NMHIMA’s annual Spring conference is coming up! It will be held at the Sandia Golf Resort On April 11th & 12th. There is an excellent panel of speakers, and many interesting topics being presented. To view our Agenda please visit our website at http://www.nmhima.org/upcoming-events/.

There will be 7 CEU’s given per day, for a total of 14 CEU’s if you attend both days. We will also be distributing the CEU’s in person after the conference. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days, along with a morning and afternoon snack. If you would like to suggest any food themes you’d like to see, simply respond to this email.

For our out of town guests, we have a room block at the Sandia Resort & Casino, so please let us know if you will need to book a room and we will supply you with the information. Also keep in mind the $25 discount ends this Friday, so purchase your tickets soon!

The following discounts apply to the registrations received by the date below (students excluded):

$25 discount from 1/28 until February 15th (ENDS soon!)
$20 discount from 2/16 until March 1st
$10 discount from 3/2 until March 15th

To purchase tickets online please select the following link:


This link will take you directly to our webpage where tickets can be purchased online. You can also purchase tickets by completing the registration form and emailing it to us at NMHIMA@gmail.com

Save money & reserve your spot today!
NMHIMA Exhibitor Review

NMHIMA attended their first ever conference as an exhibitor! On Friday, November 9, 2018, the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC)- Statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) hosted its 3rd annual users’ conference, which NMHIMA participated as a vendor. The conference was located in Santa Fe and Las Cruces, NM and the two conference sites were connected via live streaming so attendees from each location were able to view the presentations of each speaker live.

NMHIMA successfully reached out to many people at the NMHIC conference, and provided information about our scholarship, our upcoming annual spring conference, and the Fall newsletter was also printed and given away. NMHIMA displayed our information with save the date cards, flyers, candy, and a label machine was given away as a prize. NMHIMA’s nominating committee, Kacey Holt, & Dion Mendoza attended with the President, Erica Lopez. Being a vendor for the first time was extremely beneficial, as we were able to promote the HIM profession.

NMHIC is the health information exchange for the state who promotes the sharing of health information for improved efficiencies, reduced costs, and improved patient and provider experience and outcomes. If patient health information is shared, it can be accessible when and where needed, which can help providers to make more informed healthcare decisions, and can reduce redundant tests and expenses to the patients. By sharing information statewide, it can also provide population health data. The interoperability services offered by NMHIC conveniently interface with multiple EHR systems, so participants can connect their hospital to the health information exchange. The clinical data repository consolidates data from a variety of clinical sources to present one single view of the patient.

The types of data stored in the repository are patient demographics, history, diagnoses, medications, immunizations, procedures, insurance information, labs, pathology, radiology, allergies, and any patient notes. The Enterprise Master Patient Index database verifies the identity of the patient to consolidate the patient records into one single record. This allows for one patient, who has been seen by multiple facilities statewide, to have one unified integrated longitudinal medical record. NMHIMA supports this exchange of patient information, and supports the vision and mission of NMHIC. If your hospital is not involved in the statewide health information exchange, please contact Michelle Bowdich, Director of Outreach & Communications for more information at 505-938-9909 or via email at info@nmhic.org. You can also view more information at the following link: https://www.nmhic.org/aboutus
Are you interested in being on the NMHIMA Board?

We are seeking new applicants for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2019. The positions needed are:

- Secretary (2 year commitment)
- Treasurer (2 year commitment)
- Member At Large (3 year commitment)
- Nominating Committee (1 year commitment)
- Student Member (1 year commitment)

If you are interested in applying simply reply to this email so we can send you more information. Please stay tuned to our next newsletter to see specific details of deadlines.

**NMHIMA 2019 Scholarship**

NMHIMA will be giving away a $500.00 scholarship to a student in the Health Information Management profession. The application to apply is located on our website at [http://www.nmhima.org/nmhima-scholarships/](http://www.nmhima.org/nmhima-scholarships/) and it is also attached to this email. $500 will be awarded on April 12, 2019 and the deadline to apply is April 1, 2019. This scholarship is for Associate or Baccalaureate level students, who are part time or full time, attending an accredited college. Please see below for further eligibility requirements:

- Minimum requirement of 3.0 GPA
- Part time or full time student, not in their last semester
- Major in Health Information Management or any related discipline, such as Health Information Technology or Coding
- All of the above items must be proven and documents should be submitted with application
- Must apply by the deadline of 4/1/2019

We encourage you to apply or send the information to someone you know who’s interested! We are excited to offer the scholarship again this year!

**AHIMA Calling All Leaders for 2020 Positions**

Take the next step in leadership! Apply for an Elected Volunteer Position with AHIMA! AHIMA is searching for qualified AHIMA members from the Active or Emeritus member categories to fill the roles of:

- President/Chair-elect (1 position)
- Speaker-Elect of the House of Delegates (1 position)
- Board of Directors (3 positions)
- Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Commissioners
- Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) Members (5 positions)

The President/Chair-elect, Board of Directors, CCHIIM Commissioner and CEE Council Member positions have three-year terms and the Speaker-Elect has a two-year term. All terms begin on January 1, 2020. Descriptions, duties, and qualifications for each of these elected positions are available on the [Call for Volunteers](http://www.ahima.org/volunteer) web page in the Elected tab. Before you apply, assess your leadership skills and abilities with the [AHIMA Volunteer Competencies](http://www.ahima.org/volunteer) Self-Assessment Tool. Nominations are due March 31, 2019.

**NMHIMA Closing**

We thank you for your continued support and for being a member of AHIMA! If you would like more information on any of the topics reviewed in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you at our conference in the Spring!

*Cheers,*

*NMHIMA Board*