Why should a member attend the annual conference?

“Attending the conference allows an individual to receive several CEU credits all in one place. Because it is an In-Person conference, it will give everyone an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from around the state and say hello to anyone new to the conference and/or HIM profession.”

“The conference is a cost-effective way to earn CEs. With early bird pricing you are paying $11.37 per CE. Normal pricing is still a great deal at $18.28 per CE.”

“The conference is a great opportunity to meet and network with your HIM peers.”
Hello!
I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to a fabulous summer!

The OrHIMA Annual Convention is coming up quickly - June **16-18, 2022**, at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Portland. Please join us! Check out the agenda at www.orhima.org – it’s packed with wonderful speakers and guaranteed to be a great time! The best part is... we will be in person. I can’t wait to see everyone – it will be fun to catch-up with old friends and to make new ones.

A big THANK YOU to Darris Mishler, OrHIMA’s Education Director, and the OrHIMA Education Committee. They have done a fantastic job. So please, mark your calendar and plan to attend!

I have been a member of OrHIMA since 1983!!!! Crazy I know. Some of my best friends I have met through an OrHIMA or an AHIMA event. Volunteering with my friends is the best of both worlds – fun times and giving back to a great organization/profession that has done so much for me. So I appreciate all of you that have done so much for OrHIMA and given so much of yourself over the years. THANK YOU! Bonnie Altus, our President-Elect and the Chair of the OrHIMA Nominating Committee has put forward a ballot of wonderful people wanting to volunteer on the Board of OrHIMA. And elections are OPEN! Each OrHIMA member who is eligible to vote should’ve received a ballot via email – so please look for it and VOTE!!!!

That is all for now! I hope to see you all at the conference in Portland! If you would like to speak with me directly, please feel free to email me at president@orhima.org.

Dana

president@orhima.org
President – Elect Message

Bonnie Altus, EdS, MS, RHIA, SHIMSS, CHPS, CPHI, CPMA, CCSP
OrHIMA President-Elect

I am looking forward to the OrHIMA Annual Convention on June 16-18. It has been so long since we have had an in-person meeting. I hope to see a lot of you there.

The ballot is put together for the board election for July 2022 – June 2023. Please watch for emails with the link to vote. All but a couple of the people running are new to board work and OrHIMA leadership so this will be a year where we are focusing on training new leaders for the OrHIMA and AHIMA. I am looking forward to seeing who will be on the board this upcoming year.

AHIMA has developed a set of guiding principles with a governance self-assessment. One goal is to help CSAs develop a culture where people are not burdened by their leadership role. We will be completing this assessment and reviewing the guiding principles with the incoming board at our initial meetings.

The OrHIMA board meetings are typically on WebEx, which means that it is easy to be part of the board regardless of where you live in the state. The meeting times are set up based on the availability of board members. Please go to the OrHIMA website and volunteer to assist with the activities. Towards the end of this calendar year, we will be looking for volunteers to run for board positions for next year, and right after the annual convention, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the nominating committee, the education committee and other things.

Please consider volunteering to help the association.

Bonnie
Registration for the annual conference is open! Please register if you haven’t already. We have a great lineup of speakers this year and are offering over 17 CEs of content. I look forward to seeing everyone in person for the first time.

Detailed information is posted on our website: [https://www.orhima.org/meeting/](https://www.orhima.org/meeting/)

Regards,
Darris Mishler II
OrHIMA Education Director
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**OrHIMA Annual Meeting – Speaker Spotlight**

**Carol Kerr, RHIA, CCS:**
Session: The Art of Coding: In Defense of the Creative Coder

Carol Kerr is currently the HIM Coding Manager for Samaritan Health Services in Corvallis, OR and has been with SHS and Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center since October 2005 and has been in HIM since 1995. Ms. Kerr has thorough knowledge and expertise in ICD-10-CM/PCS and CPT coding rules, DRG sequencing and optimization, the HIM role in the Revenue Cycle, RAC audits, reconciling billing edits, and coding denials. Ms. Kerr is a member of OrHIMA and has given ICD-10-PCS seminars for OrHIMA in 2014 and 2015 and presentations at the OrHIMA Fall Institute in 2019, 2017, 2013 and 2011. She developed and taught the course, Coding in the Hospital Environment, in the Linn Benton Community College’s Medical Office Administration program, to teach concepts of hospital coding and the revenue cycle and how these concepts apply to coding in the hospital versus coding in the physician office setting. Her life prior to HIM was as a middle school teacher, responsible for teaching a variety of subjects, and in retail management. Ms. Kerr holds an AAS in Health Information Technology from Tulsa Junior College and BS degrees in Home Economics Education and Journalism from Oklahoma State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia.
OrHIMA Annual Meeting – Speaker Spotlight

Gloryanne Bryant
Sessions: The Challenges of Selecting Principal Diagnosis, OIG Coding Targets and Action to Take

Gloryanne is the Past-President of CHIA with over 40 years of experience in HIM Coding, CDI, Ethics and Compliance.

She is a sought-after advisor, mentor, national educator, speaker and author on healthcare compliance, reimbursement, CDI, physician querying, documentation, coding regulations (ICD-10-CM/PCS, CPT, MS-DRGs, and HCCs), coding compliance and ethics.

Gloryanne is currently an “Expert Witness” and Consultant in cases relating to MS-DRGs. CPT, Charging and CDI.

OrHIMA Annual Meeting – Speaker Spotlight

April Smith, CCS
Session: Optimizing HIM using Predictive and Performance Analytics

"With thirty (30) years of healthcare experience, April has six (6) years with JTS as an inpatient and outpatient coder and auditor, including enhancing revenue and compliance using nCREAS™ analytics to improve client outcomes. She is member of AHIMA, an AHIMA approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainer and is an AHIMA Credentialed Certified Coding Specialist (CCS).

Previously, April was the Lead Coder at a national HIM professional services firm where she maintained and reported staff productivity, directed coding staff to enhance both accuracy and production goals.

April has extensive experience with DRG/grouper and encoder, having worked with Cerner, Meditech, Thrive hospital information systems, 3M, Quadramed (Clintegrity), Trucode, Thrive Encoder, McKesson and Eclipsys electronic medical record (EMR) in large health teaching networks, Level 1 trauma facilities, cancer and children’s hospitals, local community hospitals, behavioral health and critical access hospitals."
OrHIMA Election – It’s Time to Vote!
Election Closes June 12th

Voting for the OrHIMA Board Election is now open. The election will run until midnight on June 12, 2022.

The ballot includes each candidate's response as to why he/she would like to serve. We encourage you to review the candidate bios and responses prior to casting your votes.

Remind your colleagues to cast their votes as well. Show your support for your professional association and vote!

You will be required to enter your AHIMA ID. Please check your email from June 1st.

Why should a member vote in the OrHIMA election?
- Voting allows members to participate in OrHIMA and choose leaders that will represent their needs for the next year.
- Voting allows members to select the appropriate people that will serve Oregon in various HIM efforts and provide new innovate ways to collaborate and engage with members on items that are important to them.

2022 Ballot Candidates

President-Elect
Darris Mishler, MBA, PMP, CPHIMS, CHTS - IS, CHTS – TS

Communications Director
Jennifer Briscoe, RHIA
Abby Culbreth, RHIT

Education Director
Becca Millar, BSN, RN, CCDS, CCS
Donna-Faye Saddler, RHIT, CCS

Secretary
Sabra Brinkley, RHIA
Tanya DeMauro, RHIT

Treasurer
Michelle Aistear, RHIT
Andrew Williamson, CCA
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For more information on the HIM-BAS program, including a Virtual Information Course visit: https://www.tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/programs/healthinformationmanagement/.

Questions? Feel free to contact our Program Navigator or the Health Information Program Chair.

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Debi Primeau, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA, Primeau Consulting Group’s Founder and President, is pleased to be providing an educational presentation for OrHIMA titled “A Whole New Interoperability World.” During the presentation, Debi will share with attendees how interoperability and the Information Blocking rules offer health information professionals challenges and opportunities to ensure data quality and integrity. In addition, she will discuss how patient matching is critical for interoperability to be successful and review how governance can address healthcare transformation for today and the future.

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Have you joined our Oregon Access Community?

Access is AHIMA’s membership community platform. It has surpassed 15K members and is the place to go for connectivity, knowledge and best practice sharing.

If you have not yet joined a community, check out Access here and explore trending topics in health information and participate in discussions with your peers.

Make sure to join our OrHIMA Access community and share your insights or needs in this community specific to Oregon members.
**Grace Award**

Ninety years ago, the founder of AHIMA, Grace Whiting Myers, was a catalyst for change. She began this association on the conviction that advancements in the collection and organization of health information (HI) will invariably help medical professionals improve public health. Today, the responsible collection, protection, and analysis of HI allows practitioners to provide effective care, innovative economic engines to run, researchers to make life-saving discoveries, and empowers individuals to maintain good health.

Due to Myers’ prescient vision, the AHIMA annual award bears her name: The Grace Award. The Grace Award honors healthcare delivery organizations for their innovative and novel approaches to using health information to deliver high-quality care to patients and for their contributions to our shared mission to *Empower People to Impact Health*.

**Recognize Your Organization’s Accomplishments**

To prepare to apply for this prestigious award, review the award eligibility, application process and requirements.

The [AHIMA Grace Award nominations](https://www.ahima.org) open April 18 and close Friday, July 1 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

**2021 Grace Award Recipient**

**National Institutes of Health Clinical Center Recognized as the 2021 Grace Award Recipient**

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) congratulates the [National Institutes of Health Clinical Center](https://www.ahima.org) as the winner of the 2021 Grace Award. The award, which is named for AHIMA’s founder, Grace Whiting Myers, honors healthcare delivery organizations for their innovative and novel approaches to using health information to deliver high-quality care to patients and for their contributions to our shared mission to *Empower People to Impact Health*. AHIMA will present this honor at AHIMA21.
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