



CSOHIMSS 2nd Quarter Newsletter, Fiscal Year 2008-2009

January 23, 2009

## President's Message

I first want to thank all of the members who attended the Fall Conference on Nov 7, 2008 at the Worthington Hills Country Club. The day did start with a few technical glitches associated with the presentations, for which I apologize. We quickly overcame those issues, however, and have learned from our experience. The surveys that were returned to us indicate that the speakers were generally well received. We are always looking for speakers and/or ideas for topics. If you know of a speaker or have a topic you would like to have presented, please contact our [Program Chair](#).

We look forward to hosting the 2nd Annual Ohio Advocacy Day at the Statehouse on Feb 25, 2009 and hope that many of you will be able to attend. Please note that this event is free and we hope to hear from a leader in the Governor's healthcare reform effort specific to healthcare technology. Please visit our [Calendar of Events](#) or [Register Securely Online](#). While you are registering for Advocacy Day, you can also register for the Multi-Chapter Luncheon at the Annual Conference in Chicago. The Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. This event is a great opportunity to link up with old friends and to network both with other chapter members and members in chapters contiguous to ours. Again this event is free to all chapter members. I hope to meet with you at each of these events.

I can't continue to talk about our free events without thanking our many sponsors. We feel fortunate to have long-term relationships with many of our sponsors and want to welcome our four new sponsors. Visit our [Chapter Sponsors](#) page to review the many sponsors who help support the chapter and our events. Please take the opportunity to speak with them while attending one of our events; they would be more than willing to assist you with any questions you may have.

## Ohio HIMSS 2009 Advocacy Day

### Healthcare Information Technology Professionals to Solicit Support from

#### Ohio Political Leaders

The [Northern Ohio HIMSS Chapter](#) (NOHIMSS) and [Central & Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter](#) (CSOHIMSS) are sponsoring the 2nd annual Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio! This jointly organized, state-level event, aims to directly engage state officials and promote the use of healthcare information technology (HIT) for the benefit of all Ohioans. In 2007, the Commonwealth Fund published their [State Scorecard on Health System Performance](#) which ranked Ohio as 24th of 50 states in measures related to access, quality, avoidable hospital use and costs, equity, and healthy lives. HIMSS Advocacy Day will propose HIT solutions to enable Ohio to move from 24th to 1st on the State Scorecard.

Our success depends on your participation at Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009. This event is free to participants! Along with meeting Ohio's political leaders, you will learn valuable lessons and gain insights into HIT and its role in our political system. If you would like to be more involved, please contact Rick Moore, the CSOHIMSS [Advocacy Chair](#).

Visit our website to [Register Securely Online](#) or to [Sponsor](#) this event.

## Multi-Chapter Luncheon at 2009 HIMSS Annual Conference

### Free for CSOHIMSS Members

Once again, CSOHIMSS is partnering with neighboring chapters at the 2009 National HIMSS Conference in Chicago to hold a Multi-Chapter Luncheon. This event has been a great success in years past, with attendance that has exceeded 200. If you are going to be in Chicago for the 2009 HIMSS Conferences, the Multi-Chapter Luncheon is an event you won't want to miss. To ensure adequate accommodations we ask that you register by March 6th 2009.

## Register for Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009

February 25th,  
2009

The CSOHIMSS Chapter Board is in the process of planning of Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009. Participation is free and lunch is included! For additional information visit our [Advocacy](#) webpage. If you would like to preregister now, you can [Register Securely Online](#). See you there!

## Register for the Multi-Chapter Luncheon

April 7th, 2009

This event is free for all CSOHIMSS members. Please go to our [Calendar of Events](#) for details. Remember, preregistration is required for this event, so don't delay: [Register Securely Online](#). See you there!

## Board Members for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

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## CSOHIMSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship

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

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, download the [Scholarship Application](#) or visit our web site at [www.csohimss.org](http://www.csohimss.org) for more information. Application submission deadline is March 31st, 2009. Good luck!

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## Book Review

### Forgive and Remember

By Charles L. Bosk

Professor of sociology and medical ethics at the University of Pennsylvania and author of the leading sociological study on the training of surgeons, Charles L. Bosk deserves the praise of the medical industry. Published in 1979, *Forgive and Remember* provides timeless insights into the social mechanisms and hierarchy of a medical staff and is recommended reading for healthcare providers and consumers alike. As stated in the Journal of the American Medical Association, "certainly those who are all too eager to criticize the medical profession should read this book. It could generate some mutual understanding between public and profession." This account of surgical trial-by-fire examines the role of failure in medical training and the establishment of medical authority amongst peers. *Forgive and Remember* is nothing short of great reading.

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