

# IHIMA Newsletter

Indiana Health Information Management Association

December 2019

## IHIMA Nominating Committee News

The IHIMA Nominating Committee is in search of volunteers interested in having their names placed on the 2020-2021 IHIMA Board of Directors ballot. Do you have what it takes to lead the association into a strong future? Please consider sharing your knowledge, expertise, and leadership skills that will provide strong leadership for IHIMA in the years ahead. Consider placing your name on the ballot!

The 2020-2021 IHIMA Board year will run from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Nominees must be an \*Active\* IHIMA Member to be considered for the ballot. The Nominating Committee will need to fill the following board positions:

- President-Elect (need at least 2 candidates)
- Secretary (need at least 2 candidates)
- Treasurer (need at least 2 candidates)
- Delegate (need at least 3 candidates)
- Nominating Committee Members (need at least 3 candidates)

*Nominees need previous IHIMA Board, AHIMA Board, and/or other AHIMA CSA Board experience to run for President-Elect, Treasurer, and Delegate.* The best way to gain this board experience is to run for Secretary or by being appointed as Chair to one of the IHIMA Board Committees.

To learn more about the different board position's roles and responsibilities click [here](#). Job procedures can also be sent to those interested in a board position. Have questions? Contact the Nominating Committee Chair or Committee members at:

- Nominating Committee Chair: Nicole Van Andel: [nvanande@iupui.edu](mailto:nvanande@iupui.edu)
- Nominating Committee Member: Jonathon Jones: [jonathanjones18@outlook.com](mailto:jonathanjones18@outlook.com)
- Nominating Committee Member: Bonnie Wilkins: [bjwilkins@indianatech.edu](mailto:bjwilkins@indianatech.edu)



[Click here for the 2020-2021 IHIMA Board of Directors Ballot Nomination Form](#) (Login Required)

**The Nomination period will close on  
December 15, 2019!**

## Is Your AHIMA Member Profile Up-To-Date?

IHIMA communicates with members by using the e-mails maintained by AHIMA in their membership profile database. By keeping your information in the database current, IHIMA can continue to keep in touch with YOU!

### To update your profile information:

- ✓ Log into [myAHIMA](#)
- ✓ Once logged in, go to 'Profile' then 'Profile Management'.
- ✓ From there, you can update your email, mailing address, education, job title, etc.
- ✓ Don't forget to go to 'Communication Preferences' – 'Component State Association (CSA) Selections' and **check the boxes for CSA Email and CSA Mail** to receive all IHIMA communications!

*It only takes a minute to update your profile and helps to strengthen our association and the profession!*

### Connect with IHIMA



**IHIMA's Annual Meeting  
is April 20 & 21, 2020  
at Embassy Suites  
Conference Center in  
Noblesville, IN  
(#IHIMA20)**

**IHIMA Day at the  
Indiana Statehouse  
is March 17, 2020  
(#IHIMAAdvocate)**

### Update your myAHIMA Profile Today!!

To continue receiving IHIMA communications, it is important for you to update your contact information located on your myAHIMA profile.

Please visit [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org) to update your information today!



### Ask the IHIMA Board!

*Have a membership-related question?  
E-mail us!*

[ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)



## IHIMA Board Bullets

The IHIMA Board of Directors met on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. The following includes the highlights of the meeting:

- 1) The Delegates reported on sessions attended at the House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, IL. The different sessions attended were: AHIMA bylaw changes, HIM champions developed an “elevator pitch”, environmental scanning, and best practices for engagement and communication. The new AHIMA Governance Task Force was also discussed. [Find more info here](#)
- 2) It was reported the AHIMA 2020 Advocacy Summit is now open to the entire AHIMA membership. It was recommended to register early because there is a maximum of 170 attendees.
- 3) The Legislative Committee reported there will be a video created again at this year’s IHIMA Day at the Statehouse. There are plans to have an educational webinar prior to the statehouse visit. Advocacy was encouraged then a committee chair presented at the CIHIMA meeting in October. The committee is continuing to work with the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) regarding the Medical Record Charging Law. The committee is working on a proposal for Board review regarding updates to the Release of Information Guide/creating a Legal Portal. The committee plans to discuss patient directed requests from attorneys with Hall Render to determine if a draft letter can be created for HIM professionals to use.
- 4) The Professional Development/Annual Meeting Committee reported the Fall Conference was a success. Great feedback was received about the event. The committee also reported the 2020 Annual Meeting’s theme is “Olympics 2020 – Winning the Gold in Health Information”. The Annual Meeting is in the planning stages with agenda preparation, contacting speakers, and finalizing vendor booth/sponsorships.
- 5) The Nominating Committee is soliciting names for the 2020-2021 ballot. An email will go out to the membership soon. The ballot will include: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Delegates, and two (2) Nominating Committee members.
- 6) The Communications Committee reported a continued increase in social media engagement. The committee also reported that by promoting the NIHIMA and CIHIMA region’s fall events on social media, the regions had more attendees and saw new faces at their events.

## Your Indiana Delegates

The Indiana delegates are here for members and to advocate for, and help advance, the profession. Please continue to share your feedback with your delegates! Your 2019-2020 IHIMA Delegates are: Necole Coots = [ncoots@ecommunity.com](mailto:ncoots@ecommunity.com) (1<sup>st</sup> year delegate), Renee Meunier = [renee.meunier2@parkview.com](mailto:renee.meunier2@parkview.com) (2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate), Jennifer Osborne = [josborne1@r1rcm.com](mailto:josborne1@r1rcm.com) (2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate), Alyson Stichter = [a.stichter@ibm.com](mailto:a.stichter@ibm.com), (President-Elect) and Jacquie Villarreal = [jacquelyn.f.villarreal@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelyn.f.villarreal@gmail.com) (President)

## Share Your Expertise with IHIMA!

IHIMA is searching for HIM industry experts like YOU to speak at the Indiana regional and/or state levels! Presentations typically are 60-minutes and is worth 1 CEU for participants. IHIMA welcomes HIM professionals, educators, and new graduates the opportunity to share your expertise and insights with fellow HIM professionals around the state.

Interested or have questions? Contact IHIMA at [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com).

## Topics for the Newsletter

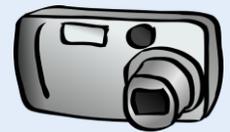
We would like to know what you would like to have included in your newsletter! If you have topics of interest, please send your ideas to us at: [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

## HIM/HIT Programs

Let us know what your students are doing in the classroom. Send pictures and/or information to [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

## Photograph Disclaimer

Please note IHIMA routinely photographs and videotapes events. These images may be used in print, visual presentations, and on the website to promote activities. If you do not wish yourself to be photographed, please let the photographer know at that time.



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## IHIMA Regional Association Updates

Become involved with your regional association, refer to IHIMA's region breakdown at <https://www.ihima.org/regions> to see which region you belong to. Don't hesitate to email your region with questions!

### Northern Indiana Health Information Management Association (NIHIMA)

Did you know the northern region has a website? Stay connected with them at <http://nihima.com/>. Or, you can email them at [nihima15@yahoo.com](mailto:nihima15@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### Central Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA)

By Darla Morrison, RHIT, CIHIMA President 2019-2020

Food, friends (new friends), and yes even FUN was had on the Magnificent Mile in Chicago at the CPT and RBRVS 2020 Annual Symposium. Here physicians, surgeons, and other professionals serving on the RUC, (the AMA's Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee), explained the rationales for new or revised CPT codes that describe the resources required for physician services. Important information to know because correctly and compliantly reporting the procedures is vital for not just reimbursement purposes, but statistics and tracking. CPT codes can become deleted for low utilization—and if they are deleted, we have to report an unlisted service instead. We all know how hard those are to explain to payers! The conference was on the 7th floor Grand Ballroom of the Downtown Marriott. It was very comfortable with tables provided in order to spread out our new books they handed out (and new backpacks - "much better than last year, I heard.") and to take notes. The food and service were excellent. I can tell you my "wall of window" in my room on the 34th floor offered a beautiful and mesmerizing city view. Even saw some Christmas lights on the outside of some of the high rises. I'm going back closer to Christmas to see more!

Nothing really to report for our Central Region at this time. Be thinking about the "IHIMA Day at the Statehouse" event on March 17, 2020. Another opportunity to connect and learn!

### Southern Indiana Health Information Management Association (SIHIMA)

If you're part of the southern region and have comments or questions, contact SIHIMA at [francie.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:francie.bishop@gmail.com).

## You're Invited to the 2020 AHIMA Advocacy Summit and Hill Day!



**GREAT NEWS!** This year the 2020 AHIMA Advocacy Summit and Hill Day is open to the entire AHIMA membership! Registration opened November 11 and is open through January 3, 2020. If you are interested in attending, register [here](#). Hurry! Space is limited to 170 attendees. Here are some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding this new policy. Also, find more information [here](#).

AHIMA's Annual Advocacy Summit will take place March 23-24, 2020, in Washington, DC. This two-day event focuses on advocacy and public policy issues linked to AHIMA's mission and vision. Monday, March 23rd is AHIMA's Public Policy Institute where AHIMA members will hear from federal officials and other stakeholders in Washington, DC about ongoing public policy work impacting the HIM profession. Capitol Hill visits take place on Tuesday, March 24th where attendees have an opportunity to meet with their Members of Congress and staff and advocate on behalf of the HIM profession. We hope to see some of our fellow IHIMA members there!

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## Coding Corner - Fewer Codes for 2020 in ICD-10-PCS

There has been an increase in the number of possible codes in ICD-10-PCS every year since its implementation. With the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 ICD-10-PCS code changes, effective October 1, 2019, the tides have turned. In the Medical and Surgical section, the annual update from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has resulted in a net change of -1,382 codes. And despite the net increase of 80 codes in the Radiation Therapy section and hundreds of additions in other sections, altogether the FY 2020 changes to ICD-10-PCS resulted in 1,322 fewer codes.

[Read full article here.](#)

Source: *Journal of AHIMA* 90, no.10 (October 2019): 38-39.

AHIMA members may earn CEUs for the article above by successfully completing the following quiz. *Journal of AHIMA* Continuing Education Quiz - Quiz ID: Q1939010 - Expiration Date: November 1, 2020 - HIM Domain Area: Clinical Data Management - Take the Quiz at <https://my.ahima.org/store/>

## Perspectives in Health Information Management Journal

*Perspectives in Health Information Management* is a scholarly, peer-reviewed research journal whose mission is to advance health information management practice and to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration between HIM professionals and others in disciplines supporting the advancement of the management of health information. The primary focus is to promote the linkage of practice, education, and research and to provide contributions to the understanding or improvement of health information management processes and outcomes.

Find previous editions of the journal, how to submit a manuscript, manuscript categories, resources, and more [here](#).

## IHIMA Communications Committee News



The Indiana Health Information Management Association's Facebook page has received over 630 'Likes' and 'Follows'! Our sincerest thanks to all! Join us and find the latest activity, news, and events affecting Indiana HIM professionals! [IHIMA's Facebook Page](#)

Find us at IHIMA HIM if you already have a Facebook page. New to Facebook? Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com> then click "Create a New Account". It's that easy!

## Submit Items to the IHIMA Newsletter, YOUR Newsletter!

This newsletter belongs to you and is an excellent source of communication! If you would like to submit information to be included in a future publication or if you would like to let the membership know what is going on with you or your facility and employees, please don't hesitate to send a submission or questions to IHIMA at [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com). Generally, articles should be no more than 300 words, however, longer articles will be considered.

## Credential Recertification Reminder

A reminder for those with a recertification cycle ending December 31, 2019, the Standards for Recertification of the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) require that you complete recertification requirements by your cycle end date. Requirements include:

- Payment of your recertification fee, and
- Recording of your continuing education units (CEUs), and
- If applicable, completion of annual self-reviews (for coding credentials only).

You're encouraged to log into your AHIMA CEU Center (<https://my.ahima.org>) now to review your CEUs and, if applicable, self-review progress. From your AHIMA CEU Center you can also verify your recertification cycle dates to determine if you are due to renew by the end of this year. To find out more about credential recertification click [here](#).

As a reminder: There is no more need to "report" CEUs at the end of your cycle! On the last day of your recertification cycle, your account will automatically be reviewed and will roll over to your next cycle if all recertification requirements have been met.

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## Newly Credentialed IHIMA Members

**Congratulations** on earning your AHIMA professional credentials! Here are the newly credentialed Indiana members from last month!

### CCS

Lisa Heffelfinger, CCS, CCS-P, CPC  
Lori McClure, CCS  
Stephanie Susemichel, CCS

### CCS-P

Crystal Ellison, RHIT, CCS-P

### RHIA

Caitlin Fortner, RHIA  
Sarah McCann, RHIA

Find Indiana's newly credentialed professionals who earned an AHIMA credential within the last year here:  
<https://my.ahima.org/pages/certification/newlycredentialed.aspx>

## The Best IHIMA Social Media Posts Last Month

- 1) Franciscan Health announced Oct. 31 its partnership with Apple to give patients access to their health data directly on their iPhones. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 2) Are you interested in writing for IHIMA? We are looking for coding professionals to write a coding article for the 'Coding Corner' section of the newsletter. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 3) The Discharge Planning Final Rule contains provisions regarding the patient's access to their medical records where the medical records must be provided "in the form and format requested by the patient." (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 4) Indiana HIEs Unify to Better Meet the Needs of the State's Healthcare Community (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 5) Tomorrow's Talk Ten Tuesday is "Ten Going on Eleven: Help is Here" (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 6) AHIMA Volunteers Needed! The certification department is looking for volunteers to assist with the development of the CCA, CCS, CCS-P, RHIA, and RHIT exams. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 7) Advancement of healthcare interoperability! Having access to your health records when you need them can make all the difference. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))

## Recent News from AHIMA

[Journal of AHIMA – November/December 2019](#)

[Earn 6 CEUs and Save with AHIMA's Fall Webinar Sale](#)

[Medical Coding Courses from AHIMA](#)

[CodeWrite Newsletter - November 2019](#)

[Academic Advisor Newsletter – November 2019 – Subscribe Here](#)

[For The Record Magazine – November/December 2019](#)

[AHIMA Resources Newsletter – November 2019](#)

## AHIMA's Discounted Continuing Education Opportunities

AHIMA's 2019 Coffee and Coding series is a smart way to work through today's most challenging topics for both Coding and CDI. Each month, an AHIMA expert takes you through a focused, half hour curriculum that you can watch on your own time – on demand. The nominal fee of \$10.00 each helps ensure AHIMA covers the costs to produce these valuable segments now and in the future. [Register here](#) for these on demand webinars.

### Calendar of Events

- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: HoD Forum - December 11, 2019, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: Envisioning Collaborative – January 15, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - January 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: House Leadership Team - February 14, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ AHIMA [Fellowship Application](#) Submission Deadline – February 21, 2020
- ✦ HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, Orlando, FL - March 9-13, 2020 [More info here](#) (#HIMSS20)
- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: HoD Forum - March 11, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse - March 17, 2020 – [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#IHIMAAAdvocate)
- ✦ Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week - March 22-28, 2020 - [More info here](#) (#HIPWeek2020)
- ✦ AHIMA Advocacy Summit and Hill Day - March 23-24, 2020 - [Register here](#) – **Registration closes Jan 3, 2020**
- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: Envisioning Collaborative – April 15, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ National Volunteer Week - April 19-25, 2020
- ✦ IHIMA Annual Meeting, Noblesville, IN - April 20-21, 2020 – [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#IHIMA20)
- ✦ IHIMA Delegate Webinar: House Leadership Team – May 13, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ AHIMA [Fellowship Application](#) Submission Deadline – May 22, 2020
- ✦ IHIMA All Delegate Webinar – June 10, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✦ AHIMA CSA Leadership Symposium, Chicago, IL – July 10-11, 2020
- ✦ AHIMA House of Delegates (HoD) Meeting, Atlanta, GA – October 17, 2020
- ✦ AHIMA Health Data and Information Conference, Atlanta, GA – October 14-18, 2020 [SAVE THE DATE](#) (#AHIMA20)