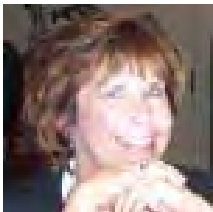


*Merry Christmas!*



**Happy Holidays VHIMA Members:**

I am writing to you at this time to let you know of some changes that have occurred with your Executive VHIMA Board.

Kim Galloway resigned her position as President, VHIMA due to personal issues. As Vice-President and with the Executive Board's Approval, I will be stepping up to serve as your President for the remainder of this term through June 2011.

On behalf of VHIMA, I want to thank Kim for her service as President as during this time she represented VHIMA at Summer Team Talks and at the AHIMA Convention and to wish her well in her professional and personal life. I know this was a difficult decision for her.

Moving forward:

Your Board is busy planning events for the membership.

Be sure and checkout the VHIMA Website for Calendar of Events and mark your calendar to attend!

- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Coding Roundtable – Fredericksburg, VA
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Hill Day – Richmond, VA
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coding Event – Sentara
- March 2011 – ICD10 Coding Summit – Fredericksburg, VA
- April 13-14<sup>th</sup> – 60<sup>th</sup> Annual VHIMA Convention – Williamsburg, VA

The Nominating Committee will be gearing up in January to create a slate of officers for the coming year. The business of VHIMA has been streamlined and is mainly handled through conference calls, emails and only a few face to face meetings so that you can serve from your office. Please consider serving on the Board as it is a rewarding experience professionally and provides the opportunity to network with others.

**Wishing you and yours**

**A Happy New Year!!**

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**Scholarships:**

VHIMA SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all students!!!!

Are you pursuing a degree? If so, please apply for the VHIMA scholarship. You can find more information on the VHIMA website scholarship link.

Please contact Kristin Williamson for any questions @ 540-981-7969.

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## VHIMA HILL Day 2011

By Linda Vernon, RHIA

### Chairman, Legislative Advocacy Committee

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 27, 2011 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Virginia Health Information Management Association's Hill Day to be held in Richmond, Virginia at the MCV Alumni House.

The Legislative Advocacy Committee is working very hard to plan for this event. Committee members include Linda Vernon/Chair, Patty Cranford/Co-Chair, Allison Viola, Patty Campola, Cindy Hunter, Sharon Boggio, Teresa Brown, Kim Galloway, Arnita Perry, and Cindy Phelps.

Our theme this year is "Ensuring Health Information Integrity". We felt this was an appropriate title given what is happening in the healthcare arena as we transition into an electronic era.

Those of us who participated last year found this to be a very worthwhile event. It is a great opportunity to network and advocate in-person about the importance of involving the VHIMA in the states endeavor to improve quality healthcare through the adoption and implementation of the EHR.

Registration is posted on the website [http://www.vhima.org/documents/hillday2011\\_registration.pdf](http://www.vhima.org/documents/hillday2011_registration.pdf)

The deadline for registration will be January 7, 2011 and you'll need to email or fax your response back to Patty Cranford. Her email is [pcranford@farleycenter.com](mailto:pcranford@farleycenter.com) and fax is 757-565-0620.

This event will enable you to earn 2 CEU credits. The agenda is being planned as this letter is being written. Registration will begin at 8:30 with Jann Anderson from the Virginia Regional Extension Center as the Keynote Speaker starting at 9am. Afterwards, we will make our journey to the Capitol where we will have the opportunity to sit in the Senate or House and be introduced. In addition, last years group expressed an interest in having a tour of the Capital which we are incorporating into the agenda. Afterwards we will proceed to the General Assembly building for lunch, and then deliver packets of information to key legislators. The day will end with a reception for all.

I hope you will consider joining us for this event. Those of us who participated last year had a great time and this year promises to be no different. Mark your calendars and plan to register by January 7, 2011. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Patty Cranford or myself.

On behalf of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee of the VHIMA we look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 27, 2011.



Save the Date!!!  
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April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2011

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