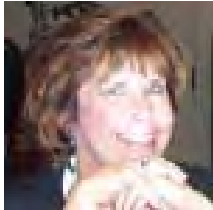




Spring is almost here!

Don't forget to "spring forward" on Sunday, March 13th.



***President's Message
March 2011***

Dear VHIMA Members:

Spring is just around the corner and I know we are all ready for that! Your VHIMA Board has been busy planning the convention, creating a ballot, sponsoring VHIMA Hill Day, conducting Coding Roundtables and preparing for the AHIMA Winter Team Talks and Hill Day.

Be sure and checkout the VHIMA Website for Calendar of Events and mark your calendar to attend! Thank you to Gloria Litton and her committee for providing optimal Coding events for our membership!

March 2nd – THIMA Coding Event – Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital

March 25th – ICD10 Coding Summit – EMI Headquarters, Basset, VA

April 13-14th – 60th VHIMA Convention – Williamsburg, VA

June 17th – SWVHIMA Meeting to include Coding Roundtable – Roanoke, VA

While our VHIMA Hill Day was postponed a week due to weather, we had a good crowd. Thank you to Linda Vernon, Patty Cranford, Kim Spencer and Sharon Boggio for making this event possible. Read more about the day in Linda's article on pages 2-3.

Teresa Brown, President Elect, and I will be attending Winter Team Talks and AHIMA Hill Day in March. Our membership is invited to attend and support AHIMA Hill Day by registering to attend via the AHIMA Website.

Our 60th Annual Convention is almost upon us! Be sure and register to attend this special event as we are inviting our former Past Presidents and membership to come and celebrate! Patty Campola, Christina Upton and Arnita Perry along with their committees have planned a fun filled and educational two day event.

As you can see, it takes active membership to provide select programs to meet the needs of everyone throughout VHIMA. Won't you consider stepping up to serve VHIMA in some capacity? I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in Williamsburg.

Cindy M. Phelps, RHIA
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Virginia 2011 Hill Day a Success!

By Linda Vernon, Chair, Legislative Advocacy Committee

On Thursday, February 3, 2011 Virginia held its third Hill Day which was a success. Despite the bad weather the previous week, this day was sunny and beautiful. We had 16 registrants to participate in this event.

Our day began at the MCV Alumni House where everyone in attendance was greeted with breakfast provided by EMI Imaging. Following was our program presented by the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Sallie Cook who serves as corporate medical officer and senior clinical advisor for quality improvement initiatives and works with the Virginia Health IT (VHIT) Regional Extension Center.

Her presentation was focused on helping us to understand the role of the Virginia Health IT Regional Extension Center and ways our organizations might be able to partner with the VA Health IT Regional Extension Center

in an effort to provide assistance that makes it easier for the Commonwealth's priority primary care providers to adopt electronic health records, integrate them into the patient care process and attain meaningful use.

Following, we packed our belongings and headed to the Capitol. Once through security we had hoped to move to the Capitol and divide the group so that half went to sit in the House and the other half to the Senate chambers, but that was not the case. There were so many people visiting the Capitol that day for various reasons that they actually closed the Capitol for safety reasons! We could only walk as far as the House and Senate rooms where we were allowed to sit and watch from close circuit TV's. That was okay, because we still had the thrill of seeing what went on in the General Assembly and got to hear Delegate Massie announce our group as if we were there directly above in the Gallery of the House Chambers.

From there we walked to the General Assembly Building where we were to meet in the 5th floor conference room and have lunch. It gave us an opportunity to reconvene and talk about the day thus far as we ate our lunch. We did something different this year from past years and that is that we decided as a committee to not hand out the packets to the members of the General Assembly while we were there. Instead we had dispersed the packets through the mail room at an earlier date and hoped the members and or their representatives would come visit us at a reception we were sponsoring in the General Assembly building. Although we had some activity, the members of the General Assembly were scarce because they were still in session. It was definitely a long day for them.

Even though we didn't personally get to see and meet our representatives, we still experienced the excitement of what goes on when the General Assembly is in session. We have left our mark by leaving a packet behind and now it is our job as a committee to follow up with the members of the General Assembly.



**Linda Vernon welcomed everyone to the
Third Annual VHIMA Hill Day .**

Virginia 2011 Hill Day continued

By Linda Vernon, Chair, Legislative Advocacy

I want to thank Sharon Boggio and her staff at Bon Secours St. Mary's, for helping to put the packets together and get the material printed. I want to recognize and thank each of the members of the Legislative Advocacy Committee for all of their hard work and devotion. They include, Patty Cranford, co-chair; Patty Campola, Sharon Boggio, Kim Spencer, Allison Viola, Cynthia Hunter, Cindy Phelps, Teresa Brown, and Arnita Perry. I also want to thank and recognize the students that came from Northern Virginia Community College, NVCC and a special thank you to Mattie Wilson who made sure they got here safely. Without the students support this Virginia Hill Day would not be a success.

In addition, I want to thank our sponsors for this event. Kim Spencer with EMI Imaging was gracious enough to provide breakfast from Panera Bread. Health Port contributed bags for the participants to carry their information along with pads and pens.

Mark your calendars now for the Fourth VHIMA Hill Day for 2012. We hope you will make plans to join us on. You don't want to miss this event!



VHIMA Hill Day attendees gathered for a brief moment before entering the Capitol Building in Richmond, VA.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—the Healthcare Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)” and the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”

Dear CSA Presidents, President-Elects, Executive Directors, and Central Office Coordinators:

2011 will be a year that brings many new challenges for AHIMA and every Component State Association (CSA). With the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—the Healthcare Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)” and the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” signed into law, much of the implementation activity is now solidly shifted to the states. This shift in policy-making and implementation will bring many opportunities (and we realize challenges) for your state association and the health information management (HIM) professional involvement.

AHIMA believes it is critical that the CSAs are adequately prepared and sufficiently agile to face the challenges and opportunities that are arising at the state level. These undertakings will undoubtedly have a long term impact on healthcare and HIM in your state.

AHIMA’s State Advocacy Workgroup (SAW), Policy and Government Relations team, and Volunteer Services Team have drafted several objectives for the CSAs. These objectives are intended to help elevate our ability to pursue advocacy at all levels and within all environments. What we are requesting of the CSAs is to:

1. Appoint a 2011-2012 Advocacy Coordinator/Key Advocacy Contact as soon as possible.
 - a. Inform the AHIMA Washington DC Office at MaryEllen.Largess@AHIMA.org by February 25, 2011.
2. Complete the AHIMA congressional introductory campaign
3. Schedule, plan or place in your 2011-2012 strategic plan a state Hill Day event for either a key issue or to meet your state legislators and/or other state officials. The AHIMA advocacy brochure “Planning a State Hill Day” can be found in the AHIMA COP Resources section under Advocacy or <http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/resources.aspx>.
4. Insure that the Advocacy Coordinator or a CSA leadership replacement attend AHIMA Advocacy webinar training sessions on:
 - a. StateNet, AHIMA’s state legislative and regulatory tracking tool. An e-mail will be forthcoming with available training dates.
 - b. Advocacy 101-Starting an Advocacy Program (winter/spring)
 - c. Advocacy 102- Advocacy and Public Relations (spring/summer)
 - d. Advocacy 103-Advocacy and Networking (summer/fall)
 - e. Advocacy 201-Advocacy and Social Media (fall/winter)
5. Once Regional Advocacy Liaisons (RAL) are appointed, the CSA Advocacy Coordinator/Key Advocacy Contact will work with the RALs to provide a monthly advocacy report to the AHIMA Washington, DC Office on advocacy activities undertaken by the CSA. AHIMA will provide a specific template to minimize CSA response time.
6. As necessary, potential involvement with AHIMA advocacy initiatives. For example, joining the AHIMA Medicaid ICD-10 project which currently has 13 CSAs that have volunteered. If you are interested in volunteering your CSA or learning more about the AHIMA Medicaid ICD-10 project you can contact Dan Rode at Dan.Rode@AHIMA.org or Mel Largess at MaryEllen.Largess@AHIMA.org or at 202-659-9440.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—the Healthcare Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)” and the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”

For those of you who are unaware of the SAW, the SAW has been in existence since 2007 and is charged with pursuing ways to enhance HIM advocacy at the state level – now the front lines for EHR, HIE, and confidentiality, privacy and security. These goals may seem daunting but AHIMA did not come about them lightly. It took approximately many discussions to develop this initiative and to define the specific goals. In addition, questions about these goals will be included in the annual CSA survey and therefore a part of the CSA balanced scorecard measure.

The 2011 SAW is comprised of AHIMA members from Alabama, California, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The SAW meets on a monthly basis but the responsibilities sometimes call for additional meetings and calls. The SAW devotes their time because they understand the importance of expanding and enhancing our advocacy effectiveness at all levels of government and professional environments.

Thank you for your attention to this advocacy and leadership initiative. It is important for all of us to understand that at this time of rapid expansion of health information technology and health information management, it is up to us to define our future. For us to define our future, we must be willing to devote our time to being prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Please join us on the journey to meet those challenges. If you have any questions, you can contact AHIMA’s Director of Government Relations, Don Asmonga, at Don.Asmonga@ahima.org or at 202-659-9440 or AHIMA’s Director of Volunteer Services, Lorraine Smalley, at Lorraine.Smalley@ahima.org or at 312-233-1169.

Sincerely,

Tracy D’Errico, RHIA
Co-chair
New York HIMA

Karen E. Bennorth
Michigan HIMA

Seth J. Katz, RHIA
Tennessee HIMA

Anne M. Mahalik, RHIA, FAHIMA, MPA
Illinois, HIMA

LaVonne R. LaMoreaux, RHIA, CAE
California HIA

Colleen A. Goethals, RHIA MS (ex officio)
Illinois HIMA

Don Asmonga, MBA, CAE
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Charlie Robinson, RHIT, CCS-P, BS
Co-chair
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Patricia Geare, CCA
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Stephanie J. Luthi-Terry, RHIA, MA
Minnesota HIMA

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Texas HIMA

Jeffrey T. McGraw, RHIT
Missouri HIMA

Lorraine Smalley, MAAPS, CAE, RD, LD
Director of Volunteer Services



Coding Changes Are Coming!

Schedule your training with one of the VHIMA dates below.

Upcoming Roundtable Events

March 25th – VHIMA Coding Summit-EMI Imaging Headquarters-Bassett, VA

April 13-14th – VHIMA Annual Convention-Williamsburg, VA

June 8-10th – AHIMA Academy for ICD-10: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding-Virginia Beach, VA

June 17th – SWVHIMA/VHIMA Coding Roundtable-Roanoke, VA

2010-2011 VHIMA Coding Roundtable Committee

Gloria Litton, Coordinator – Charlottesville

Sharon Elstein – Tidewater

MaryBeth Dunlap – Tidewater

Christina Brown – Richmond

Kim Galloway – Richmond

Louise Nunn – Roanoke

Kimberly Wallace – Roanoke

Kim Spencer – Bassett



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: <http://vhima.org/scholarships.htm>

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship through VHIMA, simply complete the scholarship application form that is available at the above web site.

All applicants should review the guidelines to determine if they meet the eligibility requirements. All applications are due by March 15, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded at the VHIMA Annual Meeting and the recipient(s) listed on this web site.

Mail your application and required documents to:
Kristin Williamson, RHIT
Carilion Clinic
P.O. Box 13367
Roanoke, VA 24033-3367
Work: (540) 981-7969
Email: klwilliamson@carilionclinic.org

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



60th Annual Convention

“Shining Bright for Health Information”



Wednesday, April 13th

<u>Event/Speaker</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Domain</u>	<u>CE's</u>
Registration / Continental Breakfast	7:30 - 7:55		
President's Welcome Speaker: Cindy Phelps, RHIA	7:55 - 8:00		
“Whale Done!” – The Power of Positive Relationships Speaker: Cheryl Foreman	8:00 – 10:00	Management Develop- ment	2
Exhibitor Hall/Break	10:00 – 11:00	Technology	1
Teleworking Speaker: Cheryl Foreman	11:00 – 12:00	Management Develop- ment	1
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00		
Health IT Consortium Update Speaker: Gretchen LeFever, Ph. D.	1:00 – 2:00	External Forces	1
Exhibitor Hall/Break	2:00 – 3:00	Technology	1
TBA	3:00 – 4:00		1
Once EMR's Are Implemented What Do You Do With The Legacy Information? Speaker: Kim Spencer	4:00 – 5:00	Technology	1
60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	6:00		

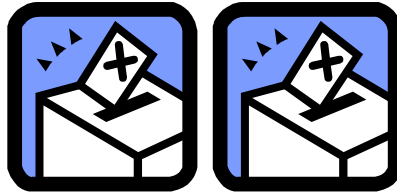


“Shining Bright for Health Information



Thursday, April 14th

<u>Event/Speaker</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Domain</u>	<u>CE's</u>
Registration / Continental Breakfast	7:30 – 8:00		
Key ICD-10-CM/PCS Implementation Action Items for HIM Professionals Speaker: Lolita M. Jones, RHIA, CCS	8:00 – 10:00	Clinical Data Mgmt	2
Exhibitor Hall/Break	10:00 – 11:00	Technology	1
Key ICD-10-CM/PCS Implementation Action Items for HIM Professionals <i>Cont'd</i> Speaker: Lolita M. Jones, RHIA, CCS	11:00 – 12:00	Clinical Data Mgmt	1
VHIMA Business Meeting/Lunch	12:00 – 1:30		
<i>Track 1</i>			
AHIMA Here + Now / Meaningful Use Final Rule Speaker: Allison Viola, MBA, RHIA	1:30 – 2:30	External Forces	1
CERT Reports Speaker: David Perez, MD, Medical Director CMS	2:30 – 3:30	Performance Improvement	1
<i>Track 2</i>			
Key ICD-10-CM/PCS Issues for Coding Specialists Speaker: Lolita M. Jones, RHIA, CCS	1:30 – 3:30	Clinical Data Mgmt	2
<i>Track 3</i>			
Debridements Speaker: John Pittman, MD	3:30 – 4:30	Clinical Foundations	1
Meeting Wrap Up – Evaluations	4:30 – 4:45		



Vote on-line for your 2011-2012 VHIMA Officers

Polls are open to vote for your VHIMA Board

March 9 - March 31 Midnight

Go to www.ahima.org

After you log in you will go to your personal page and the voting ballot is on the bottom of the page

President-Elect	Lisa Smith, MBA, CCS	
Vice President	Terry Johnson, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P	Shelia Scott, RHIT
Secretary	Ada Ashley, RHIT	Shelby "Louise" Nunn, CCU
Treasurer	Karen Phipps, RHIA	Allison Viola, RHIA
Delegate	Patty Campola, RHIA	Arnita Perry, RHIA
Director	Shelia Gunn, CCS-P, CPC, CMBS-1	Lauri Perry, RHIA
AHIMA Nominating Committee	Margaret Bass, RHIT, CCS	Kathy Matthews, RHIT, CCS

If you are an active VHIMA member, please go to the AHIMA website to cast your vote.

The winning candidates will be announced at the VHIMA Annual meeting in Williamsburg, VA.

Virginia Health Information Management Association

60th Annual Conference

April 13th and 14th 2011

Williamsburg, VA

On-line registration is open.

Go to: <http://vhima.org/registration.htm>

PayPal option is available for payment online.





Virginia Health Information Management Association
60th Annual Convention
April 13th and 14th, 2011

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Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at 1-800-442-3654 or 757-220-2500.

Single: \$99.00
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Hotel Reservations by attendees must be received on or before March 12, 2011.

Register for the Conference by Saturday, April 3rd

Please print or type name, title and the company you prefer to appear on your name badge. Send a separate form for each individual attendee. Additional registration forms may be retrieved from the VHIMA website or register online at www.VHIMA.org

Any questions should be directed to Patty Campola, Arrangements Chair, at patty.campola@mwhc.com (540) 741-1642 or Lisa Smith, Registrations Chair at lisa.smith@mwhc.com (484) 554-1253.

Please check one selection:

(√)	Conference Options	CE's	Fee	HIM/HIT Student Fee
	2 Day Conference Pass April 13 th & 14 th	14	\$175	\$70
	1 Day Conference Pass April 13 th	7	\$100	\$35
	1 Day Conference Pass April 14 th	7	\$100	\$35

Payment Type (check one) Check (enclosed) Credit Card

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Is this the first time attending a VHIMA Annual Meeting? Yes No

Payment by Check:

Make check payable to: VHIMA (Tax ID# 23-7120295)

Mail completed registration form and check to:

Lisa Smith, 128 Land Or' Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Payment by Credit Card:

Go to www.VHIMA.org and follow the link on the homepage for additional payment instructions.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations up to Wednesday, March 30th will receive a full registration refund. After March 30th, \$75 will be refunded for one day registration or \$125 for two day registration.

VHIMA is sponsoring a Silent Auction to benefit FORE and State Scholarships funds. Items donated will be auctioned Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact Kim Spencer at (800) 242-8011 or e-mail at kim@emiimaging.com

ATTENTION!!!!!!!
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**CALLING ALL PAST PRESIDENTS OF VHIMA TO AT-
TEND OUR 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION – WEDNES-
DAY, APRIL 13TH @ THE WILLIAMSBURG MARRIOTT**

We welcome the opportunity to celebrate the past presidents of VHIMA. Therefore, we invite all past presidents of VHIMA to join us for a convention day and evening of celebration on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Williamsburg Marriott.

We are on a mission to reach the former leaders of our organization to say a special “Thank You,” for their foundational leadership.

If you are a past president, and you have not received your invitation to this auspicious occasion, or if you, the VHIMer, know of the whereabouts or the contact information of any of our past presidents (listed below), please contact Arnita Snead Perry, RHIA, immediately (cell: 757-329-6886; work:435-781-6876; email: arnita.perry@lpnt.net).

The names that have been highlighted have already responded to our invitation.

Thank You So Much for your support to celebrate our past presidents.

BELOW IS A LIST OF VHIMA PAST PRESIDENTS

The names highlighted in blue have been contacted. Please pass the word on to any others you know, and tell them we would like for them to be our guest at the

60th Anniversary of VHIMA!

Helen Titus, RRL
1951-1952

Betsy Smith, RRL
1952-1955

Clarence Cauble, RRL
1953-1954

Ellen Willis, RRL
1954-1955

Clarence Cauble, RRL
1955-1956

Margaret Appleman, RRL
1955-1956

Nina Hayes, RRL
1957-1958

Carolina Beattie, RRL
1958-1959

Ruth Johnson, RRL
1959-1960

Marie P. Turner, RRL
1960-1960

Margaret Jones, RRL
1960-1961

Marie P. Turner, RRL
1961-1962

Chivie Stuckey, RRL
1962-1963

Midred St. Leger, RRL*
1963-1964

Helen Deeharn, RRL
1964-1965

Maebelle Blanchard, RRL
1965-1966

Irene Carter, RRL
1966-1967

Mary Abney Smith, RRL
1967-1968

Mildred St. Leger, RRL*
1968-1969

Naomi Thacker, RRL
1969-1970

Naomi Thacker, RRL
1970-1971

Barbara Lee Peace, RRL*
1972-1973

Linda Kasey, RRA
1972-1973

Tommi Tomlinson, RRA
1973-1974

Pat Mays, ART
1974-1975

Becky Davenport, RRA
1975-1976

Barbara Fuller, RRA*
1976-1977

Barbara Fuller, RRA*
1977-1978

Lore Grob, RRA
1978-1979

Pat Mays, ART
1979-1980

Barbara Lee Peace, RRA*
1980-1981

Dare Gray, ART
1981-1982

Dare Gray, ART
1982-1983

Florence Bishop, ART
1985-1986

Donna Clark, RRA
1984-1985

Susan Shackelford, RRA
1985-1986

Susan Shackelford, RRA
1986-1987

Dianne Ferrell, RRA
1987-1988

Mildred Taylor, ART
1988-1989

Jere Mundy, RRA
1989-1990

Debbie Roberson, RRA
1990-1991

Kathy Byrd, ART
1991-1992

Paige Ashley, RRA
1992-1993

Edna Jones, RRA
1993-1994

Don Hardwick, RRA
1994-1995

Marion Swaim, RRA
1995-1996

Arnita Perry, RRA
1996-1997

Carol Smith, RRA
1997-1998

Kathy Byrd, RRA
1998-1999

Linda Vernon, RHIA
1999-2000

Paula Moore, RHIA
2000-2001

Carol Smith, RHIA
2001-2002

Lou Cassman-Ventura,
RHIA
2002-2003

Marion Swaim, RHIA
2003-2004

Gloria Litton, RHIA, CCS
2004-2005

Linda Vernon, RHIA
2005-2006

Cindy Phelps, RHIA
2006-2007

Karen Phipps, RHIA
2007-2008

Arnita Perry, RHIA
2008-2009

Patty Campola, RHIA
2009-2010

Kim Galloway, RHIA
2010-2011