

## CAHIIM Announces 2018 Board Chair, New Board Officers, and Council Members

### Charlotte Barrett Elected to Serve as Chair

*CHICAGO (Dec. 18, 2017)* The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) announces the election of Charlotte S. Barrett, MBA, RHIA, FACHE, Assistant Vice President, Health Information Integrity, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, as Chair of CAHIIM Board of Directors. Barrett will begin her term January 1, 2018.



In her role, Mrs. Barrett will work with the board and CEO Dr. Angela Kennedy to provide strategic direction and fiduciary oversight to CAHIIM. CAHIIM Directors are volunteers that serve in support of quality assurance in higher education within CAHIIM's scope of accreditation services and contribute to the quality performance measures, accreditation standards and processes driving improvements in health informatics and health information management academic programs in colleges and universities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Stakeholder representation is enabled by two Member organizations—the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA).

With more than 30 years of hospital, practice management and education experience in the Miami community, Charlotte has served on numerous healthcare and university committees and boards and has served as an invited speaker for HIMSS and AHIMA. National leadership positions include Past President and Distinguished Member, American Health Information Management Association; and Commissioner and Accreditation Council Member, Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

*"Charlotte's dedication and professional experience will benefit CAHIIM, its members, and the colleges and universities the organization serves," Kennedy said. "CAHIIM's Board of Directors and Accreditation Councils strive to help students, the public, and employers seek the education and graduates that meet their expectations, are prepared for today's complex healthcare environment and tomorrow's health information challenges."*

Barrett stated, *"I am energized by the enthusiasm of our Board, executive office, councils and volunteers to engage in continuous improvement of our accreditation standards. I look forward to a year of program accreditation growth and collaboration with our member organizations AMIA and AHIMA as CAHIIM invites new members and industry partners who support quality accreditation to engage with us."*

### Newly Elected Board Officers and Directors

In addition to Charlotte Barrett's appointment, other newly elected volunteers include 2018 Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, new members of the Board of Directors, and new Council members:



**Chair Elect:** Stuart M. Speedie

Stuart M. Speedie, PhD Professor of Health Informatics and a founding faculty member of the Institute for Health Informatics at the University of Minnesota. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Educational Research from Purdue University and is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics. He was the first elected chair of the AMIA academic forum and presided over its growth to over 60 members. He also directed the Health Informatics Graduate program for ten years and during that time created the Masters in Health Informatics program. He has directed the HRSA-funded Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center since 2007, which provides technical assistance to healthcare providers who are establishing telehealth programs. His research activities focus on taking advantage of existing clinical data in electronic health records to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of clinical research. He is currently involved in the development and use of a large clinical data repository to support clinical researchers. Dr. Speedie has served on the CAHIIM Board as the AMIA nominated member for the last three years, most recently as Treasurer.



**Secretary:** Prudence Dalrymple

Prudence Dalrymple holds a PhD in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an MS in Library Science from Simmons College and received an MS in Health Sciences Informatics from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2008. She has over 40 years' experience in the information professions as a practitioner, researcher and academic administrator. She has served on the CAHIIM since 2015. She was on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University and directed the American Library Association's Office for Accreditation from 1992 to 1997. She retired as Director of the M.S. Health Informatics program at Drexel University's College of Computing and Informatics in 2017. Dr. Dalrymple's scholarly activities encompass three major areas: health informatics, information needs and uses, and evaluation. She is the author of over 60 articles and book chapters and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. Dr. Dalrymple is a Fellow of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



**Treasurer:** Melanie Brodnik

Melanie Brodnik, PhD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA, is currently associate professor emeritus, and part-time faculty member in the Health Information Management and Systems Division at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Prior to assuming her emeritus role, she served as program director for 39 years and as coordinator of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences masters' of science track in Health Informatics. Melanie holds an AA degree in medical record technology from Fullerton Jr. College, a B.S. in medical record administration from Loma Linda University, a M.S. in health science education and evaluation from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a PhD from The Ohio State University's College of Education in research and evaluation. Dr. Brodnik has 45 years of experience as an educator and practitioner in the field. She was President of the AHIMA in 2004 and was on the AHIMA Board of Directors from 1999 to 2005. Dr. Brodnik has served on numerous AHIMA councils and committees throughout her career. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of CAHIIM and is past chair of the Health Information Management Accreditation Council (HIMAC). She is co-editor of the textbook, Fundamentals of Law in Health Informatics and Information Management. She served as editor of Topics in Health Information Management for 21 years and is currently Editor of the AHIMA Foundation research journal Perspectives in Health Information Management. She received the AHIMA Literary Award in 1992 and 2010. In 2006, she received the AHIMA Champion Award and OHIMA Distinguished Member Award and, in 2013, she received the AHIMA Distinguished Member Award.



**Director:** Mervat Abdelhak, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA, is Department Chair and Associate Professor of Health Information Management (HIM) and Health Informatics (HI) at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Under her leadership the Department of Health Information Management continues to offer an Undergraduate program in Health Information Management, two Master's degree programs, one in Health Information Systems and one in Health Care Supervision and Management as well as mentoring PhD students within the schools doctoral program. Dr. Abdelhak is a former President and

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Health Information Management Association. In addition Dr. Abdelhak has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. Dr. Abdelhak is the recipient of the American Health Information Management Association Distinguished Member Award, the Pennsylvania Health Information Management Association Distinguished Member Award; the University of Pittsburgh Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the American Health Information Management Association Edna K. Huffman Literary Award. Dr. Abdelhak is nationally and internationally recognized expert on HIM/HI practice issues and education. She is widely published with over 40+ publications in top HIM/HI journals including the textbook, Health Information: Management of a Strategic Resource, in its 5th edition. She has been an invited speaker with over 100 international and national presentations on education, workforce, EHR, data quality and standards, and other HIM practice issues. She has consulted throughout the USA and Puerto Rico, as well as internationally including Kuwait, Egypt, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Canada. Dr. Abdelhak holds a PhD in Information Science, a Master of Science in Information Science, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Health Record Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Director:** Karen Bakuzonis, PhD, MS, RHIA, CPHI, is an Associate Professor and Program Chair for Health Informatics and Information Management. Dr. Bakuzonis joined Ashford University in January 2013. She completed her undergraduate work at Daemen College, a Master in Healthcare Administration from the Medical College of Virginia-Virginia Commonwealth University and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from the University of Florida. As Program Chair, Dr. Bakuzonis is responsible for providing vision, leadership, and sound administrative practices to support the Health Informatics and Information Management programs. Responsibilities include teaching, leadership, management, service and scholarship. With more than 30 years of combined experience in the healthcare field and higher education, Dr. Bakuzonis brings to the classroom, not only the theory but practical application in healthcare. Dr. Bakuzonis has worked as a department director, consultant, clinic administrator, co-Director of an external quality review organization, program Chair and as a course developer. Dr. Bakuzonis believes while the method of education is online, the student is not alone and her role as a professor to guide and develop her students.

**Director:** Marisa L Wilson, DNSc, MHSc, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAAN, transitioned her career to full time academia after 30 years of clinical care, public health, and operational informatics management work. She is currently an Associate Professor and Specialty Track Coordinator for the MSN Nursing Informatics program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. She is a core faculty member in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program teaching informatics for the transformation of care. Dr. Wilson is also an Associate faculty member for the Informatics Institute of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. She was a 2012 American Association of Colleges of Nursing Leadership for Academic Nursing fellow. She was the Director of Masters Programs, taught in the MS informatics and DNP programs, and mentored graduate students at both the University of Maryland School of Nursing and the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Dr. Wilson is actively involved in both AMIA and HIMSS through her work with informatics continuing education programs and mentorship of new informaticians.

The newly elected board members join the following current CAHIIM Board of Directors:

- Judy Warren, PhD, RN, BC, FAAN, FACMI, CAHIIM Past Chair
- Duane M. Kirking, PharmD, PhD, CAHIIM Public Member
- Eric Swirsky, JD, MA
- Joan Straumanis, PhD, CAHIIM Public Member
- Dorine Bennett, EdD, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA
- Sue Boren, PhD, MHA, HIAC Chair
- Hertencia Bowe, EdD, RHIA, FAHIMA, HIMAC Chair

## Newly Elected Council Members

**Health Informatics Accreditation Council (HIAC) Council Member:** Robert Hoyt, MD, received his undergraduate education at the University of Virginia and his medical education at Virginia Commonwealth University. While still on active duty in the US Navy he became interested and involved with multiple implementations of health information technology. As a result of this experience and additional education at Stanford University, he created a Medical (Health) Informatics program at the University of West Florida in 2004. He noted early on that there were no current and practical textbooks on the subject so he launched Health Informatics: Practical Guide for Healthcare and Information Technology Professionals in 2007. All book proceeds are donated towards educational and research initiatives. The seventh edition is in progress with Dr. Bill Hersh as co-editor and author. Dr. Hoyt has also been involved with clinical and informatics research over the past decade and he has published and lectured extensively in these areas. He is a reviewer for McMaster Online Review of Evidence (MORE) and the National Board of Medical Examiners. He became board certified in Clinical Informatics in 2015.

**Health Information Management Accreditation Council (HIMAC) Council Member:** Anita C. Hazelwood, Ed.D, RHIA, FAHIMA, is a Professor and Allied Health Department Head in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She served as the Health Information Management program director for 4 years and has been a credentialed Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) for over 42 years. Anita is the recipient of the Lafayette General Medical Center/ BORSF Professorship in Health Sciences and received the 2006 Ray P. Authement Teaching Excellence Award at her university which is the highest honor awarded to a faculty member. She is very active at the University serving on a number of committees and workforces. She also serves as the Faculty Athletics Representative for the University. Anita is an AHIMA ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS trainer and has conducted numerous ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM and CPT coding workshop throughout the state for hospitals and physicians' offices. She has written numerous articles and co-authored chapters in several HIM textbooks. Anita has co-authored several coding books including "ICD-10-CM and ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Coding and Reimbursement for Physician Services", "Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-based (CCS-P) Exam Preparation" and "ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Preview" for which she won AHIMA's Legacy Award in 2003. On a professional level, Anita is a member of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and has served on various committees and boards. She recently served on the AHIMA Foundation Leadership Initiative Advisory Council. She is currently a member of the Graduate Resource Alliance of the Council on Excellence in Education of the AHIMA. She also served on the CEE Faculty Development workgroup. Anita is a member of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) and was honored with the Career Achievement award in 2017. She was selected as its 1997 Distinguished Member. She has served throughout the years as President, President-elect, Treasurer, Strategy manager and Board Member and has directed numerous committees and projects.

## About CAHIIM

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