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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Walter Houlihan, MBA, RHIA, CCS,
FAHIMA

I would like to thank each and every member of MaHiMA, along with our sponsors, for giving me your support this past year. I truly enjoyed the privilege and honor of being the MaHiMA President during the 2014-2015 term. This experience has given me the opportunity to contribute to the growth of MaHiMA as an association but more importantly; to encourage each member to grow professionally. Working with and getting to know each MaHiMA board member was especially enjoyable along with collaborating with friends and colleagues within our national association, AHIMA.

My theme during my Presidential term was to "Speak to Encourage and Upbuild Others" and hopefully, in your eyes, I have succeeded with my mission. As part of this theme of always striving to help others, I would like to share with you, in my outgoing presidential message, a few pearls of wisdom that I find beneficial to live by. I hope everyone will take a moment to ponder these thoughts and find the same benefits as I do in both your personal and business life:

You can't be great if you do not feel great, therefore, make exceptional health your #1 priority

Take time to listen to others, understand what motivates them and figure out how you can help them to have a better life

Before glory there is humility, so always be humble when dealing with others and do not demean or humiliate them

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THE 1930'S... THE BEGINNING



On October 11, 1929, in a small room in the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, the Association of Record Librarians of North America (ARLNA)

was founded. One year later on September 18, 1930, the Massachusetts State Association of Medical Record Librarians was formed with Grace Whiting Myers of Worcester elected as its president. The first official meeting of this association was held in Thayer Hall at

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EDUCATING OUR PATIENTS ON SECURE DISPOSAL OF PHI AND PI

Martha Hamel, CHPC
Privacy Specialist, BIDMC

We all know that it is important for staff members to protect patient information (PHI or PI) in a variety of ways, whether by using fax cover sheets, encrypting mobile devices, using shredding bins or being mindful of what we post on social media sites.

What about our patients? After a hospital stay, or an outpatient visit,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free MOOC:
Anatomy and Physiology
Register by July 29

CDI & ICD-10 Symposium
Hosted by
NYHIMA, ACDIS & MaHiMA
Complimentary Registration
July 30
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

ICD-10 CM Workshop
Intermediate
August 22
7:30 am - 4:30 pm

ICD-10 PCS Workshop
Intermediate
August 23
7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Fall Meeting & 85th
Anniversary Celebration
September 18
7:30 am - 3:00 pm

AHIMA Annual
Convention & Exhibit
September 26-30

ICD-10 Conversion
October 1
1:00 am

AWARDS

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MAHIMA 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Walter Houlihan, MBA, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA

This year's conference was held on May 3-5, 2015 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth, MA and was a major success! The title of the conference was very appropriate, given the opportunities that are continually in front of the HIM profession: "Oceans of Change... Waves of Opportunity". One hundred and forty five MaHIMA members were in attendance, and thirty six vendors showcased their products in the exhibition hall. There were raffles, a silent auction and live music during the President's Reception on Monday evening.

The conference kicked off on Sunday with two (2) great full day pre-conference sessions, one on ICD-10 and the other on Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI). On Monday, our keynote speaker, Dr. John Halamka, discussed "Connecting Payers, Providers and Patients". Angela Kennedy was also a guest speaker and has served on the Board of Directors for AHIMA. She spoke about the 2015 AHIMA Report to the CSA's. The conference sessions and speakers covered many informative and pertinent topics including: Health Payment Reform and how it impacts the HIM professional; New Trends in HIM; Succession Planning; Cloud Storage; Health Informatics; CDI; HIPAA breaches; Patient Portals and much more!

I would like to personally thank each sponsor for contributing to the success of MaHIMA throughout the year, and especially for their support at this year's annual conference. We are fortunate to have such great relationships with each and every one and look forward to working together in the coming year.

I would also like to thank the MaHIMA leaders and members who contributed their time and effort with planning such a fabulous conference. I highly recommend that each MaHIMA member make every effort to attend next year's annual conference in order to further their HIM knowledge along with enjoying the great opportunity to network with friends and colleagues. It seems that each year, the conference gets better and better!

MAHIMA OFFICERS 2015-2016

Official swearing in of the new officers took place at the MaHIMA Annual Business Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2015, during the MaHIMA Annual Conference at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth, MA.

Karen Grant, RHIA, CHP
President-Elect

Norma Chitvanni, RHIT, CHPS
Director of Legislation

Joy Rose, RHIA, CCS
Director of Education

The newly elected officers will join Jeanne Fernandes, RHIA, CHDA as she assumes the office of President on July 1, 2015 along with Jackie Judd, CCS who will be continuing her term as Director of Communication, and Walter Houlihan, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA who will be serving as Past President.

Thank you to all for stepping forward to offer service to our organization. Your willingness to serve is most appreciated.

COUNTDOWN TO ICD-10

*ICD-10 Is Scheduled to Go Live in Three Months . . .
Prepare to Be Successful!*

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ICD-10 Forum

Post Questions

Get Answers

Interact with Your Peers!

ICD-10 Exam Notice

*Beginning October 2015, AHIMA's HIM and coding credential exams will be changing to reflect ICD-10**

The dates for each credential exam are listed below.

If you still want to take either the coding or HIM credential exams in the ICD-9 code set you still have time!

CCA: October 12, 2015

CCS: October 5, 2015

CCS-P: October 19, 2015

RHIA: October 16, 2015

RHIT: October 9, 2015

**Rollout dates are dependent upon the October 1, 2015 implementation date for ICD-10.*