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President's Message

Lisa A. Walter, RHIA



It amazes me how quickly 2007 is coming to an end. I am very thankful for the special memories it has brought, and am excited about what the New Year will bring. I hope you all enjoyed celebrating Health Information & Management Week, and shared with others the important work of health information professionals. I would like to remind you to review the new AHIMA website, www.healthinformationcareers.com, which is aimed at recruiting more students to HIM academic programs.

The NCHIMA Executive Board continues to work hard to bring positive HIM activities to our membership. I am so thankful for all the talented and caring leaders that I am privileged to work with this year. The Board held meetings this fall on October 19th and December 7th. The NCHIMA Strategic Plan was updated to reflect the 2007-2008 Board objectives and accomplishments. We all agree it is important to set goals and strive hard to achieve them. Thank you to Cornelia McClure, RHIA, CCS, Delegate, for leading us to do this.

Congratulations to Sandy Allender, RHIA, CCS, for her appointment to the AHIMA 2008 House of Delegates Work Group. She will participate with other CSA Delegates to provide input in the planning of next year's HOD meeting.



Call For Speakers!

The Education Committee is working diligently to create a "Speakers Bureau" listing. The listing will be a great resource to our membership at the regional and state level as committees prepare for educational sessions.

If you are interested in being placed on this list as a speaker or know of someone who we could call on, please contact:

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The Program Committee, led by Penny Wells, MAEd, RHIA, has been finalizing the NCHIMA Annual Meeting plans. We are pleased to announce that Melanie S. Brodnik, PhD, RHIA, will be the keynote speaker. Melanie is the Director and Associate Professor of the Health Information Management and Systems Program at The Ohio State University, a position she has held for over twenty-five years. In addition, Melanie is past President of AHIMA, the 2006 AHIMA Triumph Champion Award winner, and a recognized author and speaker. It is truly an honor to have the Program Director from my alma mater coming to North Carolina!

We are pleased to announce that Marsha Hunter, RHIA, has assumed the Coding Roundtable Coordinator position. She has transitioned with Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS, Education Committee Chairman, who continued moving the Coding Roundtable forward to plan two educational sessions in 2008. The first meeting will be an all day coding seminar, co-sponsored by SCHIMA, on Friday, March 7, 2008 at NorthEast Medical Center in Concord, NC. The second meeting will be an exciting new coding educational opportunity offered prior to the NCHIMA Annual Meeting. It will be an afternoon seminar held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. Please ([President's Message Continued Pg 2](#))

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look for meeting agendas and registration information in Footprints as well as on the website.

The Board recently approved the purchase of CVent, an automated, online, meeting marketing and registration tool. We are currently training on this and plan to have it ready soon for all 2008 state meeting registrations. Please refer to the "New Meeting Registration System Coming in 2008" article in this issue of Footprints to learn more about the great things this technology has to offer.

The Nominating Committee, led by Annette White, RHIA, has secured an outstanding ballot for the 2008-2009 officers. Thank you to the members who have placed their names on the ballot, we sincerely appreciate your willingness to volunteer for NCHIMA. It is the Board's goal this year to significantly raise our CSA voting percent, so please vote and encourage others you know to do so as well. The Board voted to extend voting through Wednesday, April 30, 2008, to allow electronic voting at the annual meeting. In addition, please nominate deserving members for awards, and encourage students to apply for a scholarship. Let's recognize the NCHIMA members for their contributions to the HIM field and our association.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season, and may you enjoy the special friends and family that share it with you. I wish you much happiness, good health, and incredible opportunities in the coming year.

Calendar of Events

January 25, 2008

Triangle Region Meeting
WakeMed, Raleigh, NC

Triangle Region Meeting, WakeMed
Raleigh Andrews Center

February 7

Piedmont Region Meeting
Women's Hospital, Greensboro, NC

February 8

Charlotte Region Meeting
Northeast Medical Center, Concord, NC

February 13

Coastal Carolina Region Meeting
Edgecombe Community College,
Tarboro, NC, 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

February 15

Western Foothills Region Meeting
Catawba Valley Medical Center AHEC
Hickory, NC

March 7

NC & SC Coding Roundtable
Northeast Medical Center, Concord, NC

March 14

NCHIMA Executive Board Meeting
Northeast Medical Center, Concord, NC

April 2

Coastal Carolina Region Meeting
Eastern AHEC, Greenville, NC
12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

April 4

Charlotte Region Meeting
Presbyterian Hospital-Matthews
Matthews, NC

April 10

Piedmont Region Meeting
Women's Hospital, Greensboro, NC

April 29 – May 2

NCHIMA 58th Annual Meeting
Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

For more information please visit
www.nchima.org



The NCHIMA Executive Board wishes you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Begin the New Year of 2008 off by updating your member profile at www.ahima.org. It will only take a few minutes and will ensure that you don't miss out on timely AHIMA and NCHIMA information. As a reminder, opting out of email distribution will prevent you from receiving important NCHIMA announcements. Have a safe and happy New Year!



Section Spotlight: Long Term Care

Shan S. Miller, RHIA

NCHIMA's LTC Section Coordinator

It has been a wonderful year for NCHIMA's Long Term Care (LTC) Section group. We have had the opportunity to provide diverse workshops utilizing some of North Carolina's top HIM professionals. Each speaker provided us with excellent material to take back to our facilities. I want to thank all who attend our workshops regularly, supporting our cause to improve information management and exchange within long term care and through HIM professionals.

Our group strives to provide 4 workshops a year. Topics have included ICD-9-CM Coding for the beginner and advanced coder, documentation standards as they relate to the Medicare & Medicaid system and updates on the progression of the electronic clinical chart across the continuum of care.

This year, the LTC section is proud to announce that a scholarship has been awarded to a current HIT program student who works within a LTC facility. It is our goal to provide a scholarship annually to qualified candidates.

I enjoy serving as the LTC Section Coordinator and would like to thank everyone for their continued support. In the future we hope to offer workshops to include topics such as Assisted Living regulations, DNR paperwork requirement, and legal issues. If you are familiar with any of these topics or know of someone that may be willing to speak at one our meetings, please contact me at shanmiller@lexcominc.net. If you are interested in joining our group, send your contact information to me so that future workshop agendas can be mailed or emailed to you.

NCHIMA Member Spotlight

Presented by: Laura Pait, RHIA, CCS, President-elect



Recently one of our own members received the Triumph Legacy Award. We caught up with Dr. Elizabeth Layman and asked a few questions that demonstrate her passion for learning and her support for our association.

Name: Elizabeth Layman, PhD, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA

Title: Professor and Chair

Organization name, location and website: East Carolina University, Greenville, NC <http://www.ecu.edu/hsim/>

Colleges attended:

BA, French, University of Minnesota

Post-baccalaureate certificate in Health Information Management,

College of St. Scholastica

Master in Organizational Leadership, College of St. Catherine

PhD, Higher Education with a Cognate in Business, Georgia State University

Your Organization

Q: What is new and exciting at your organization?

A: In 2006, the College of Allied Health Sciences (then known as the School of Allied Health Sciences) moved into its new building on the health sciences campus. For the first time, the Department of Health Services and Information Management had its own departmental spaces with contiguous offices for all its faculty and staff. Growth in enrollments and the addition of a second baccalaureate degree have resulted in the Department's expansion to eleven faculty members and 1.5 FTE support staff. This year, we will be merging with the Department of Community Health, adding a twelfth faculty member. We are currently delivering the graduate courses in health care management for ECU's graduate programs in business and public administration.

Q: What do you want to share about your recent accomplishment to the other NCHIMA members?

A: The Legacy Award is the most meaningful AHIMA award that I could receive as building the HIM body of knowledge is my sustaining and enduring passion. To that end, I've been the editor of the field's research journal, *Perspectives in Health Information Management*, and have written multiple scholarly articles. Working on the health care reimbursement text with my co-author, Anne Casto, was a joy because we both knew how hungry educators and practitioners were for a comprehensive and comprehensible text on the subject. We are currently revising the text to the recent changes in Medicare's reimbursement methods that are effective this year. Concurrently, I'm working on another text about health informatics research with Valerie Watzlaf of the University of Pittsburgh. This topic is important to me because research builds the body of knowledge. Secondarily, I want the literature and the public record to reflect our field's expertise and leadership in health informatics.

Career

Q: What is your business philosophy?

A: Work hard, act ethically, and communicate transparently.

Q: What is the best way to keep a competitive edge?

A: Read both the HIM literature and the related literature (such as health

services research, health economics, and, in my case, higher education)

Q: How do you measure success?

A: By how effectively the department operates without me. In other words, how well I have delegated and prepared others in all aspects of the operation.

Q: What are your biggest accomplishments in the past 24 months?

- A:
1. Being the recipient of the Legacy Award
 2. Serving on the Scholars Council for the University of North Carolina's UNC Tomorrow Initiative
 3. Submitting all my chapters for the upcoming AHIMA text, Health Informatics Research (or some similar title)
 4. Revising all my chapters for the AHIMA text, Principles of Healthcare Reimbursement
 5. Presenting two papers at the International Conference of Health Records Organizations in Seoul, South Korea
 6. Publishing an article on job redesign in the Health Care Manager
 7. In conjunction with the departmental faculty, filling all the open faculty lines in the Department

Q: What goal have you set, but not yet achieved?

A: Getting all my work done and projects finished.

Q: What has been your toughest business decision?

A: All personnel decisions keep me awake at night.

Q: What has been your biggest business lesson learned?

A: Delegate.

Q: What is your career advice?

A: The same as my Philosophy -- Work hard, act ethically, and communicate transparently.

Q: What do you like least about your job?

A: Administrivia (Herbert Simon's term)

Q: If you were not a teacher, you would be a trainer?

Personal

Q: What is your pet peeve?

A: Tardiness and having to do something twice

Q: What are your greatest passions in life?

A: Learning and Knowledge

Q: What are your favorite quotes?

A: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." John F. Kennedy
"Be kind first." Anonymous

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: Not a fair question to a bibliophile – anything by Jane Austen; Josephine Tey's, The Daughter of Time; the Lord Darcy books by Randall Garrett; euchronia and alternate histories, such as Kage Baker's

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Laura (1944) with Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews (film noir)

Q: What is your favorite way to spend your free time?

A: Sightseeing, visiting art and history museums, driving and exploring

AHIMA

Q: What do you like most about AHIMA?

A: Body of Knowledge (BoK) on the web site, the Journal, Perspectives, and it published texts.

Q: What is your favorite AHIMA event and why?

A: The Summer Symposium of the AHIMA's Assembly on Education. The venue is smaller than the national meeting and participants can more easily talk and meet.

Q: What can the AHIMA do to make itself better?

A: Continue to expand the BoK and support the growth of the field's body of knowledge.

NCHIMA BALLOT 2008-2009

The NCHIMA election is fast approaching. The candidates for 2008-2009 are listed below. The electronic polls for voting will be open from February 1, 2008 until 3:00 PM on April 30, 2008. Candidate biographies will be posted on AHIMA website by February 1, 2008. Additional information on how to access the bios and electronic voting will be forthcoming.

President-Elect

Afton Jones, RHIA, CCS
Kozie Phipps, RHIA

Vice President

Audrey Chase, RHIA
Amy Crisson, MHA, RHIA

Secretary

Tamara Flynn, RHIA
Susan Richardson, RHIA

Delegate (Vote for 2)

Deanie Auton, MHA, RHIA, CCS
Lynn Farmer, RHIA, CCS, CHP
Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS
Cornelia McClure, RHIA, CCS

Regional Liaison

Amy Morgan, MBA, RHIA
Annette Morrison, RHIT, CCS
Justine Seabolt, RHIA
Sarah Shaver, RHIA, CC

LEGAL CORNER: CHANGES IN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE LAWS

By Deanie Auton, MHA, RHIA, CCS

HB 634

In 2005, several North Carolina legislators expressed concerns about the clarity of NC law on "Living Wills" and "Health Care Powers of Attorney." The concerns were prompted by questions from constituents following the Terri Schiavo case in Florida.

Ironically, few Americans plan for the end-of-life issues by completing advance directives. A recent study revealed that less than 50% of the terminally ill patients in the study had executed advance directives. The majority of the patients' physicians were unaware that an advanced directive had been completed. Additionally, the study revealed that family members tended to make errors in "over treatment" even when the patient had clearly stated their wishes with the family member.

The Patient Self-Determination Act has been in place fifteen years to ensure that patients are informed about their end-of-life decision-making rights and it is clear that many patients still do not plan appropriately and do not communicate their choices clearly to their family and/or health care providers.

October 1, 2007, the North Carolina General Assembly made significant changes in the laws impacting patients' end-of-life decision making. The changes are designed to clarify certain areas of confusion that existed in prior law and to provide additional choices for North Carolina citizens. The changes affect existing state laws governing living wills, health care powers of attorney, and the "statutory living will" laws which govern the withholding of life-prolonging care in the absence of a living will. Below are several examples of changes:

- Terms "persistent vegetative state" and "terminal and incurable"

as the triggers for life-prolonging measures have been changed. The new triggers are (1) an incurable or irreversible condition that will result in death within a relatively short period of time; (2) the patient is unconscious and it appears to a high degree of medical certainty that the patient will not regain conscious; or (3) the patient has advanced dementia or other substantial loss of cognitive ability and it appears to a high degree of medical certainty that this is not reversible.

- The revised living will form allows the maker of the form greater flexibility to select specific life-prolonging measures

- Terms "extraordinary measures" and "lifesustaining measures" are changed to "life-prolonging measures", which is defined as a medical procedure or intervention serving only to artificially postpone the moment of death by supplanting, restoring or sustaining a vital life function

- Allows the maker of the living will to state that health care provider may withhold/withdraw life-prolonging measures or shall withhold/withdraw such measures

- Allows the maker of the living will to designate whether Agent has authority to override the decisions of the maker outlined in the living will or if Agent must abide by living will

- Specifically gives the Agent authority to consent to organ donation

- Clarifies that volunteers may serve as witnesses

- Clarifies that a guardian may not revoke a valid advance directive

- Clarifies that a health care provider who relies upon a revoked living or health care power of attorney will not be liable unless he/she had actual knowledge of revocation

North Carolina has amended and provided forms that may be used by Health Care Providers. Forms include: (1) Advance Directive for a Natural

Death ("Living Will") and (2) Health Care Power of Attorney. The new forms must be in place, and education must be provided to staff assigned to discuss these forms with the patients prior to January 1, 2008.

If you have not heard discussions surrounding this issue in your facility, we recommend follow up with Legal, Pastoral Care, Patient Relations, and/or any other department involved with Advance Directives to assure deadlines are met.

The second part of House Bill 634 deals with the new Medical Order for Scope of Treatment (MOST form) which allows patients to request, and doctors to order on a standing basis, a range of treatments or the withholding of such treatments, including life-prolonging care and less drastic care including antibiotics. A required array of information must be included on the MOST form. This form can be used as a universal, portable form just as the universal Do Not Resuscitate form. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a standardized MOST form, which is expected to be based closely on the one developed by the N.C. Medical Society and the N.C. Bar Association.

Like the other changes in House Bill 634, the MOST form promotes patient self-determination at the end-of-life within North Carolina's traditional framework for those decisions.

For additional information, please refer to the NCHA Legal Bulletin dated August 31, 2007 or log onto the following web site:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessins/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H634v4.html>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Awards Contracts for Trial Implementation of the National Health Information Network (NHIN)

Jean T. Foster, RHIA -NCHICA Liaison

HHS awarded contracts totaling \$22.5 million to nine health information exchanges (HIEs) for trial implementations of the National Health Information Networks. The following organizations were awarded contracts:

- CareSpark – Areas of Eastern Tennessee and Southwest Virginia
- Delaware Health Information Network – Delaware
- Indiana University – Indianapolis metroplex
- Long Beach Network for Health – Long Beach and Los Angeles, California
- Lovelace Clinic Foundation – New Mexico
- MedVirginia – Central Virginia
- New York eHealth Collaborative – New York
- North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance, Inc. (NCHICA) – North Carolina
- West Virginia Health Information Network – West Virginia

These contractors will participate in the NHIN Cooperative to test and demonstrate the exchange of private and secure health information among providers, patients and other stakeholders.

These one year contracts became effective September 28, 2007. The goal is for state, regional and non-geographic HIEs to become a "network of networks." Key features for the project include: providing consumers with capabilities to manage their information use/flow; allow health information to follow the consumer; provide critical information to clinicians at point of care; and improve healthcare, population health and prevention of illness and disease.

NCHICA wanted to participate in Phase 2 as this is consistent with the NCHICA Strategic Plan and stated membership needs. NCHICA can use the NHIN Phase 2 to build the NC

HIE (Health Information Exchange) Business Plan and it can serve as a means to map progress and gain feedback from participation.

NCHICA will work with IBM, the NC HIE Governance Council, and the NC Consumer Advisory Council for Health Information and a project Steering Committee. These groups will be involved in developing data exchange and other policy agreements and adoption of standards based security and communications technologies that will allow the secure exchange of health information.

NCHIMA continues to partner with NCHICA and has asked Kris-Shae McCall to serve on the NC HIE Governance Council representing this Association. Additional information on the progress of NHIN Phase 2 and opportunities for member involvement will be shared as the project continues. Congratulations to NCHICA for continuing to accelerate the adoption of information technology for NC!

NEW MEETING REGISTRATION SYSTEM COMING IN 2008

Lisa A. Walter, RHIA

The NCHIMA Executive Board recently evaluated and approved the purchase of a new automated online registration system called CVent. This event management system will support a more professional meeting announcement and registration process. Beginning in 2008, all NCHIMA state meeting registrations and credit payments will be handled online through CVent, and replace paper registration forms.

The CVent system has many advantages that will save members

and the Board time and expense over time. A NCHIMA meeting template will be built in the system, which can then be customized for state educational programs and distributed via personalized, scheduled, email blasts to our membership. Each email will have a link to the registration website, which includes an online payment option which is deposited directly into the NCHIMA bank account, to allow timely and easy registration. For members who do not utilize email, a link to CVent will be provided on the

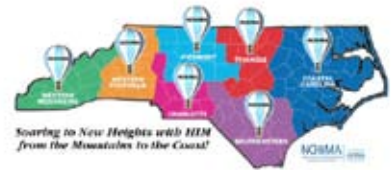
NCHIMA website. Members will be able to control their registration, and even cancel it if needed and within the required timeframe. If members pay by check, they will still need to register online and then mail in their check. The registration link will also provide additional links for hotel lodging and driving directions. Once registrations are complete, CVent will provide the meeting committee detailed reports on attendees, income, and even produce name badges. In addition, CVent can be utilized as a survey tool to evaluate

meeting attendee feedback, as well as feedback from members who chose not to attend the meeting. This feedback will be very helpful to the Board for future planning.

The Cvent system will only be used for NCHIMA state meetings, and not regional meetings, due to the requirement for a single bank account. We will be partnering with Diamond Mind, vs. Paypal, for secure online credit payments due to their reduced fee and relationship with Cvent. Based on the references we spoke with, Cvent has proven to increase meeting registration by as much as 20% due to the email notifications and ease of registration.

We know that technology such as Cvent is the future, and we are embracing it. The NCHIMA Committee Chairmen responsible for the Annual Meeting, Coding Roundtable and Winter Webinar are actively working to plan their events in Cvent. You should be receiving emails soon with their meeting announcements, so be sure to go to www.ahima.org to update your profile with your correct email address. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or problems with the system.

NCHIMA Annual Meeting 2008



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting. It will be held at the beautiful Grove Park Inn Resort in Asheville, NC April 29 through May 2, 2008.

Regional Coding Roundtable

Presented By:

NC Health Information Management Association
SC Health Information Management Association

Date: March 7, 2008

Location: North East Medical Center Concord, NC

Registration:

Regular: \$45.00
NC Students \$10.00

CE Hours: 6 Hours

Registration notification and agenda to follow by e-mail blast.



Association of Clinical Document Improvement Specialists

Tamara Hicks, RN, BSN, CCS

The Association of Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialists (ACDIS) was recently launched as a national professional association for clinical documentation improvement specialists. The practice of clinical documentation improvement (CDI), which is relatively new, involves consulting with physicians to improve documentation in the medical record in order to more accurately reflect the severity of illness and appropriate resource utilization of the patient.

Hospitals have initiated clinical documentation improvement programs and staffed this role with professionals from various backgrounds, including medicine, nursing and health information management. By its nature, CDI must involve the coder because this is the professional assigning the diagnosis codes for the patient stay in the hospital. The

approach to CDI differs, depending on the culture of the institution and the best organizational structure. Some institutions have the coders interact directly with physicians to clarify and improve documentation while others have a nurse serve as a bridge between the physicians and coding. Both approaches can be successful with the right training and tools.

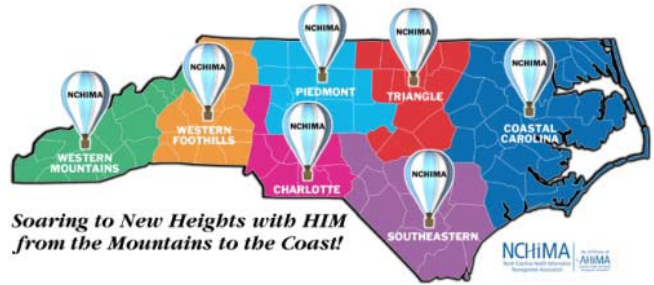
The need for such programs has grown over the last decade in response to changes imposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to the DRG (diagnosis related groups) payment system. With the most recent changes adopted by CMS, including MS-DRGs (Medicare Severity DRGs) and POA (Present on Admission) requirements, these programs are becoming essential for hospitals.

The goal of the new ADCIS is to provide a multidisciplinary community which brings together professionals involved in CDI to share tools and strategies to implement successful CDI programs and to achieve professional growth. The organization recognizes that CDI has evolved into a new specialty for nurses, medical coders, and even physicians; therefore, these professionals have a need for specialty support. The advisory board and membership of ACDIS includes nurses, coders, HIM managers and directors, and physicians. They hold varying degrees and certifications including BSN, MBA, FNP, RHIA, RHIT, CCS, and CPC. With this varied background, the association hopes to address the educational and networking needs of this diverse group.

NCHIMA 58TH ANNUAL MEETING

Penny Wells, NCHIMA Vice President

The program committee has been hard at work preparing for the 2008 annual meeting, "Soaring to New Heights with HIM from the Mountains to the Coast" to be held in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn April 28-May 2, 2008. There are some new and exciting changes for the meeting this year. The meeting will be starting earlier - at noon on Tuesday! We will be applying for 22 continuing education hours, and as part of this, a Coding Roundtable will be included from 12:30-4:00. Those wishing to attend just for this day will be offered special pricing, but for others, this will be included as part of the annual meeting registration fee.



Another exciting change is we are going totally electronic with registration through CVent. Members will receive an email invitation to the annual meeting and be able to register and pay electronically. For those of you paying by check, you will still be able to mail your checks in. This information will be provided in your invitation.

The registration fees for the meeting are as follows:

	Members	Non-members
Early registration (cut off 3/31/08):	\$250	\$290
Late registration:	\$290	\$320

Daily rates:

Tuesday only \$75 / Wednesday only \$155 / Thursday only \$155 / Friday only \$135

Vendors:	Corporate	Non-corporate
	Members	Members
	\$550	\$625

The Grove Park Inn block room rate is \$143 plus tax. Hotel information will be included in the invitation you will receive in January. The block rooms are on a first come, first served basis, so get your room reserved early!

A rough draft of the agenda is attached, and as you can see, we have an outstanding line up of speakers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. Student registration information will be provided to them through their Program Directors.

NCHIMA 58th Annual Meeting Program Agenda

Time	Session/Topic/Activity	Speaker	Location	CE
Tuesday – April 29, 2008				
12:00 pm	Registration desk opens		Heritage	
12:30 – 4:00	Coding Roundtable	<i>Handouts and audio visual sponsored by: Perot Systems Break Sponsored by: KForce</i>	Heritage C	
12:30 – 2:00	MS DRG Update	Speaker: Gary Huff, MD Presenter:	Heritage C	1
2:00 – 2:15	Break	Sponsored by: Kforce		
2:15 – 3:15	Computer Assisted Coding	Speakers: Timothy Gallagher and Fabian Stone Presenter:	Heritage C	1
3:15 – 4:15	ICD-10-PCS	Speaker: TBD Sponsored by: Kforce Presenter:	Heritage C	1
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Vendor setup		Grand Ballroom B and C	
4:00 – 5:00	Executive Board Meeting	Executive board only	Hoover	
4:45 pm	Registration Desk Closes			
5:00 pm	Vendor/Volunteer Get-Together Invitation Only	Invitation only	GPI Clubhouse (Country Club – take shuttle from hotel)	
6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Registration Desk Reopens	Speaker: Jan Baucom Presenter:	Heritage Heritage	1
8:00 pm	"Consolidating Master Patient Indices within a Health System." HIM Analytics	Speaker: TBD Presenter: Sponsored by: McKesson	Heritage	1
9:00 pm	Registration Desk Closes			
9:00 pm- midnight	Welcome Party at clubhouse	Sponsored by: Dixon Hughes, LLC	GPI Clubhouse (Country Club – take shuttle from hotel)	

Wednesday – April 30, 2008

Audio Visual: Sponsored by:

7:30 am	Registration Desk Opens Exhibit area opens Continental Breakfast		Grand Ballroom B and C	
8:00 am	Welcome	<i>Cosponsored by: Mayor of Asheville (tentative)</i>	Grand Ballroom A	
8:10	NCHIMA Open Forum/Annual Business Meeting	<i>Presidiers: Lisa Walter and Executive Board</i>	Grand Ballroom A	
8:45	AHIMA Update	<i>Melanie Brodnik</i>	Grand Ballroom A	1
9:30	Break in vendor area		Grand Ballroom B and C	
10:15 am	Topic: TBD	<i>Cosponsored by: Melanie Brodnik Presenter: Lisa Walter</i>	Grand Ballroom A	2
12:00 pm	Lunch		Heritage B and C	
12:00 pm	Meet and Greet students	<i>Lisa Walter and Laura Pait</i>	Heritage B and C	
1:15 pm	"Quality Coding Initiatives"	<i>Panel: Barbara Wooley, Sharon Easterling, and Susan Belanger Presenter:</i>	Grand Ballroom A	1
2:15 pm	Break in vendor area	<i>Cosponsored by:</i>	Grand Ballroom B and C	
3:00 pm	"Quality Documentation in the Electronic Health Record"	<i>Speaker: Holly Woemmel Sponsored by: OSI Transcription Presenter:</i>	Grand Ballroom A	1
4:00 pm	Legal Health Record	<i>Speaker: Barry Heim Sponsored by: Smith, Moore LLP Presenter:</i>	Grand Ballroom A	1
4:00 – 5:00	Student Breakout Session The Key to Success with Job Interviews - How to land it! Part I	<i>Presenters: Valerie Dobson, Kim Bell</i>	Eisenhower	
5:00 pm	Registration Desk Closes Exhibit Area Closes			
5:30 pm	President's Reception honoring Lisa Walter	<i>Sponsored by: MedQuist</i>	Heritage C	
8:00 - midnight	Party DJ and Cash Bar	<i>EVERYONE WELCOME Sponsored by: Dixon Hughes, LLC</i>	Heritage C	

Thursday – May 1, 2008

Audio Visual: Sponsored by: Digital Voice Systems

7:30 am	Registration Desk Opens Exhibit area opens Continental Breakfast		Grand Ballroom B and C	
8:00 am	Topic: TBA	<i>Speaker: Margaret Stewart Sponsored by: PrecyseSolutions Presenter:</i>	Grand Ballroom A	1
9:15 am	Break in vendor area	<i>Cosponsored by:</i>	Grand Ballroom B and C	
10:00 am	"Moving from Good To Great"	<i>Speaker: Angela Kennedy Presenter:</i>	Grand Ballroom A	2
12:00 pm	Lunch Installation of New Officers Scholarships/Awards Presentations		Heritage B and C	

1:30 pm	Door Prizes/Vendor Drawings		<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	
2:00	"Solving the People Puzzle"	Speaker: Dr. Andy Pipas Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	2
3:45 pm	Break		Grand Ballroom A	
4:00 pm	Incentive Pay Plan for Coding	Speaker: Liz Smith Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	1
4:00-5:00	Student Breakout Session The Key to Success with Job Interviews - How to land it! Part II	Presenters: Valerie Dobson and Kim Bell	Eisenhower	
4:30 pm	Exhibit Area Closes			
5:00 pm	Registration desk closes			
5:00 pm	New/Old Board Member Meeting		Hoover	
8:00	Gather at GPI Dueling Piano Bar			

Friday – May 2, 2008

Audio visual: Sponsored by: Asheville Specialty Hospital

7:30 am	Registration Desk Opens		<i>Grand Ballroom A pre-function area</i>	
7:30 am	Continental Breakfast		Grand Ballroom A	
8:00 am	Future of Speech Recognition & Technology	Speaker: Dr. Nick van Terheyden Sponsored by: Philips Corporation Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	1
9:00 am	<i>Strategies for Improving Coding Efficiency</i>	Speaker: Kevin Cahill Sponsored by: BizTech Solutions Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	1
10:00 am	Break			
10:15 am	Joint Commission Update	Cosponsored by Speaker: Kathleen Catalano Sponsored by: Perot Systems Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	1
11:15 am	Speaker from HFMA (tentative)	Speaker: TBD Presenter:	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>	1
12:15 pm	Closing Remarks			
12:30 pm	NCHIMA 58 th Annual Meeting Adjourned Exhibit breaks with vendors	Lisa Walter		1

THE RESULTS ARE IN! NCHIMA Education Survey

Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS, NCHIMA Education Chairperson

When our current NCHIMA President, Lisa Walter, asked me to Chair the Education Committee for the 2007-2008 Executive Board, I was a little nervous to take on that responsibility but, on the other hand, I was very honored and excited. I personally love to learn new things and I definitely learn something new every day! One of the biggest things that I've learned in the HIM profession is that one must keep up with all of the changes in our field, no matter what path you have taken. It's a constant state of learning and keeping up your skills.

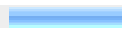
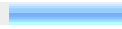
One of my responsibilities as Education Chairperson is to survey our members regarding their educational needs and to ensure that NCHIMA is providing the necessary educational opportunities for our members. In September, the Education Committee put together a 10 question survey which was sent out via an email blast, posted

on the NCHIMA website and was available for 30 days. We received 176 responses for the survey and the detailed results are listed below.

The good news is that 77% of those who participated in the survey feel that NCHIMA is doing a good job in providing much needed educational opportunities. The top three educational topics that members would like to see more of are Coding, EMR, and Chargemaster. The survey revealed that most of you agree that the current fees are reasonable and that you participate in the Regional, Midyear, and Annual meetings. We did receive some interesting comments in regards to the fees and the contents of the meetings. A few members commented that meetings should be "free" while others commented that the price should be based on the "quality" and "content" of the speakers.



For me, one of the most surprising results of the survey revealed that 40% of those who participated do not get their continuing educational needs paid for by their employer. I personally, have been fortunate in getting my educational needs paid through my employer; however, I know there are hospitals and other organizations with limited budgets and staffing issues that restrict this benefit for some of our members. As a result, the Education Committee is in the process of planning a "Lunch & Learn" which will be a 2 to 3 hour session via a webinar. This means no travel costs and hopefully this will allow more flexibility to your employer. All you will need is access to a computer and a telephone!


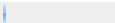



In closing, I would like to thank all of those who participated in the survey and say thanks to all of our members who support the NCHIMA educational events!




NCHIMA Educational Survey		
1. In your opinion, does NCHIMA provide the necessary educational opportunities to support your needs?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	76.8%	126
No 	23.2%	38
	answered question	164
	skipped question	12

2. What specific HIM educational topics do you think NCHIMA needs to have more of?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
HIM Management		33.5%	56
Electronic Medical Records		44.3%	74
HIPAA		24.6%	41
Compliance		35.3%	59
JCAHO		22.8%	38
Coding		49.7%	83
Transcription		4.2%	7
Chargemster/Billing		36.5%	61
Information Technology		28.1%	47
Quality Core Measures		24.6%	41
Other (please specify)			27
answered question			167
skipped question			9

3. What is the expected reasonable rate for CEUs?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
\$10 per CEU		31.3%	52
\$20 per CEU		4.2%	7
I think the current rates for my Regional meetings, the Midyear, and the State meeting are reasonable and should remain the same		61.5%	102
Compared to other educational meetings that I attend, NCHIMA offerings are too low and the rates should increase		3.0%	5
Other (please specify)			12
answered question			166
skipped question			10

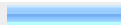
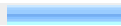

4. Does your employer pay for required CEUs to maintain your credential?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	59.1%	104
No 	40.9%	72
answered question		176
skipped question		0





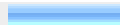



5. How often would you like offerings?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Monthly 	26.2%	44
Quarterly 	53.0%	89
I get my offerings through my Region which satisfies my needs 	17.3%	29
I get my offerings at either the Midyear Workshop or the State Meeting which satisfies my needs 	17.3%	29
Other (please specify) 		12
answered question		168
skipped question		8

6. What format(s) are of most interest to you?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Face to Face 	71.4%	125
Teleconference 	25.1%	44
Webinar 	48.6%	85
answered question		175
skipped question		1

7. What types of presenters do you most enjoy?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Consultants		9.9%	17
Clinical (MD, RN)		15.1%	26
Employees from other healthcare facilities		13.4%	23
I like a variety		87.8%	151
Other (please specify)			6
answered question			172
skipped question			4

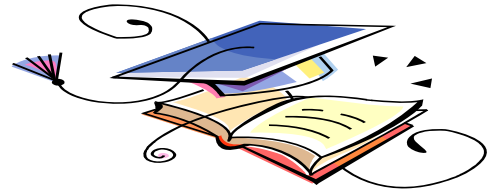
8. What locations are most convenient for you?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I mostly stay within my region (i.e. Regional meetings)		61.5%	102
I typically attend either the Midyear or the State meeting and I look forward to going to a different area each year		36.1%	60
I never attend meetings, I only get my education through teleconferences and webinars at my work		15.1%	25
Other (please specify)			12
answered question			166
skipped question			10

9. Do you participate in the AHIMA COP (Communities of Practice)?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	54.3%	95
No 	39.4%	69
Never heard of it 	6.3%	11
answered question		175
skipped question		1

10. What best describes your professional arena?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
HIM Management 	36.0%	54
Compliance/HIPAA 	6.7%	10
Information Technology 	4.0%	6
Coding 	33.3%	50
Consultant 	10.7%	16
Chargemaster 	0.7%	1
Educator 	8.7%	13
Other (please specify) 		34
answered question		150
skipped question		26

NCHIMA Scholarship Opportunity

Attention Students:



The Education Committee of the North Carolina Health Information Management Association (NCHIMA) is now taking applications for the NCHIMA Scholarships.

Completed Applications are due by **April 4, 2008**. Late Applications will not be accepted.

Scholarships available are:

- \$500 awarded to one HIM student
- \$500 awarded to one HIT student



Eligibility requirements:

1. Be a full time student in good standing in an accredited Health Information Management or Health Information Technology Program in North Carolina and be a member of NCHIMA.
2. Achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in college work completed. Official transcript required.
3. Obtain recommendation from Health Information Management Program Director (HIM Students) or Health Information Technology Program Director (HIT students) along with two (2) additional letters of recommendation.
4. Submit a typed resume.
5. Complete the NCHIMA Scholarship Application.

All students eligible to apply are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Awards will be announced at the NCHIMA Annual Meeting in Asheville. If you would like additional information please feel free to contact me by e-mail at jolene.jarrell@ps.net or by phone at (704) 649-5596.

Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS
Education Committee Chair

Mail Completed Application Packet to:

Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS
9724 Beaver Hollow Ct.
Charlotte, NC 28269

Completed packet will consist of:

- Application
- 2 letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcript
- Typed Resume
- 1 statement – ambitions (see bottom of application)
- 1 statement - accomplishments (see bottom of application)

NCHIMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HIM STUDENT HIT STUDENT

NAME: _____ STUDENT MEMBER NCHIMA? YES NO
NC Resident? YES NO

HOME ADDRESS:	_____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:	_____

SCHOOL ADDRESS:	_____
(IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	_____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:	_____

NAME OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR:	_____
ADDRESS OF SCHOOL:	_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SCHOOL:	_____

NAME OF HOMETOWN	_____
NEWSPAPER:	_____
ADDRESS OF NEWSPAPER:	_____

COLLEGE OR COMMUNITY	_____
AWARDS RECEIVED:	_____

RECENT PARTICIPATION IN	_____
COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL	_____
ACTIVITIES:	_____

Also Include:

1. A statement of not more than two pages stating your ambitions and reasons for choosing a career in health information.
2. A statement of one page setting forth accomplishments that you think help you qualify for this scholarship.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

**NCHIMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
REFERENCE FORM**

_____ has applied for the NCHIMA Scholarship and listed you as a reference. Please complete and return this form by **April 4, 2008**.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Do you believe the applicant will be successful in the health information profession? Why?

3. What is your evaluation of the applicant's academic ability?

4. Are there unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of receiving this scholarship?

5. Additional comments (please use back side of page if additional space is needed)

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Mail Form to:

Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS
9724 Beaver Hollow Ct
Charlotte, NC 28269

AWARDS & RECOGNITION ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS!



Here's your chance to honor NCHIMA members who have served you and the information management profession in an exemplary manner! **Take a moment and submit the name of a colleague/s who you feel meet qualifications for NCHIMA recognition to: Annette J. White, RHIA, Morehead Memorial Hospital 117 E. Kings Hwy, Eden, NC 27288 or email me at awhite@morehead.org or call at 336-623-9711 x 2227** by March 31. The NCHIMA Nominating and Awards Committee will review all submissions. Thanks for your assistance in this very important manner.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

Recognizes and honors an outstanding member of the NCHIMA who best exemplifies the professional image of the Association and has made significant contributions in promoting the profession through visionary leadership in key practice areas. Must be an active member of NCHIMA for five or more years and actively displayed leadership in regional, state, national or international health information associations.

MARYBETH HURST AWARD

Recognizes and honors an NCHIMA who has made a significant contribution to the profession by having a positive effect on others through dependable and consistent performance and whose contributions may be overshadowed because of personal humility and/or modesty.

PRISM (VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR) AWARD

Recognizes and honors an outstanding member of the NCHIMA who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism upon which the Association is dependent.

SPECIAL REGIONAL MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD

Recognizes and honors an outstanding member of the NCHIMA who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at the regional/sectional level upon which the Association is dependent.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Recognizes and honors outstanding members of NCHIMA who advance specific projects or initiatives that promote the interests and leadership position of NCHIMA or the HIM profession. The Spotlight Award can be given to more than one member.

HONORARY MEMBER AWARD:

Recognizes and honors an outstanding professional who has made a significant contribution to NCHIMA but is not credentialed in the HIM field.

REGIONAL ACTIVITY AWARD

Determined based on the region/ section with the highest level of activity at a region and state level. * Qualification Based On: Number of active members eligible to work on committees; and number of those eligible actually working on local and state committees and holding offices.

REGIONAL MEETING AWARD

Determined based on the regions/sections whose membership has the highest percentage of registered members in attendance at meetings.

* *Qualification Based On: Number of active members eligible to attend meetings; and number of those eligible actually attending regional/sectional meetings.*

NCHIMA Nomination for Distinguished Member Award

Member Nominated: _____ Business Phone _____

Current Job _____

Current/Past Involvement in NCHIMA/AHIMA/Other CSAs/Etc. _____

Years in NCHIMA/AHIMA/Other CSA: _____ RHIA RHIT Other _____

AHIMA ID# _____ (AHIMA ID# may be omitted if not known by the person making the nomination)

- Involvement in association activities at a regional, state, and/or national or international level.
- Significant contributions to the development of health information professionals.
- Significant contributions to health information key practice in areas such as visionary leadership, information management, documentation improvement, etc.

Basis for Nomination: _____

Separate letter/s supporting nomination attached (optional)

OTHER NCHIMA Award Nomination/s

I nominate the person named below for the:

- Marybeth Hurst Award Prism (Volunteer of the Year) Award
- Special Regional Member Award Spotlight Award
- Honorary Member Award

Name of Nominee: _____

The nominee must be an active member of NCHIMA. The nominee does not need to be a current officer, chair of a committee, active committee member, etc. Nominees must however meet criteria for the specified award.

Basis for Nomination _____

Separate letter/s supporting nomination attached (optional)

CANDIDATE/S NOMINATED BY:

Name _____ E-mail: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Date Submitted _____

Date Received by NCHIMA Awards Committee _____

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NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (NCHIMA) CORPORATE PARTNER INFORMATION AND BENEFITS



ELIGIBILITY

Any corporation interested in the purposes of NCHIMA is eligible for corporate partnership. Each corporate partner shall designate one individual who receives the rights and privileges of corporate partnership for one 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

Annual dues for corporate partners are \$150.00. Partnership is for one calendar year (January to December), with no pro-ration.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application. The application must be signed by the corporate representative to whom NCHIMA will assign the rights and privileges of a corporate partner.

BENEFITS

1. PUBLICATIONS

All corporate partners are invited to view Footprints, on the NCHIMA website – www.nchima.org. Footprints is a bimonthly publication which contains many interesting articles as they relate to current affairs in HIM and the activities of NCHIMA.

2. MAILING LIST

Upon request, the NCHIMA mailing list is available to corporate partners.

3. REPRESENTATION

Corporate partners are eligible to serve on committees with voice. Corporate partners shall not be entitled to vote, hold office or serve as a delegate to AHIMA.

4. MAILINGS

Corporate partners receive announcements of educational seminars and other mailings of interest to NCHIMA members.

5. DISCOUNTS

Corporate partners are entitled to NCHIMA member registration fees for workshops and seminars sponsored by NCHIMA. Corporate partners receive NCHIMA member rates on publications. Corporate partners exhibiting at the annual convention are also eligible for corporate partner discounted rates which are set annually by the NCHIMA Executive Board.

6. RECOGNITION

Corporate partners are entitled to one “spotlight” write up or a free 1/4 page ad in Footprints. A listing of corporate partners is published in every issue of footprints. There is a corporate partner listing on the NCHIMA web site, www.nchima.org. In addition, corporate partners are listed in the NCHIMA annual report, annual meeting program and new member handbook.

**AMERICAN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
NC HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, COMPONENT STATE
(AHIMA / NCHIMA)**

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE: The health information professional abides by a set of ethical principles developed to safeguard the public and to contribute within the scope of the profession to the quality and efficiency of health care. This code of ethics, adopted by the members of the American Health Information Management Association, defines the standards of behavior which promote ethical conduct.

1. The Health Information Management Professional demonstrates behavior that reflects integrity, supports objectivity and fosters trust in professional activities.
2. The Health Information Management Professional respects the dignity of each human being.
3. The Health Information Management Professional strives to improve personal competence and quality of services.
4. The Health Information Management Professional represents truthfully and accurately professional credentials, education and experience.
5. The Health Information Management Professional refuses to participate in illegal or unethical acts and also refuses to conceal the illegal, incompetent or unethical acts of others.
6. The Health Information Management Professional protects the confidentiality of primary and secondary health records as mandated by law, professional standards and the employer's policies.
7. The Health Information Management Professional promotes to others the tenets of confidentiality.
8. The Health Information Management Professional adheres to pertinent laws and regulations while advocating changes which serve the best interest of the public.
9. The Health Information Management Professional encourages appropriate use of health record information and advocates policies and systems that advance the management of health records and health information.
10. The Health Information Management Professional recognizes and supports the Association's mission.

North Carolina Health Information Management Association Corporate Partner Application

Period Covered: Jan 2008 - Dec 2008
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- Initial Application
 Renewal Application

***Include information as you would like listed on the NCHIMA website:

Corporation Name: _____

Type of Business: _____

Corporation Representative:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

(city)

(state)

(zip)

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Website (if applicable): _____

In the name of the above corporation, we hereby apply for designation as a corporate partner with the North Carolina Health Information Management Association and upon acceptance agree to uphold the AHIMA Code of Ethics:

Signature of Corporate Representative Date

Check payable to NCHIMA must accompany application (fee - \$150.00).

Completed application should be mailed to:

Laura Pait, RHIA, CCS
 NCHIMA President-Elect and Membership Committee Chairman
 2900 Meadowview Court
 Apex, NC 27539

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: TO BE COMPLETED BY NCHIMA REPRESENTATIVE		
Approved by:		Comments:
Title:		
Date:		Check#:



**“WE WANT YOU!”
NCHIMA
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**



NCHIMA is an organization managed by volunteers AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! All officers, committee chairs, committee members and project managers, delegates, etc volunteer their time and talents to serve the Association. To successfully manage a volunteer organization, new volunteers are needed each year. The new volunteers provide fresh ideas and new perspectives on issues and projects.

You can volunteer by completing the information below and sending to Laura Pait at LPait@Dixon-Hughes.com.. Your name will be forwarded to the officers, chairpersons, project managers, and volunteer task team.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the volunteer process contact Laura Pait, Membership Committee Chairperson, at 919-484-0630.

NAME _____ Credentials: _____
 ADDRESS _____ AHIMA ID # _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

NCHIMA REGION _____ COUNTY _____
 PHONE NUMBER WORK () _____ HOME () _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____
 E-mail Address _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE:

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANYWHERE NEEDED | <input type="checkbox"/> ALLIANCE | <input type="checkbox"/> AWARDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BYLAWS | <input type="checkbox"/> CODING | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOSA | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL | <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC RELATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> STRATEGIC PLANNING | |

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST IN OTHER AREAS:

- | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAREER DAY | <input type="checkbox"/> REGION ACTIVITIES | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAILINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> TYPING | <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (please specify) _____ | | |

I AM WILLING TO COMMIT APPROXIMATELY _____ HOURS PER MONTH TO NCHIMA ACTIVITIES.

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