

President's Message



By DeAnne Kribell, RHIIT

It seems I've just begun my term as President and here I am writing my final newsletter. It's at this time that I reflect on the many accomplishments that have occurred since last year at this time. The new website was put into place (www.sdhima.org). It's still a work in progress but we feel that it will better meet the needs of all our members.

The SDEHRA taskforce will set in motion the future of electronic health records and exchanges in the state and region. Even though SDHIMA does not oversee this taskforce, our participation in this project is critical. The South Dakota Legal Manual is now available. This has been several years coming. We want to especially thank the committee members who have put their heart and soul into this project for all members of South Dakota to use. We have also begun a new venture with electronic voting for SDHIMA board members. This has been in place since March 1, 2007 and will be open until March 30. What an easy way to vote for your choices for board members to keep SDHIMA on the right track.

After reflecting on how many things we have accomplished, I am also thinking ahead to how many things are still on my agenda. First of all is our Spring Meeting that will be held in Deadwood, SD May 2-4 this year. What a great place to hear some exceptional speakers and enjoy some South Dakota history at the same time. After that will be the Summer Educational Session on June 8 in Chamberlain. We have a speaker by the name of Mark Dietz coming in to speak about Chargemaster Review and Electronic Health Records. We also want to have a discussion panel on transforming to an electronic record and a Noridian representative to speak about issues with the new FI for South Dakota. We plan on targeting this educational session to Health Information personnel as well as financial personnel.

My work is not complete until after the Fall meeting which will be held in Sioux Falls this year. SDAHO has big plans for speakers and I'm sure everyone will be able to find something that fits their needs.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow Board Members for all their dedication and time to SDHIMA. One Board member that will be leaving us in July is Michelle Pudwill, Director of Public Relations. We have given Michelle many new tasks as Director of PR and she's done a wonderful job with all of them. Nicole Brace is our current Treasurer. In the middle of her term she decided to have a baby, and not just one, but two! I don't know how she keeps everything straight, but she's done a wonderful job as our Treasurer. Kathy Dorale is our Past President. She's been a wonderful mentor for me and I wouldn't have been able to fill this position without the help and guidance of Kathy and the President before her, Renae Spohn.

Linda Maas will remain as our Secretary. She has so much enthusiasm and so many wonderful ideas I wonder where she has time for everything else in her life. Laura Moller will also stay on the Board for one more year as Director of Education. She has done an exceptional job this year putting together the Spring Meeting and we all can look forward to a learning experience like no other. She has even found speakers to speak on national issues, from a physician who practiced in Iraq to Sheila Carlon who helped set up health information departments in Ethiopia. And Jennifer Gholson, I wish you luck during your term as President. I know you will do very well. Thank you for serving with me and helping me out anytime I needed you.

Thanks also to our many Committee Chairs and members. SDHIMA could not function without the many volunteers that dedicate their time and energy every year. I wish to also thank my employer, Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services, and my family for sharing me with SDHIMA to help promote our profession.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. Sometimes the networking experience is just as valuable as the educational experience. Have a great spring and summer!





SDHIMA Voting Process Goes On-Line: Don't Forget to Vote!!

By Renae Spohn

Val Royal, Laren Lorenzen and I have had the privilege of working on the SDHIMA Nominating Committee this year. The on-line ballot has been set up on the AHIMA website. To access the ballot, go to your COP Personal Page. This is the page where you see the listing of the COP Communities with which you belong. On the left hand side of the screen you will see South Dakota State election 2007. Select that link and it will take you into the online ballot. The ballot contains the listing of candidates and some biographical information about them. The electronic ballot will be available for you to vote between 12:01 a.m. March 1st and 5:00 p.m. March 30th. There are three positions on the ballot this year. They are as follow: President-Elect, Director of Public Relations, and Treasurer.

This is a great benefit from AHIMA that helps to make the balloting process very efficient. While you are voting, please give us some feedback on the thread that has been started on the SDHIMA COP called on-line voting satisfaction.

Your vote counts! Thanks for your participation!



More Exciting SDHIMA News!

By DeAnne Kribell, RHIT

Jennifer Gholson and I were notified that because of SDHIMA's increased membership we now will be having three delegates at the National Convention in Philadelphia this year. It was only a few years ago that our membership had increased enough to have two delegates from South Dakota and now we will have three! Our three delegates at this year's national convention will be Jennifer Gholson as President, the incoming President Elect, and our second-year Director who this year is Laura Moller, Director of Education. It's great for South Dakota to have an even bigger voice on the national level! Good luck and have fun in Philadelphia!



Renae Spohn is AHIMA Director Nominee!!!!



SDHIMA is proud to announce that Renae Spohn, MBA, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA is a nominee for an AHIMA director!!! She was nominated by her peers who also wrote letters of reference for her. She also went through an interview by the AHIMA nominating committee.

What exactly is an AHIMA Director and what do they do, you ask? The AHIMA director serves a three-year term. The authority of the director derives from serving as a voting member of the Board of Directors. Directors are also voting members of the House of Delegates. The Board of Directors governs the association, sets strategy, budget and maintains fiduciary oversight. The director positions also serve as liaisons to the Commission, Council, committees, task forces and affiliated organizations. Members of the board are called upon to represent the association at meetings and to speak on behalf of AHIMA and the HIM profession.

The June 2007 issue of the *Journal* will include instructions on casting the vote and a brief candidate summary. From June 11, 2007 through June 29, 2007 the AHIMA Web site will include the link to the secured ballot, complete candidate summary, autobiographical detail and candidate statements. Members will also be able to view the candidates' opinions on issues via the Candidate CoP. The Candidate CoP will be open to members for two weeks preceding the voting period, May 28, 2007-June 8, 2007.

Congratulations Renae!!!



SDHIMA Achievement Awards

We all know and work with great people in our profession and what better way to recognize their talents and efforts.... Nominate them so they get the recognition they deserve!!

The SDHIMA Awards Committee is currently accepting nominations until April 15, 2007. Please send award nominations to:

Carrie Vilhauer, RHIA at 615 N Chicago, Madison SD 57042

Email: Carrie.vilhauer@Mckennan.org or Ellen.gramm@Mckennan.org

Distinguished Member Award

Award Description: The Distinguished Member Award is AHIMA's highest award honor. This award celebrates an individual with a long, exceptional history of HIM contributions to the field over many years is truly exceptional.

Rising Star Award

Award Description: The Rising Star Award recognizes and encourages the best of the fresh new talent being trained in health information administration or health information technology degree granting program nationwide. It honors a gifted student or promising new professional who embodies great hope as we look to the future of the HIM profession.

Mentor Award

Award Description: The mentor Award honors individuals with long records of encouraging students or colleagues to realize their full potential, who have helped others, find ways to achieve their best.

Unsung Hero Award

Award Description: The Unsung Hero Award honors individuals who have long history of support and love for the profession with a strong commitment and compassion to assist patients who are in need of assistance with Health Information. This person is recognized for their commitment and love for the profession that usually goes unnoticed by most.

Member of the Year (Similar to Champion Award on National Level)

Award Description: The Member of the Year Award is designed to honor an outstanding professional who volunteers their time and talents to benefit the profession and the SDHIMA members. They show enthusiasm and support for AHIMA/SDHIMA and the HIM profession in a capacity to help achieve the mission and/or advance the HIM practice.

Board Member/Committee Chair of the Year Award

Award Description: The Board Member/Committee Chair of the Year Award honors those individuals who put extra effort and volunteer time into the success of SDHIMA. This individual supports the vision of SDHIMA by “doing what it takes” to provide quality services for the members SDHIMA by listening and giving back to the members.

For more descriptive information on SDHIMA Achievement Awards and for the nomination form please go to <http://www.sdhima.org>

Thank you -

SDHIMA Awards Committee



2007 Winter Team Talks Meetings Are Almost Here

If you have a couple of hours to spare, register for the **2007 Virtual Winter Team Talks** and have an opportunity to learn about ongoing plans within the Association, receive comprehensive meeting materials, and share your thoughts on upcoming strategic decisions and receive continuing education credits for the day. This is available free of charge!

Virtual Team Talks are scheduled for March 29. After you register, you'll receive an email with further details.

To register, click on <https://imis.ahima.org/meetings/login/reglogin.cfm?meeting=07WTT03>.



SDHIMA Continuing Education Scholarship

SDHIMA offers an annual Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is available to SDHIMA members whose employer does not cover the cost of continuing education. The completed application must be submitted by March 30, 2007 to be considered for the scholarship.

Submit completed application to:
Kristi Osthus, 401 9th Ave NW
Watertown, SD 57201

To ensure consideration applications
must be postmarked by
March 30, 2007.

South Dakota Health Information Management Association Continuing Education Scholarship 2007

Name: _____ Credential: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Employer: _____ Position: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____

For the current year, list the dollar amount received from your Employer for Continuing Education _____

***Provide a brief narrative of accomplishments, future goals, etc.:**

***Active Member of SDHIMA for _____ years**

***Please list and briefly describe any position held/committee involvement for in SDHIMA. (Note: Criteria for selection for this scholarship are not based solely on prior SDHIMA involvement.)**

**You may also attach a current resume.*

If awarded a Continuing Education Scholarship, I agree to submit an article for an upcoming SDHIMA Newsletter regarding a highlight of the event attended. (Summarize an educational session, meeting highlight)

Signature

Date



Update from Dakota State University's HIM Programs

By Dorine Bennett, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA

Well, as I write this, Spring Break has gotten off to an early start thanks to some very un-Spring-like weather! The snowstorm cancelled classes a couple of days earlier than planned, and even closed campus one day.

The Spring Break reminds us that the semester is well underway and we'll be celebrating graduation before we know it. We are looking forward to having seven health information administration students and five health information administration students complete their coursework in Spring or Summer. We congratulate them and wish them the very best in their future!

The Spring semester found that we had 87 students working on their health information management degrees. Of those students, 45 are from South Dakota and the rest are located in 25 different states. Our distance courses are helping to meet the needs of a variety of people by bridging the geographic barriers and scheduling constraints. If you know of someone who might be interested in our programs, please be sure to let them know about us. Our website is www.departments.dsu.edu/him

Currently, I have received requests from the students for 49 supervised professional practices to get arranged, with more requests still coming in. Of course, I've contacted some of the SDHIMA members about having students come to their facilities and I will probably be contacting more of you, but some of these experiences will be in locations around the nation. It makes life interesting! ☺ We really do appreciate your support and the wonderful learning experiences you provide for the students – THANK YOU!

The HIM Club continues to be an enthusiastic group of students. They will have community service projects this Spring, including Adopt-A-Highway and a blood drive. I'm sure that some of them will want to help at the HIM booth at the health fair in the Empire Mall, and they have been working on filling the orders for the SDHIMA Legal Manuals. Have you ordered yours yet? Watch for some of the students in Deadwood at the Spring SDHIMA meeting – they are already making plans! ☺

We've found the South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment (SDEHRA) project to be very interesting this year. From the kickoff-conference in October to the focus group meetings that we've held this Spring, it has been great to learn more about what's happening with electronic health records in the state. Don't forget to complete a survey at www.sdehra.org if you haven't done that yet, and please encourage others to also participate. We want to have a wealth of input!

The HIM Programs also welcome any suggestions and feedback that you would like to share with us to help prepare our students to be successful graduates and employees. Feel free to contact us at any time; or if you would like to join us at an advisory board meeting that is held once each semester, just let us know. You can reach us by calling 605-256-5170. (Emails for the faculty members are dorine.bennett@dsu.edu, rose.goeden@dsu.edu, and joyce.havlik@dsu.edu)



Derrold Hofer, RHIA retired from Sioux Valley Hospital USD Medical Center in September after many years of service there. He also served as SDHIMA President in 1974. SDHIMA was also honored to have Derrold serve as Archives Manager for many years. Congratulations Derrold on your retirement. We all wish you the best!

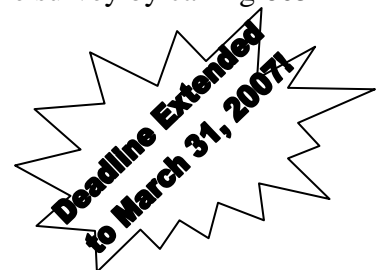


Y o u r v o i c e m a t t e r s ! !

We want you to be included!

The South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment project is seeking your input. We are surveying consumers, payers, and providers to prepare a roadmap for future electronic health information exchange possibilities in South Dakota.

If you have not taken the time to participate yet, we encourage you to log on today to www.SDEHRA.org and complete a survey. It may be the most important 15 minutes of your day to let your voice be heard. You may request a paper copy of the survey by calling 605-256-5555. *Thank you!*





Get your degree online – at a location convenient for you!

Health Information Management Degrees at a Distance



[Dakota State University](#) (DSU) has been offering degrees in health information management (HIM) since 1975. We started with an associate's degree in medical record technology and have evolved to providing an [associate's degree in health information technology \(HIT\)](#) and a [bachelor's degree in health information administration \(HIA\)](#) as well as a [certificate in healthcare coding](#) and a [specialization within the MSIS degree](#).

DSU has made these educational opportunities available via distance delivery. It is possible for students to obtain these degrees and/or certificate without traveling to the DSU campus through the use of distance courses offered by DSU and the other South Dakota state universities. The HIM-specific courses are available only from DSU. [The South Dakota Electronic University Consortium website](#) (SD EUC) displays all distance statewide courses available.

Nearly all courses required for the HIT and HIA degrees can be completed online, without the need to come to the DSU campus. We currently do not have the sciences (biology and anatomy/physiology) via distance delivery. We will, however, provide you with information about other schools that do offer these courses via distance delivery and will work with you on transferring those credits to DSU.

Find out more:

Dakota State University's HIM Program: <http://www.departments.dsu.edu/him/home.htm>
Dakota State University's E-Education Services: <http://www.departments.dsu.edu/disted/>
Or contact the program director Dorine Bennett, MBA, RHIA at: dorine.bennett@dsu.edu



SDHIMA 2007 Spring Conference & AAPC Seminar
Deadwood Gulch Resort
Deadwood, SD
May 2-4, 2007

A G E N D A

Wednesday, May 2

7:30 - 8:00 AAPC registration
8:00 - 11:30 AAPC seminar
11:30 - 1:00 Lunch (on own)
12:30 – 1:00 SDHIMA Registration
1:00 – 4:00 SDHIMA Coding Roundtable
 Tentative presentations:
 OB/GYN
 Echocardiography
 CRNA

Thursday, May 3

7:30 - 8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
7:50 – 8:00 President's Welcome
8:00 - 9:00 Dr. Ashok Kumar
 An Iraq Experience
9:00-10:00 Noridian Presentation
 Representatives for Part A and B
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 April Robertson, ChartOne
 E-HIM: Justification and Value
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 2:00 Donna Whitehead, Veterans Administration
 Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) in the VA
2:00 - 2:30 Break
2:30 - 3:30 Mark McCarty - Biomet
 Components of total joint replacements
3:30 - 4:30 April Robertson – AHIMA
 Moving off the Iceberg

Friday, May 4

7:30 - 8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:00 –10:00 SDHIMA Business Meeting
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 Sheila Carlon, Regis University
 HIM in the World: A Data Project in Ethiopia

Deadline to Register: April 13, 2007

AHIMA or AAPC ID# _____ Credentials _____

Full Name _____

Employer _____

Job title _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

If student, HIM/HIT Program Director's Signature

Conference Tuition:

Membership Category	Wednesday AM (Separate check required -made payable to AAPC)	Attend:	Wednesday PM/Thursday/Friday (Separate check required - made payable to SDHIMA)	Attend:
SDHIMA member	TBD		\$120	
Non-Member			\$150	
Student			\$35	
AAPC member	TBD		\$150	

Tuition includes all breaks, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast

A block of rooms have been reserved at Deadwood Gulch Resort, Highway 85 South, Deadwood, SD 605-578-1294 or 1-800-695-1876

Room Rates: \$58.50 plus tax per room/non-smoking/2 queen beds

Other accommodations (within easy walking distance to Convention Center):

Super 8

196 Cliff St., Deadwood, SD 57732

605-578-2535 Rate:

Rate: \$69.88 plus tax

Comfort Inn

225 Cliff Street, Deadwood, SD 57732

605-578-7550

Rate: \$99.99 plus tax

All Registrants: Please send registration form with payment to: Nicole Downs, RHIA, CCS at 508 E. 11th Street, Dell Rapid, SD 57022-1051

Cancellation Policy: Full refund of tuition will be issued if cancellation is at least 1 week prior to the start of the convention. No refund for cancellations made within 1 week of conference.