

IHIMA SPOTLIGHT SERIES

TREASURER

Welcome back to our IHIMA Spotlight Series! In this ongoing series, we aim to illuminate the various roles within our organization, giving you a closer look at the remarkable opportunities that await you as an IHIMA board member. Today, we shine a light on the essential role of the Treasurer.

ROLE OVERVIEW

Treasurer is not just a title; it's a steward of IHIMA's financial well-being. This role comes with significant responsibilities that impact our organization's fiscal health and sustainability. Here's a glimpse of the core duties that define the Treasurer's role:

- Guardian of IHIMA Funds: The Treasurer is entrusted with all the funds belonging to IHIMA, ensuring their safekeeping and responsible management.
- Financial Account Maintenance: The Treasurer keeps and deposits IHIMA's funds in a bank, managing the organization's financial accounts.
- Dues Management: Maintaining an account of the dues received from AHIMA is a key responsibility.
- Financial Reporting: The Treasurer is responsible for providing financial reports as requested by the President, fostering accountability and transparency within IHIMA.
- Annual Financial Report: Each year, the Treasurer presents an annual financial report at the IHIMA annual meeting, offering members an overview of the organization's financial health.



COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As Treasurer, you play a significant role in various committees, contributing to IHIMA's financial and operational success. Your committee responsibilities include:

- Member of the Executive Board: Serving as a member of the Executive Board, you actively engage in discussions and decisions that shape IHIMA's direction.
- Member of the Finance Committee: Your insights and financial expertise help guide the committee's recommendations and decisions.
- Member of the Scholarship Committee: Contributing to the development of future leaders in our field through scholarship programs.
- Member of the Executive Committee: Your involvement in this committee ensures you have a voice in the highest-level decisions affecting IHIMA.

ELECTORAL PROCESS



The Treasurer position is an elected one, and it comes with a two-year term. To be eligible for this role, candidates must be active members in good standing of IHIMA.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

This role is not just about numbers; it's about responsible leadership, strategic financial management, and ensuring IHIMA's continued growth and success. This role offers a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on our organization's fiscal health, strategic direction, and the success of IHIMA as a whole.

If you have a passion for financial management, a commitment to accountability, and a desire to drive IHIMA's financial health and success, we encourage you to consider running for the Treasurer position.

MEET OUR BOARD

DEBORAH GRIDER, CPC, CPC-I,
CPC-P, COC, CEMC, CPMA,
CCS-P, CDIP



DEB IS IHIMA'S 2023/2024 TREASURER
AND A SENIOR HEALTHCARE CONSULTANT
AT KARENZUPKO & ASSOCIATES

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ENJOYED WORKING ON THE
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IHIMA BUT THE HIM FIELD.

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Q&A WITH DEB

What motivated you to join IHIMA's Board of Directors?

- *It is important to give back and volunteering is the best way I can do that. I started working on the ICD-10 committee back in 2012 as a co-chair and was so impressed by the dedication from all the board members to make sure our profession is recognized and our members have the appropriate representation in Indiana.*

Could you briefly describe your primary roles and responsibilities as a board member?

- *I started as the co-chair of the ICD-10 committee for a few years and then became president elect and then president of IHIMA In 2014. I then served on the board as a delegate and then secretary and now my current role is to serve treasurer. My primary responsibility now is to manage the funds of the association, working with executive and finance committees on key issues that affect our association and profession.*

What specific initiatives or projects have you been involved in as a board member, and how have they contributed to IHIMA's goals?

- *Some of the contributions I have made included assisting to spearhead education when ICD-10 was first implemented making certain the members had the opportunity for education. I also assisted in mentoring students at the Annual meeting. I have been involved as the past president in leading the association's goals and objectives as well as supporting the IHIMA initiatives.*

What unique perspectives or expertise do you bring to the board that you believe has made a difference in your role?

- *I have been in the healthcare industry for 40 years now. I started on the clinical side of health care and fell in love with the administrative side of healthcare. I bring a wealth of knowledge to education since I work in this area as a consultant. I ran a medical coding program for many years as well. I can offer my expertise on what education offerings might be pertinent to our members as well as leadership experience as I have been in many leadership roles in my career.*

What advice would you give to someone considering joining IHIMA's Board of Directors?

- *Share your insight and opinions and get involved quickly. Our entire board is very welcoming and we are all willing to share our knowledge and mentor a new board member. I remember when I first joined the board it took me a few meetings before I even knew what was going on and to have someone guide a new member is helpful in getting things accomplished.*

How has your board experience shaped your view of the health information management field and its impact on healthcare?

- *It has expanded my knowledge of the various roles of the HIM field and how it all ties together. I have learned so much from my fellow board members about what they do in their careers as well as IHIMA members. The networking with the board as well as other members has validated the fact that our profession is of immense value to the healthcare industry.*