



CSOHIMSS 3rd Quarter Newsletter, Fiscal Year 2007-2008

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Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2008

Taking Action in Columbus

After several years of successful national advocacy activities in Washington, D.C. by National HIMSS, the CSOHIMSS and NOHIMSS Chapters are planning to join forces to conduct the first annual Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day. On Wednesday, May 14, 2008, Ohio HIMSS representation from both CSOHIMSS and NOHIMSS will be in Columbus to meet with state-level elected officials to help influence the course of Ohio State Law as it relates to the advancement of Health Information Technology. This is being done in coordination with National HIMSS Advocacy so as to compliment and not conflict with national activities.

While National HIMSS is focusing on a coordinated effort with the United States Congress, state chapters all over the country have begun to do the same thing at local levels with great success. Ohio chapters have often been perceived as leaders among HIMSS Chapters so it comes as no surprise that we have stepped up as leaders again.

Participation is FREE!!!

If you would like to register or no more about this exciting event, you can read all about it on website with a [Local Advocacy](#) page dedicated to this event.

Tri-State Luncheon at 2008 HIMSS Conference

Huge Success!!!

This past February, the Central and Southern Ohio Chapter of HIMSS partnered with the neighboring Indiana HIMSS Chapter to organize a multi-chapter luncheon. With well over 100 people in attendance, the turnout was far better than any of us could have imagined.

This year's luncheon was the product of the continued success of previous year's luncheons. Due to last year's success and aggressive marketing, attendance for the 2008 Luncheon at the HIMSS National Conference in Orlando included a lot of old friends and many new ones. The buffet was catered professionally and the organization of the event went off without a hitch. In addition, with the sponsorship of corporate partners, there was no cost to any of the chapters' members in attendance.

This multi-chapter forum allowed these closely neighboring chapters to interact in a way otherwise not possible. It provided a sense of cohesion that we all agreed would lead to mutual benefit on future endeavors. In addition, each year's luncheon is substantially better funded due to the generous donation and support of our many chapter sponsors.

As a result, these neighboring chapters will likely support and attend future events with one another. Finally, all participating chapters agreed that this luncheon will be a regular event at future HIMSS Nationals. Plans are already underway for the multi-chapter luncheon to be held at the 2009 National HIMSS conference in Chicago. We invite all to attend and there is no cost to chapter members (a free lunch!). If you have any suggestions for improvement of the multi-chapter luncheon and/or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us directly. For those of you who are interested in learning more about what's going on at our neighboring chapters, visit their websites at: www.bluegrasshimss.org, www.indianahimss.org, or you can get involved more with our own chapter.

CSOHIMSS Announcement: 2007-2008 Annual Board Elections

Now Accepting Nominations

Do you want to be on the CSOHIMSS Chapter Board?

CSOHIMSS 2008 Spring Conference

May 2nd, 2008

The CSOHIMSS Chapter Board is in the early planning stages for the 2008 Spring Conference. The general theme for the conference will be Managing Change in a Healthcare Environment. Suggested topics include: Pharmacy Requirements, State & Federal Advocacy, Clinical Informatics, etc. Please join us on Friday, May 2nd at the Nelson Conference Center, Kettering Medical Center, 3535 Southern Blvd., Kettering, Ohio! Additionally, we are please to announce that we are able to maintain our discounted Registration Fee of \$45. If you would like to preregister now, you can [Register Securely Online](#) See you there!

CSOHIMSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship

Every year, CSOHIMSS Chapter is offers our annual Jane A. Blank Distinguished Member Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000.00 scholarship along with a one-year HIMSS membership (\$30.00 value) to an undergraduate or graduate student studying in the healthcare information or healthcare management systems field.

After reviewing the many candidates who applied, the Board has made its final selection for this year and the winner will be notified shortly. You will be able to meet the winner at the Spring Conference on May 2nd and will be announced in the next newsletter.

The CSOHIMSS Chapter Board is pleased to announce that we will be holding Annual Elections in the next few months. As such, most of the Board Positions will be open to general election. If you have ever thought about getting more involved in the Central & Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter, now is the time to do it! Plus, participation on the CSOHIMSS Board will earn you valuable HIMSS Points towards advancement to Senior Member or Fellow.

Right now, we are accepting nominations for the following positions:

- Vice President/Treasurer: 1 year term
- Secretary: 1 year term
- Program Chair: 1 year term
- Communications Chair: 1 year term
- Membership Chair: 1 year term
- Sponsorship Chair: 1 year term

Details about these position can be found in the [Chapter Bylaws](#).

Additionally, all CSOHIMSS Board Positions come with the benefit of one year National HIMSS dues paid, as a thank you for the volunteer commitment and service to the Chapter.

If you are interested, please submit your name for consideration to contactus@csohimss.org as soon as possible. So, hurry up and submit your name soon! Current Board members are always listed on the Left Panel of the most recent Newsletter as well as on the Chapter Website at: www.csohimss.org.

All Board positions come with seat on the Board of Directors for the chapter and will carry with them either a one year or two year term. FYI, if you are ever interested in becoming a chapter President, serving on the Board for a minimum of one year is a prerequisite. Also, get plugged into what is going on at the chapter level and have an influential voice in what activities and conferences our chapter sponsors.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in chapter activities or if you are interested in volunteering in any other capacity, please contact Chapter President Marc Beasley, at contactus@csohimss.org.

Deadline: Nominations must be received by May 30, 2008

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the healthcare information and management systems industry. Review criteria are focused on academic achievement, service activities, technical skills, career goals, demonstration of leadership potential, and communication skills. The \$1,000.00 scholarship (cash award) and one year HIMSS membership is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the CSOHIMSS Scholarship Committee.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship in the future, download the [Scholarship Application](#) or visit our web site at www.csohimss.org for more information.

Board Members for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

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