](#) (if you are an educator, please share this information with your students! NYHIMA Student Membership is offered complimentary).

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings. [Click Here](#) to find out more about our upcoming events and to register.

- **Wednesday, October 16, 2019:** [Delving into the 2019 Guidelines for Achieving a Compliant Query Practice Brief](#)
- **Wednesday, October 23, 2019:** [Strategies for Sepsis, Complications and Correct Procedure Capture](#)
- Stay tuned for more information about Revenue Cycle Program, HIPAA, and full day legal program!

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Local Association News

CNYHIMA

Thank you to all who attended the 84th Annual NYHIMA Conference in Syracuse, NY--our committee enjoyed working on activities and the outcome was great--We are happy to day that many of you personally thanked many of for a well-organized and great time in CNY.It was wonderful to catch up with many of you again this year.

Submitted by: Cindy Alsheimer, RHIT & Carolyn Hastings, RHIA Team
Co-Chairs for Planning and Education

People on the Move:

Our Jeffery Youngs, RHIT is now the Director of Health Information at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, NY! Best wishes to him in his new position!

Submitted by: Cindy Alsheimer, RHIT/CNYHIMA Past President

HIMANNY Met for Annual Meeting in Akwesasne, NY

The annual HIMANNY meeting was held on May 9th in Akwesasne, NY at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Administration Building.

There were 3 CEU's for the education on that date which consisted of presentations by:

Dena DeFazio, Associate – Barclay and Damon Law Offices, Albany, NY on “Approaching Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression in Health Care Settings”.

Steven A. Adams, MCS CPMA, CPC, CRC, COC, CPC-1, PCS, FCS, COA on “E&M Auditing – 101”

All HIMANNY Board members remain the same for 2019-2020 – so no voting occurred on this date.

Submitted by: Erin O'Connor, RHIT, HIMANNY



RRHIMA Member Highlight: Christopher Smith, RHIT

Christopher graduated, Phi Beta Kappa, from the Health Information Technology (HIT) program at Monroe Community College, (MCC), in 2017. His education started in a certificate vocational program at Brooklyn Job Corps, which is a tuition-free training education program that connects eligible young men and women with the skills and education opportunities they need to establish real careers. Christopher's program was in “Medical Office Management.” He didn't know anything about HIM, until he did a professional practice rotation at the Long Island College Hospital (LICH) in Brooklyn NY. His supervisor, Reynelde Gay-Dauphin, was a true role model and made a lasting

impression on him. She encouraged him to go to college once he completed his certificate program. However, at the time he had no plans to do so. During his professional practice at LICH, he pulled medical records for the hospital for the next day and delivered them to the floors while collecting records that needed to go back to Medical Records. The staff was supportive and made him feel welcome.

His first course of preference at the Brooklyn Job Corps was a certificate program in information technology (IT), but he could not take that class, and was as he said, "wedged" into the Medical Office Management program, which he states, "was divine intervention." He will forever be grateful for it.

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- Corporate Partner will be featured in NYHIMA's quarterly online newsletter. Information to be provided by Corporate Partner, otherwise, only logo will be listed.
- One representative on the NYHIMA mailing list for notification of all educational programs. ***Company representative could take advantage of our educational opportunities at the special member price!***
- Ability to submit open positions to the NYHIMA Job Board at No Charge!

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Any corporation interested in the purposes of the New York Information Management Association (NYHIMA) is eligible for corporate partnership. Each corporate partner shall designate one (1) individual who receives the rights and privileges of corporate partnership for one (1) year. Subsidiaries, affiliates, and divisional companies are not included under the corporate partnership of the parent corporation but are eligible for corporate partnership in their own right.

Annual Dues for Corporate Partners are \$500.00.

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AHIMA News and Notes

2020 ADVOCACY SUMMIT

Planning for future budgeting? The 2020 AHIMA Advocacy Summit will require individual registration fees and will no longer be an invitation-only event. CEU's will continue to be offered based as part of the Summit. Watch for additional information, including registration details in future communications.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT HIM

[HIM Awareness Campaign materials](#) can be found on Engage, including a presentation that can be used for high school students, monthly communication strategies, flyers, and more. Use these resources to help widen and deepen the HIM footprint within the healthcare industry. There is also a CSA Excellence PPT on [HIM Awareness Building](#) that CSA Leaders may present to their members.

2019 AHIMA Convention & Exhibit

September 14-16, 2019 | Chicago, IL

Join an engaging community of over 4,000 healthcare leaders and professionals to discuss latest trends and topics facing the industry and address innovative solutions to help you face your toughest challenges. Connect, learn, and engage through educational sessions, educational site visits, roundtable discussions, networking opportunities, and the exhibit hall.

At the 2019 AHIMA Convention, the AHIMA House of Delegates will take place. The House is tasked with governing the health information management (HIM) profession as identified in the AHIMA bylaws. The delegates are 231 members from the 52 component state associations (CSAs) and the AHIMA Board of Directors.

NYHIMA will send the following delegates:

- **NYHIMA President, Sue Clarke-Kendrick, MHA, RHIA**
- **NYHIMA President-Elect, Meg DeVoe, CCS**
- **NYHIMA Past President, Jeffery Youngs, RHIT**
- **NYHIMA Delegate Tracy D'errico, MS, RHIA**
- **NYHIMA Delegate Mari Pirie-St. Pierre. CPHI**

Industry News

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This is the home page for the FY 2020 Hospital Inpatient PPS final rule. The list below centralizes any IPPS file(s) related to the final rule. The list contains the final rule (display version or published Federal Register version) and a subsequent published correction notices (if applicable), all tables, additional data and analysis files and the impact file. For files related to the Long-Term Care Hospital PPS, please visit <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/index.html>.