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President’s Message

Greetings all,

As 2020 is underway the association has been busy and active will various undertaking in process.

The December QBM and coding roundtable were a huge success as we closed out 2019, and we are progressing well with our 2020 goals and objectives.

AHIMA continues to lead the vision by ensuring HIM professionals remain the trusted leaders of information as it influences health and healthcare by connecting, people, systems and ideas. MdHIMA delegation are looking forward to working with AHIMA in the upcoming (March 2020) AHIMA Advocacy summit in Washington, DC. One of the initiatives will focus on AHIMA leading the charge to change the law that prohibits the US Department of Health and Human Services from spending any federal dollars to promote or adopt a NATIONAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER. The House of Representative passed the amendment that would remove the ban; the Senate is expected to take action soon. HIM professionals from across the nation and MdHIMA will participate in the advocacy summit, with the goal to continue the dialogue and encourage the lawmakers to pass the amendment.

All of the committees remain engaged and active by ensuring the needs of the members are met; from promoting upcoming HIP week; contributing and offering comments to the AHIMA body that will have direct impact on the members, and being knowledgeable resources to the members, peers and those that seek guidance of our HIM knowledge and experience.
The 2020 Annual meeting will be held April 21-22 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum, MD. The annual meeting is sure to be a grand experience of educational consumption, colleagues, peers and business associates networking, interaction and joyful event to recharge, refresh, and rejuvenate.

I want to express my continuous gratitude and appreciation to those that volunteer and donate countless of amount of time and effort to MdHIMA. Your hard work and dedication to the association is greatly appreciated. As I have stated in previous messages to the members, and will state again. Please volunteer with our association. MdHIMA success begins with YOU!

Sincerely,

Linda Williams, MS, RHIA

Silent Auction/Fundraising Committee

The Silent Auction/Fundraising Committee is hard at work soliciting donors for this year's Silent Auction during our Annual Meeting at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, April 21-22, 2020.

We are accepting donations from businesses, entertainment industries and our MdHIMA membership as well. If you are interested, we ask that you fill out the donation form on www.mdhima.org website.

Currently, we are requesting donations of items such as, but not limited to:

- Free admission tickets for theaters, entertainment tours, plays, museums, sports events, etc.;
- Gift certificates from your place of business (i.e. Spa treatments; Facial & Manicures; technology items; home good items; memorabilia, gym memberships, etc);
- Merchandise, such as appliances, i-pads, Kindles, work-out equipment or technology items (i.e. Fit Bits, watches, etc.) lamps, jewelry, bags, home decor, candles, etc.;
- Complimentary free dinners, promotional certificates and services from hotels, airlines, recreation, tours, etc.
Please remember, all donations are tax deductible. Your support is what we need in order for us to continue providing local students with scholarships. If you have donated in the past, we thank you again for your continuing help with this endeavor.
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This year’s Annual Meeting will be April 21 – 22, 2020 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum, Maryland (https://www.mccbwi.org/). The committee has been diligently planning a meeting that will be informative, exiting and fun. Come to the Annual Meeting and reconnect with friends and colleagues. We have sessions that will be of interest to our members, non-members and our students. We have dynamic speakers for our general and breakout sessions. There will be workshops on careers for those entering the profession and those looking to do something different in HIM, coding related topics, a long-term care speaker, technology, reimbursement and much more.

You do not want to miss the President’s Reception because we are doing a Casino Night! Members can have fun playing with Monopoly money and be eligible for prizes at the end. Behind on your CEUs? Get caught up at the annual meeting, members can earn up to 15 CEUs attending both days. Hotel registration is also open, but space is limited so make your reservations early. You can go to the website or click on this link to register for the meeting https://www.mdhima.org/annualmeeting/

We look forward to seeing you there!

2020 Annual Meeting Committee

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Please remember that this e-Newsletter belongs to you and is an excellent way to communicate with your fellow MdHIMA members! If you would like to submit information to be included in the next publication or if you would like to let the membership know what is going at your facility, please do not hesitate to send a submission to Sandrarockson95@yahoo.com

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