



The Evergreen Bulletin

VISION STATEMENT

To promote the contribution of the health information management professional and the Washington State Health Information Management Association by ensuring the protection, integrity and quality of health-care information.

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President's Message

By: **Sheila Green-Shook, RHIA**
WSHIMA President 2010 - 2011

It's hard to believe it is already November – where does the time go? By the time this goes to print, we will have already had our first collaborative workshop with HIMSS, CHITA and WSHIMA. Our goal this year is to continue to offer workshops co-sponsored by some of our professional partners. We each bring a unique skill and expertise to health care, and this seems an opportune time to share that with each other.

This year, the WSHIMA Board has created goals and objectives to help stay focused on our work which is posted on our website. Many of these are based on what we heard from you - our membership - during the environmental scan. We will try this and see how it works and hopefully as we get better at this we can create a more sophisticated tool and create an easy to read dashboard.

As always, please free to contact me or any of the Board members with questions and comments.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and healthy holiday season!

- Sheila



WSHIMA Director's Report

Scholarship & Nomination Awards

By: **DeeDee Adams, RHIT**
WSHIMA First Year Director

ATTENTION STUDENTS: WSHIMA offers the following rewards for HIA and HIT program students: The exam reimbursement drawing, AHIMA/WSHIMA new member grant, and the Sister Olivaint Scholarship.

The Certification Exam Reimbursement drawing. The program, which is a drawing, will reimburse the AHIMA RHIA or RHIT exam cost for up to 18 new health information administration and technical graduates who take and successfully pass the national AHIMA credentialing exam. Up to nine member applicants will be drawn in November 2010 and again in May 2011.

In order to qualify, each applicant must complete the drawing application which is available at www.wshima.org. The applicant must also take the examination within four months following their graduation and/or official completion of the HIA or HIT program. Additionally, the applicant must also be a member of AHIMA/WSHIMA, provide evidence of the amount of money paid to take the exam, and provide evidence of successfully passing the exam. Winners will be notified by email and their names will be published in *The Evergreen Bulletin* and in an e-Alert.

New Member grant. This is offered to cover the cost of AHIMA/WSHIMA membership for new graduates. This grant will cover the new graduate membership plus credential fee for a total \$110. WSHIMA offers four of these grants this year. Please submit your name, address, phone number and receipt information to WSHIMA at www.wshima.org.



The Sister Peter Olivaint Scholarship. WSHIMA is pleased to announce that we are offering up to four 2011 scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000.00. These four scholarships will not be school-specific but are open to WSHIMA Student Members of any CAHIIM approved program. Go to www.wshima.org for additional information and to complete the online application.

In addition to the programs offered to WSHIMA students, WSHIMA offers Professional Development Scholarships which are available to all active status AHIMA/WSHIMA members. These scholarships are awarded yearly to assist exceptional members in good standing the opportunity to pursue professional development, i.e. attend HIM or related professional development conference, pursue specialized credentialing training, participate in higher education/academic work or other professional development activities. Note: The WSHIMA Executive Board decides the amount of the scholarship each year. Members wishing to apply for the Professional Development Scholarship should submit a letter of application to the 2nd year Director Susan Ishikawa at Susan.Ishikawa@mossadams.com with a copy to WSHIMA at wshima@wshima.org stating the purpose for which he/she would like to utilize the scholarship, together with a resume and a listing of at least one professional reference. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is March 1, 2011.

Recipients of the Sister Peter Olivaint scholarships and the Professional development Scholarships will be required to write a brief Evergreen Bulletin article about the impact of the scholarship to their educational or professional goals.

Good luck to everyone!

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WSHIMA's 2011 Awards Nominating Process is Open!

This is your chance to nominate a worthy colleague or yourself

There are two awards:

- Distinguished Member Award
- Professional Achievement Award

If you want to recognize any of our WSHIMA members who are in good standing for one of these awards, you can nominate a colleague or yourself by naming the specific award and writing a brief outline of the candidate's qualifications and how they meet one or more of the criteria in the award categories you have selected. For either the Distinguished Member or Professional Achievement Awards, please send your nominations by email to the first year Director DeeDee Adams at adams.dx@ghc.org with a copy to WSHIMA at wshima@wshima.org by March 28, 2011.

Recipients of all awards will be recognized at the 2011 WSHIMA Conference in Spokane, Washington.

Distinguished Member Award

What WSHIMA member in good standing do you know who exemplifies the professional image of the association? You could identify such a person as someone who:

- Brings recognition to WSHIMA as well as to himself or herself;
- Demonstrates exceptional service, well and beyond what is expected;
- Creates imaginative, administrative or management techniques; or
- Is a pioneer in advancing health information professionals in traditional or non-traditional settings.

Professional Achievement Award

Who do you know who has been an inspiration to you or to those who know them and who has advanced our association's ideals through contemporary and innovative achievements? This WSHIMA member in good standing will have done one or more of the following:

- Produced creative and resourceful HIM management or administrative techniques;
- Published an article or wrote materials that contributed to our professional field;
- Conducted research that promoted and developed innovations in HIM; or
- Made significant contributions to HIM and/or technology in areas such as contributing to the implementation of the electronic health record (EHR), or bringing state or local issues to the membership, or acting as a representative of WSHIMA or as an advocate at a governmental, state, local or national level, or any other significant contribution that inspires our members.



Membership Committee

By: **Evelyn Ferrier, RHIT, CCS & Mary Meek, RHIT**
Co-Chairs *WSHIMA Membership Committee*

Volunteer Spotlight

The WSHIMA Membership Committee would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Della Mauler for her can do spirit to quickly step-in and help out our Membership Committee. She put aside some of her convention time to assist us in taking pictures for our Member Slide Show. Mary & I had the extreme pleasure to work with her on this project. Her cheerful and gracious attitude to help out our association with this fun event truly helped us to make this past WSHIMA Conference a special one! Della truly exemplifies the meaning of volunteerism.

Thank you again, for your contribution at the WSHIMA convention.

**There is no "I" in TEAM but we sure are glad
there is a "U" in our volunteers!**

Submitted by: *Debbie Weir*

Vendor Spotlight

3M Health Information Systems



The WSHIMA Membership Committee would like to shine the spotlight directly on 3M for their outstanding contributions to our state association. It is always a pleasure to work with Sean Streeter, **Client Relationship Executive and staff at 3M.** His company's corporate sponsorship has helped to assist our members reach their professional business & educational goals. 3M has consistently been at the cutting edge of research & development. They are sure to have the right H.I.M. business solution for you.

Company's Description:

3M is a company that fosters Innovative Technology for a Changing World – 3M Health Information Systems delivers comprehensive software and consulting services to help organizations improve performance across the health-care continuum. 3M offers integrated solutions for transcription, speech recognition, clinical documentation improvement, document management, computer-assisted coding, quality, and revenue cycle management, effectively meeting the healthcare industry's changing needs.

We are proud to have 3M as our Corporate Sponsor and look forward to our continued partnership with this leader in Health Information Technology.

Thank You!

Calendar of Events

November 2010

7-13

**Health Information and
Technology Week**

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**WSHIMA
Board Meeting**

Group Health

12400 E Marginal Way S
Tukwila, WA 98168

To get directions, click here:

<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/5-OhCil6xd>

May 2011

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**WSHIMA
2011 Annual Meeting**

The Davenport Hotel

[Information](#)

April 2012





19 - 21

**2012 WSHIMA Annual
Meeting**





Marriot Seattle Airport

Information to Come

MISSION

-  A code of ethical health information management practices
-  The public's right and high-quality health information
-  The celebration and promotion of diversity
-  Innovation and leadership in advancing health information management practices and standards worldwide

VALUES

-  Advocates public policy that advances HIM practice
-  Provides career, professional development and practice resources
-  Facilitates achievement of standards and provides education opportunities
-  Facilitates member communication



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