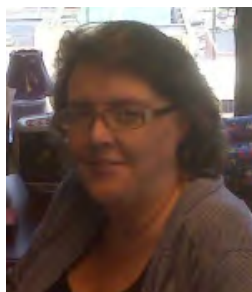




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President's Message ***January, 2012***

Hello fellow HIM professionals! As we closed out 2011, I hope everyone had a very happy Holiday season and with you the very best for 2012.

On the personal side, I have accepted a position to be the HIM Director at a hospital in Mississippi. After an Executive Board meeting last month, your VHIMA Board is allowing me to continue serving you as President from there. I am very glad they are letting me continue, as I truly am enjoying the opportunity to serve our State Association.

On the professional side, we ended 2011 in a great way - we recently completed our first 2 Coding Roundtables utilizing Webex and they were a great success! We had close to 20 participants and have received glowing comments on the evaluations. More roundtables are scheduled through 2012 so visit the website to check out the schedule and sign up! I think our Coding Roundtable Committee have done an excellent job lining up sessions for us.

We have started working on the Annual Convention this coming April in Richmond. There is a link on the website to go ahead and reserve your hotel room. More information will continue to be updated on the website - so keep checking for updates!

Again, my best wishes to you and your family for a successful and healthy 2012!



Have a
Happy Valentine's Day!!

Coding Roundtable News



VHIMA Coding Roundtable News

By: Gloria Litton, RHIA, CCS-Coding Roundtable Coordinator

The roundtables have hit the web!!! Beginning on December 2nd, the first of a series of coding roundtable WebEx's led by Gloria Litton was held and was a huge success. This WebEx was followed by a 2nd WebEx presented by Terry Johnson on December 16th.

Most of the participants were from more rural areas of Virginia and were employed by smaller facilities. These HIM professionals were the main target of this educational program since many smaller facilities cannot support larger educational modules from outside vendors. After viewing several demos from vendor offered programs, including the one offered by AHIMA, the roundtable committee members and the board felt this program fit the financial and educational needs of our members at this time. Many participants registered for several sessions on their initial registration. Since these are being led by AHIMA certified ICD-10 trainers, these sessions are approved for CEUs by AHIMA and also by AAPC.

This series will continue through 2012 and continue into 2013. WebEx's will be available online and each participant can register on the VHIMA website. Pay Pal and checks are accepted for registration. Each session is \$20 per participant for a 2 hour WebEx. Additional sessions are planned in conjunction with the annual meeting in Richmond in the Spring. Watch for more information on the VHIMA website.

Many thanks to the Coding Roundtable Committee members, presenters, and to Teresa Brown for setting up the WebEx and registration online.

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VHIMA Coding Roundtable Schedule 2012

Date	Topic	Time	CEUs	Meeting Type	Location	Presenter
1/27/2012	Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology for ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		Joann Bays-CDMP Director-BSHSI James Wall-CDMP Team Lead-BSHSI
2/10/2012	Intro to ICD-10-PCS (Repeat)	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		Terry Johnson
2/24/2012	ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		Lisa Smith
3/30/2012	ICD-10-PCS Root Operations and Guidelines	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		Louise Nunn
4/20/2012	ICD-10 Case Studies	9-12:00	3	Face-to-face meeting	In conjunction with annual meeting-Richmond, VA	TBD
4/20/2012	ICD-10-CM For Physician's Offices	9-12:00	3	Face-to-face meeting	In conjunction with annual meeting-Richmond, VA	TBD
5/?/2012	SWVHIMA Coding Roundtable Meeting		6	Face-to-Face meeting	Roanoke, VA	TBD
6/?/2012	THIMA Coding Roundtable meeting		6	Face-to-Face meeting	Tidewater location-TBD	TBD
Spring 2012-TBD	CCS Prep	9-3:00 p.m.	5	Face-to-face meeting	TBD	TBD
7/27/2012	Infectious Disease in ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		TBD
8/31/2012	Neoplasms and Blood Forming Disease in ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		TBD
9/28/2012	Nervous System in ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		TBD
10/26/2012	Cardiovascular System In ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		TBD
11/30/2012	Respiratory System in ICD-10	1-3:00 p.m.	2	Webex		TBD



Update on the Volunteer and Leadership Team

By

Lisa Smith – President-Elect

The Volunteer and Leadership Team held a telephone meeting before the holidays on December 15, 2011.

AHIMA's nominating chair announced they are seeking nominations for the following AHIMA elected positions:

Board of Directors (President-elect and Directors Positions)

Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (3 positions):

- Privacy Professional
- HIA Educator
- CCS-P Professional

The required material for the "elected" positions are:

Resume
Three Letters of Recommendations
Photo

All positions have three-year terms, and all terms begin January 1, 2013. Nominations for these positions (made through the [Application to Serve](#)) are due January 31st, 2012. For further information on these positions including duties, qualification, time commitment and terms of office, please visit the [AHIMA website](#).

For questions regarding the Application to Serve, please contact Ginna Evans at ginna.evans@emoryhealthcare.org.

The Volunteer and Leadership team discussed the Fellowship Program and how we can be a support to the Fellowship Program. Below is the information on the Fellowship Program and how to become a fellow.

The Fellowship Program is an earned recognition for AHIMA members who have made significant and sustained contributions to the profession of HIM. It provides an incentive for members to contribute to the advancement of the profession and brings together senior HIM professionals as a resource for continued promotion and development of the profession through a variety of activities. Currently there are over 100 Fellows awarded the FAHIMA designation.

Update on the Volunteer and Leadership Team Con't.

The fellowship requirements are open to any individual who is a regular, honorary, or senior member of AHIMA and meets the following requirements:

- Minimum of 10 years full-time professional experience in HIM or related field
- Minimum of 10 years continuous AHIMA membership at time of application (not including years as a student member)
- Minimum of master's degree
- Evidence of sustained and substantial professional achievement that demonstrates professional growth and use of innovative and creative solutions

The Fellow status is a lifetime recognition, subject to continuing AHIMA membership and compliance with the [AHIMA Code of Ethics](#).

The fellowship application fee is \$250 and is accepted four times a year: February, May, August, and November. The AHIMA Fellowship Review Committee meets quarterly. All applications are reviewed and identified for any conflicts of interest. Notifications are sent within four weeks of the submission date. Visit the [AHIMA site](#) for more information regarding the Fellowship program. AHIMA provides a list of the fellows by state.

I am looking forward to the next meeting with the Volunteer and Leadership Team.





Environmental Scan :

Environmental Scan (ES) HOD Work Group Update

I had the pleasure of representing VHIMA at the Annual National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT in October, 2011 as a substitute delegate. It was great to work in the HOD with VHIMA here in the Beehive State. I served on the ES HOD Work Team and have been in attendance of the webinars held every two months. With the various responsibilities each of us have in our lives, sometimes it is extra challenging to be a part of a work group, however, it is so rewarding to stay involved.

“An Environmental Scan sub-team was created at the annual AHIMA Convention in October 2011 to examine and revise the current Environmental Survey tool. The Environmental Scan is an annual survey categorized into six sections known as sub-environments. Environmental scanning is a process that collects information on trends and priorities that influence or impact the health information management profession. This information then feeds into the strategic planning process.”

The following ES issues have been cited:

- 1) Current process is too cumbersome and is not much benefit to the CSA;
- 2) It is not user friendly and difficult to decipher information from the scan
- 3) The responses do not adequately represent the members

Environmental Scan con't:

As a result, the ES will be revised to reflect the following:

- 1) Consider a change of the title of this survey from “Environmental Scan” to another title (to be determined) based on the purpose and understanding of the tool
- 1) Identify the biggest concerns and changes for the future in the workplace
- 2) Focus far into the future as the current survey is concentrated too much on the present
- 3) Tailor questions to reflect current membership. In addition, demographic information will be collected as well. To pull this all together and prepare for education of CSA leaders and the HOD, AHIMA has recruited volunteers interested in contributing and serving as presenters for the annual ES webinar. I've volunteered and will keep you updated accordingly.

Our next conference call will be February 27th which will be followed by the 2012 Winter Team Talks in Washington D.C. in March. I will not be attending Team Talks, however, I will obtain any updates and share as processes develop.

AHIMA Environmental Scan, CoP, <http://cop.ahima.org> [accessed January 6, 2012].

***Arnita Snead Perry, MA, RHIA
Past-President, VHIMA
AHIMA ES HOD Work Group Member***

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2011-2012**

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Elected Director	Lauri L. Perry, RHIA
AHIMA Nominating Committee	Margaret S. Bass, RHIT, CCS

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**Top Stories of 2011 and
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The **ARRA-HITECH changes** were still shaking the healthcare industry in 2011 when impact from the Affordable Care Act began to be felt. Add in the approaching ICD-10 implementation deadline, the ongoing pressures of the revenue cycle, and trying to keep up with rapidly evolving technologies, and it was a busy and challenging year in health information and technology.

Here are some of the top stories the *Journal of AHIMA* covered.

Meaningful Use Begins

Registration for stage 1 of the EHR incentive program opened in January, and by the end of November registration had topped 157,000. The first providers in the water reported that overall the sailing was pretty smooth. [Read "Meaningful Use Payments Jump in November"](#) and ["Meaningful Use: Notes from the Journey."](#)

Introducing ACOs and Shared Savings

The Affordable Care Act called for a Medicare "shared savings" program to begin in January 2012. The program promotes the development of accountable care organizations that will share savings with Medicare if they deliver care that meets both quality measures and expenditure targets. [Read "An ACO Primer."](#)

Changes Proposed to Accounting of Disclosure

In May the Office for Civil Rights released a proposed rule on the HITECH modifications to the HIPAA accounting of disclosure provisions, including the addition of a new right to a report of any person who has accessed the individual's protected health information. [Read "OCR Releases Proposed Rule on Accounting of Disclosure."](#)

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RECs on a Mission

A year after opening their doors, the federally sponsored health IT regional extension centers had nearly met their goal of recruiting 100,000 providers to implement and meaningfully use health IT. The hard part, however—implementing the systems and finding a sustainable business model—was just beginning. [Read “RECs on a Mission.”](#)

ICD-10 Planning Shows Progress

As the ICD-10-CM/PCS deadline approached the two-year mark, results of an AHIMA survey showed that more organizations were getting their transitions in motion. Eighty-five percent of respondents said that their organizations had begun work on ICD-10 planning and implementation. Read [“ICD-10 Planning Shows Progress with Two Years to Go.”](#)

It was an **award-winning year** for the *Journal*, as well. The *Journal* received two awards for editorial excellence for stories published in the previous year. The *Journal* won a gold award for best regular department (“Addendum”) from the American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors. It won a silver award for best feature in the Midwest-South region (“Red Flags Rule in Limbo,” April 2010) from the American Society of Business Publication Editors.

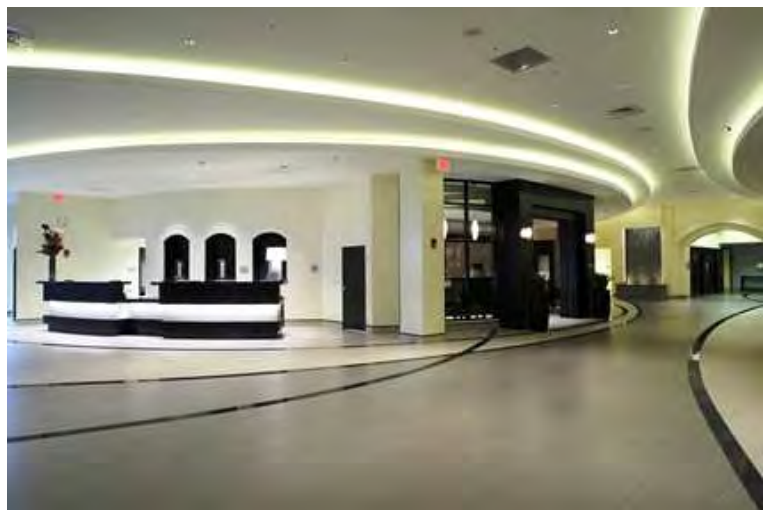
Save the date.

VHIMA Annual Convention is scheduled for April 18th & 19th, 2012

Location: Richmond Hotel & Spa Shortpump (Hilton)



The 2012 location for the VHIMA Annual meeting offers all the amenities we love, while complimenting our real need for learning.



Well-sized meeting rooms and exquisite are expected to add to the learning experience at VHIMA.



Valentine's Day, 2012



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Did you know...

Stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the [Middle Ages](#), Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial — which probably occurred around 270 A.D — others claim that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "christianize" celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival. In [ancient Rome](#), February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleansed by sweeping them out and then sprinkling salt and a type of wheat called spelt throughout their interiors.

Lupercalia, which began at the ides of February, February 15, was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day>

Scholarships:



Attention Students!

The deadline for VHIMA scholarship applications is **March 15, 2012** so there is plenty of time to apply! Please visit the scholarship link on the VHIMA web for more information.

Mail your application and required documents to:

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

“This is a wonderful and exceptional gift from VHIMA, and I encourage all students to apply, whether taking classes on-site, or on-line”

Kim Spencer, VHIMA Scholarship recipient 2011 - Stephens College pursuing on-line Bachelor Degree in Health Information Administration (on-line)

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

SHARON BOGGIO—COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Nominating Committee is on track in preparing the 2012-2013 VHIMA Officer's Ballot.

We have wonderful candidates that are willing to run for President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Delegate and Director.

The ballot will be posted to VHIMA's website and is also posted below. Voting is scheduled to take place between March 1 – 15th. Winners will be announced during the Annual Convention in April.

2012- 2013 VHIMA Officer Ballot

President-Elect	Terry Santana-Johnson, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P	Teri Jones, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
Vice President	Christina Upton, RHIT	Sheila Scott, RHIT, MBA
Secretary	Anita Woodley, RHIA	Teresa Harris, RHIA, CCS
Treasurer (2yr term)		
Delegate	Michelle Lakins-Waller, RHIA, RN, MBA	Gloria Litton, RHIA, CCS
Elected Director	Kathleen Scott, RHIA, CCS	Nancy Logan, RHIT, CCS
AHIMA Nominating Committee (2yr term)		



BELOW IS A LIST OF VHIMA PAST PRESIDENTS

**May we always remember and honor their contributions to
VHIMA**

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