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President's Report

Greetings,

I would like to start this article with sincere thanks and gratitude to the 2019-2020 NDHIMA Board. Thank you to Joy Krush, NDHIMA state advocate for her years of holding this position and her hard work and dedication to the NDHIMA legislative manual. A warm welcome to the new NDHIMA board members; Jeff Plemel, President Elect, Jennifer Kadlec, State Advocacy. The current board members are listed on NDHIMA's website, we encourage you to reach out to any board member with questions concerns or just to introduce yourself. I will be sending an invite soon for a virtual "Happy hour" I hope many of you will be able to join.

We continue to push forward with new challenges for HIM professionals and how we need to work with all healthcare professionals to keep up with the fast-paced changes. I would like to start by saying I am looking forward to the NDHIMA 2020 annual meeting, this will be held virtually this year. This was a tough decision for the board as we understand meeting in person is preferred, however several outside factors were discussed prior to making this decision. The obvious COVID and adhering to the recommended social distancing, and of course the board wanted to consider the resources that may not be available to members to attend the meeting, particularly in person with the added travel expenses. We understand the annual meeting is the primary way for our members to obtain CEUS and we needed to consider how to make it more easily obtainable for all our members.

The July 2020 AHIMA leadership symposium was held virtually this summer. I would like to take a few lines to highlight. One message I would like to share, as I truly believe it applies to every HIM professional, regardless of the role you currently hold. "AHIMA is the leading voice and authority in health information wherever it is found." If you take a moment to review this sentence, it confirms AHIMA is committed to all HIM professionals.

A summary directly from the agenda and the speaker's interpretation of HIM professionals and our importance. *AHIMA-Certified professionals ensure that the sensitive health stories of the patients in our care remain accurate, accessible, protected, and complete, at all times. Our members hold an intimate relationship with health information, and while our patients don't often see us, we see our patients in a way no other healthcare professional does. We see the person connected to the data, ensuring their information stays human—because when information stays human, it stays relevant. The AHIMA Professional Enhancement Campaign (PEC) tells our story with empathy, optimism, and fortitude.* HIM professionals are the behind the scenes champions. ND being a rural state, many of us wear several hats daily and we understand from several vantage points, the dedication, hard work, & determination it does take to have a successful health care system.

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My admiration and THANK YOU to all of you, especially during this, “What is up with the year 2020?” event we are experiencing. Let us stay positive and look at things as challenges, we will meet instead of setbacks.

Julie Thrailkill, RHIT
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President's-Elect Report

First let me introduce myself. I am Jeff Plemel and I grew up in Starkweather. I have worked in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota twice. I am now at Jamestown Regional Medical Center. I want to thank you all for your votes and I look forward to serving all of you. Since I took office, I have attended the Leadership Symposium and the House of Delegates organization which were both very interesting. At the Leadership Symposium there was a lot of talk about how we get members to become more involved in the Association and take on roles of leadership or at least to volunteer in some capacity. We are always looking for anyone interested in helping. Next, I attended the House of Delegates orientation in which we discussed some of the changes that the Association is talking about making to the membership levels. They have since brought forward a second option to these membership levels. We are having another meeting on August 26. Hopefully, they will explain more about these at this meeting so that we can make an informed vote in October.

I realize times are kind of strange right now but I hope you all are planning on attending the State meeting. I know the Education committee has done an excellent job of setting this meeting up. Also being it is virtual you will not have to do any traveling.

Jeff Plemel, RHIT
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Secretary's Report

Remember to review the 2019 Fall Membership Meeting minutes prior to the NDHIMA Virtual Business Meeting. The minutes will need approval by the membership during the meeting. The minutes can be reviewed on the NDHIMA website, located in the Members area or click this link: <https://www.ndhima.org/members/membership-minutes/>

Thank you!

Dyan Torgerson, RHIT, CCS, NDHIMA Secretary

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Nominations Committee Report

NDHIMA New Board Members

We are excited to introduce our 2020 – 2021 NDHIMA Board of Directors and look forward to their leadership during this unprecedented time!

- President Elect - Jeff Plemel
- Secretary - Dyan Torgerson
- State Advocacy Director - Jennifer Kadlec
- Education Director (1 Year Term) - Mandie Medalen

Thank you to all who agreed to volunteer for this important NDHIMA work.

Laurie Peters, RHIA, CCS
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Membership Report

NDHIMA membership has an average of 276 members!!

Please see the membership numbers for the months of June, July and August of 2020.

Membership Report 2020			
Date of Report	Total NonMembers	Member Type	
Jun-20		Active	196
		Emeritus	2
		New Grad	12
		New AHIMA	20
		Premier Active	20
		Student	27
Totals	87		277
Persons with New Credentials - 1			
Date of Report	Total NonMembers	Member Type	
Jul-20		Active	194
		Emeritus	2
		New Grad	13
		New AHIMA	20
		Premier Active	19
		Student	26
Totals	88		274
Persons with New Credentials - 5			
Date of Report	Total NonMembers	Member Type	
Aug-20		Active	196
		Emeritus	2
		New Grad	12
		New AHIMA	18
		Premier Active	20
		Student	29
	85		277
Persons with New Credentials - 1			

Membership Report, Continued

Scholarship information has been provided to the North Dakota School of Science; however, maybe you know someone who would benefit from a scholarship. Unfortunately, a scholarship will not be awarded this year at the virtual fall conference.

NDHIMA scholarships are \$1500.00 and the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled in either a CAHIIM-accredited or AHIMA-approved health information program.
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and provide an official college transcript.
- Applicant must be at midpoint of their program of study and include a copy of the program of study with the scholarship materials.
- Applicant must be a student or active member of NDHIMA.
- Applicants may receive a scholarship only once.

Applications are due to the Membership Director no later than May 1st of each year.

Thank you.

Staci Miller, RHIT, CCS
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Co-Education Report

North Dakota Health Information Management Virtual Meeting 2020

September 1, 2020 registration will start – please watch your emails!

Agenda is almost complete and will be available: <https://www.ndhima.org/>

Below are a few of the presentations for the Virtual NDHIMA Conference 2020:

- Release of Information – Hardships, Innovation, and Progress
- Self-Care During Stressful Times
- 2021 E/M Changes and Appropriate Use Criteria
- The Business Meeting will be conducted Live and will be a FREE CEU
- Coding Roundtable - Please submit any coding questions to either Kari Buchholz, RHIT kari.buchholz@ndhima.com or Mandie Medalen, RHIT mandie.medalen@ndhima.com

The Go Live Date will be October 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021

Cost:

NDHIMA member - \$300

Non-member - \$350

Student - \$70

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