

## Coming Events - Mark your calendars!



### December Virtual Coding

Lynn Kuhn, MS, RHIA  
Spinal Procedure Coding  
December 9, 12:00-1:00 pm



### CtHIMA Annual Conference

One Day Annual Event  
Date TBD



### Spring Behavioral Health Educational Session

Target Date: April 2022

December 2021

# CtHIMA News

*CtHIMA, a non-profit organization whose members are experts in health information, promote and advance national standards in order to foster excellence through advocacy, professional development, innovation and leadership.*

## 2021 House of Delegates Annual Meeting Summary

The 2021 House of Delegates (HoD) annual meeting was held virtually on September 19th. There were 188 delegates attending the HoD from 50 of the 52 CSA (component state associations) and 10 members of the AHIMA Board of Directors.

The HoD business meeting was conducted also. There were no action items. One motion was suggested under new business. It was to consider having the HoD Annual Meeting on a weekday. This motion was deferred to committee for consideration.

The delegates also broke into eight groups for Strategic Pathfinder discussions. Delegates identified future opportunities for the profession aligned with AHIMA's Strategic Plan and discussed desired competencies and skills needed for the evolving health information industry. Additional materials from these sessions will be posted on the *HoD Access Community*, as well as in further discussions.

## Education

The CtHIMA Board has been busy planning upcoming educational sessions and strategy for the year to come.

After much discussion and feedback from members it has been determined that the Annual CtHIMA Conference will return to the one-day event format. Feedback included the ease of attendance for members without the cost of overnight stays, quality sessions in a condensed format, and affordability.

Topic suggestions offered are updates on the proposed HIPAA changes, Information Blocking, the Surprise Billing policy, Behavioral Health, The Cares Act and others. As always a member favorite request for speakers Jennifer Cox, and Carl Schiessl for legislative updates.

In addition to the format and topics the Board is actively seeking venues that would be able to accommodate our needs (size, budget, accessibility). [Do you have a suggestion? Please contact any board member - we want to hear from you!](#)

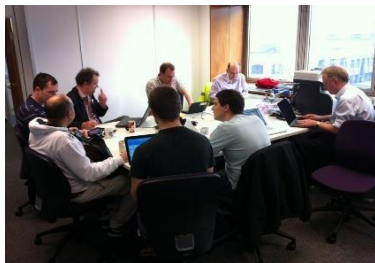
## Board Activity

The CtHIMA board continues to meet regularly despite the challenge of social distancing! We have adopted virtual meetings - phone, zoom and most recently a welcomed F2F meeting.

Strategy for future meetings and educational sessions including accessibility and safety for our members is our utmost concern.

Virtual meetings have been taking place this past year that included sessions from Jennifer Cox (a member favored request) and most recently Lynn Kuhn for coding updates.

As we look to the year to come we are attempting to find the balance and have something for everyone - F2F (face to face) and virtual sessions. That said we are looking to offer more F2F for 2022 beginning with a behavioral health educational session in the spring (target date of April). Stay tuned - more to come!



## Upcoming Events:

**December 9th Virtual coding session: Spinal Procedure Coding.** Registration details have been sent - check your "spam" or "junk" mail if you haven't received your invite. Register today - space is filling up quickly!

**Behavioral Health Educational Session.** Target date April 2022 More information TBA

**CtHIMA Annual Conference - One Day Event. Date TBD**

## Virtual Meetings and Online Experiences - Fun or Frustration?

As we round out 2021 and look to 2022 we're pretty sure most of you (including us) can attest to the many things we have learned about about our colleagues, virtual meetings and online social networking in this "new world" of teleworking and social distancing.

How much did you learn about your colleagues (inadvertently) with online meetings (yikes!)? Most of us would probably agree that we have learned a bit more tolerance and acceptance in the virtual world of meetings - dogs barking, cats parading over keyboards, kids and others bouncing in and out of the screens. And how about spilled coffee and missed crumbs on your keyboard and the "intrusion" of someone in your household walking through your meeting...? With that thought in mind we thought it would be fun to share some "newfound internet slang" with you. *How many do you already know?*

WIP	Wrap it up	SRSLY	Seriously	UOK	You ok	UGTBK	You got to be kidding
WTG	Way to go	WDYK	What do you know	WAWA	Where are we at	TTG	Time to go
WRT	With regard to	W/E	Whatever	WCA	Who cares anyway	SRY	Sorry
WITP	What is the point	OMG	Oh my gosh	HMU	Hit me up	PLMK	Please let me know
TTYL	Talk to you later	BRB	Be right back	THT	Think happy thoughts	GBTW	Get back to work

And as a sign of the times Merriam-Webster is adding the phrase "digital nomad" to the dictionary. A digital nomad is the new name for remote workers who move from city to city, around the world. Other new terms related to remote teleworking include "co-working" and "gig worker." And last but not least have you seen the term "amirite" (am I right), FTW (for the win) and TBH (to be honest).

We hope you enjoy our attempt to bring you some untraditional but relevant "news" as we continue to navigate the online, virtual, social distancing of our new normal. "**AMIRITE?**"



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