CAHIIM Announces 2019 Board Chair, New Board Officers, and Council Members

Stuart Speedie Elected to serve as Chair

Chicago, Illinois (May 1, 2019)   The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) announces the chair term of Dr. Stuart Speedie, PhD, FACMI, as Chair of CAHIIM Board of Directors for 2019.

Dr. Speedie has served on the CAHIIM Board as the AMIA nominated member for the last four years. He is currently a Professor Emeritus 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 PhD in Educational Research. Dr. Speedie has over 40 years of professional experience serving in health-related educational programs and has served as Director for numerous graduate 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. Speedie stated, "As Board Chair I look forward to leading a group of expert, dedicated and hard-working volunteers to carry out the mission of CAHIIM in the upcoming year"

As Chair of the Board, Speedie will work with the Board and CEO, Dr. Angela Kennedy, to set strategic goals and provide strong leadership over CAHIIM. "In the next year, CAHIIM will continue the evolution of its organization and processes to better serve the programs it accredits through high quality, independent, thorough and timely accreditation activities," Speedie stated.

Newly Elected Board Officers and Council Chair

In addition to the appointment of Stuart Speedie as Chair of the Board, CAHIIM elected new volunteers including the 2019 Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, new members of the Board of Directors, and new Council members:

Chair Elect: Melanie Brodnik

Melanie Brodnik, PhD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA, is associate Professor Emeritus in the Health Information Management and Systems Division at The Ohio State University. She served as program director for 39 years and as coordinator of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Master of Science track in Health Informatics. She is project manager for a multi-year contract with IBM Watson Health to update AHRQ HCUP databases using I-10-CM/PCS. She was President of the AHIMA in 2004 and was on the AHIMA Board of Directors from 1999 to 2005. She is Editor of the AHIMA Foundation research journal Perspectives in Health Information Management and co- editor of the textbook, Fundamentals of Law in Health Informatics and Information Management. She received the AHIMA Literary Award in 1992 and 2010 and the AHIMA Champion Award in 2006. In 2013, she received both the OHIMA and AHIMA Distinguished Member Awards.

Secretary: Eric Swirsky

Eric S. Swirsky, JD, MA is faculty and the director of graduate studies in the Department of Biomedical and Health Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where he also holds appointments in the Honors College and the medical school's Department of Pathology. Professor Swirsky has created applied ethics and professionalism curricula from the undergraduate through post-doctoral levels across disciplines, including clinical health informatics, health information management, rehabilitation sciences, and medicine. His areas of expertise are related to ethical use of data, medical technologies, clinical interventions, and the sociotechnical milieu in which they converge. Swirsky's scholarly interests have focused upon ethical conundrums attendant to the use of digital and information technologies in healthcare; in particular, he is interested in impacts upon medical education, clinical relationships, the delivery of health services, economics, and end-of-life decision-making. For CAHIIM, Professor Swirsky serves as secretary of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Governance Committee.

Treasurer and Public Member: Duane Kirking

Duane M. Kirking is Professor Emeritus, College of Pharmacy and Research Scientist Emeritus, School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. He received his BS in pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and PharmD from the University of Kentucky where he also completed a clinical pharmacy residency. Kirking received a master's degree in public administration and a PhD in administrative and social sciences in pharmacy from The Ohio State University. Kirking has over 40 years of research, service and teaching related to assessing and improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of medication use. Among his administrative duties at the University of Michigan, he co-founded and later directed its Center for Medication Use, Policy, and Economics. Kirking has been selected for numerous federal and state agency committees.

He continues to serve on several other volunteer, health- and education-related boards. Most notable is his nearly 30-year volunteer tenure with the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), including five years as Chairman of the Board.

2019 CAHIIM Board of Directors

- Stuart Speedie, PhD, FACMI, *CAHIIM Chair*

- Melanie Brodnik, PhD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA, *CAHIIM Chair Elect*

- Charlotte Barrett, MBA, FACHE, RHIA, *CAHIIM Past Chair*

- Mervat Abdelhak, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA, *CAHIIM Director*

- Karen Bakuzonis, PhD, MS, RHIA, CPHI, *CAHIIM Director*

- Dorine Bennett, EdD, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA, *CAHIIM Director*

- Marisa L. Wilson, DNSc, MHSc, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAAN, *CAHIIM Director*

- Duane M. Kirking, PharmD, PhD, *CAHIIM Treasurer and Public Member*

- Eric Swirsky, JD, MA, *CAHIIM Secretary*

- Prudence Dalrymple, MS, PhD, MS, FMLA, *CAHIIM Director*

- Judith Warren, PhD, RN, BC, FAAN, FACMI, *CAHIIM Director*

- Marisa L. Wilson, DNSc, MHSc, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAAN, *CAHIIM Director*

- Joan Straumanis, PhD, *Public Member*

- Suzanne Boren, PhD, MHA, ex officio, *Chair of HIMAC*

- Leslie Gordon, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA, ex officio, *Chair of HIMAC*

- Angela Kennedy, EdD, MBA, RHIA, ex officio, *CAHIIM CEO*

Newly Elected Council Chair

Health Information Management Accreditation Council (HIMAC) Council Chair: Leslie Gordon, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA

Ms. Gordon is the Campus Administrator for the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) Sitka Campus. She served as the Health Information Management HIM) Program Director for many years at UAS. Ms. Gordon received an Associate of Applied Science degree from UAS, a Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Science degree from The College of St. Scholastica. She holds the Registered Health Information Administrator Credential and is a Fellow of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Ms. Gordon is an active volunteer at the state, national and international levels for HIM, serving for many years on the Alaska State HIM Association (AKHIMA) Board, and on the CAHIIM HIM Council. She is the co-editor of AHIMAs *Health Information Technology: An Applied Approach 5th Edition*.

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