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## **To Advance Your Profession: Advance In HIMSS! By Jane A. Blank, FHIMSS, CPTH**

Senior Member and Fellow status in HIMSS honors members for their contributions to HIMSS, other local and national healthcare organizations, and to the healthcare industry in general. Advancement is an award and recognition for service, not simply an acknowledgment for years of membership in HIMSS.

The emphasis for professional growth and advancement in the Society is placed on honoring members who provide substantial service to the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and to the greater healthcare community.

Individuals who advance to Senior Member or Fellow status are leaders within the Society, which implies not only recognition for past contributions but also the expectation of continuing participation and contributions to HIMSS and the healthcare community.

Within HIMSS, Fellows have a separate forum and are asked to participate at a leadership level throughout the organization. Not only will you be recognized within HIMSS but this is a select group and should add credibility within your organization and also with your peers. It certainly will look good on your resume too!

To be eligible to advance within HIMSS to first Senior then (two years later) Fellow you must meet the following criteria:

**Senior Member:** Minimum of 3 years of membership in HIMSS,

CHIM, and/or CPRI-HOST and have a minimum of 50 HIMSS points, and a minimum of 100 total points.

**Fellow status:** Minimum of 5 yrs of membership and have a minimum of 100 HIMSS points, and a minimum of 200 total points.

The advancement process is not as complicated as it might appear at first glance but it does require a bit of organization on your part.

Every thing you have done needs to be documented. Even if you have not yet been a member of the HIMSS National for three years, you can begin to document your activities. That might be keeping a copy of a brochure for a conference you attend, a CEU certificate, etc. In cases where you just cannot find anything tangible, you can submit this in writing and that is often acceptable.

The application is broken down into eight categories. Activities within that category are assigned points and there are a maximum number of points that can be earned for each activity and in each category.

You may also earn points from both HIMSS and non-HIMSS activities. Basically this assures that a HIMSS Senior Member or Fellow is well-rounded and has participated in all areas of advancement.

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**HIMSS Advancement (cont.):****Years of National Membership:**

All points are HIMSS points, 3 years for Senior Member, 5 years for Fellow.

**Education:** All points are non-HIMSS points and vary depending on education level.

**Certification:** CPHIMS is 25 HIMSS points, all others vary depending on certification.

**Experience/Job Responsibility:** All points are non-HIMSS points and vary depending on position and responsibility.

**Publications/Presentations:**

Points can be both HIMSS and non-HIMSS, depending on the publication and/or venue.

**Professional Participation:** This refers to participation in either National or Chapter HIMSS, such as committees or officers. Non-HIMSS points can be earned for participation in non-HIMSS organizations.

**Professional Development:**

Awards points for attendance to professional development conferences, such as National HIMSS. Non-HIMSS points are awarded for attendance to non-HIMSS conferences.

**Awards/Honors:** Points can be earned for any award or honor the applicant has received in either a HIMSS or non-HIMSS organization. Points vary depending on award/honor.

Becoming a HIMSS Senior or Fellow will open new doors in your career. Take the time to improve your professional standing as a technology professional in healthcare! Let HIMSS lead the way.

For an application and more information, refer to the HIMSS National website at:

[www.himss.org](http://www.himss.org). Good luck!

***Member Spot Light:*****Jerry Schwartz, Senior Consultant, IBM Business Consulting Services**

Jerry has been very active in the CSOHIMSS Chapter for several years. He just completed his term as Vice President/Treasurer and now serves as Chapter President. Jerry is excited about the opportunities the chapter offers, and hopes to encourage a larger number of members to become involved.

Jerry has over 16 years of experience in the healthcare industry with the last five years focused on information technology in healthcare. Jerry's experience covers a variety of settings including inpatient care, managed care operations, healthcare sales/marketing and consulting in both practitioner and management roles.

Jerry started his career as a pediatric ICU/CCU nurse at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. After obtaining his Master's degree, Jerry worked with the Integra Group, a regional managed care network in southwest Ohio. He then served as regional sales manager for a disease management company before moving on to IBM

***Success Story: CPOE-Conference, April 4, 2003***

As you may remember from the Success Story in our last newsletter, St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio had completed the first step in a major CPOE project to improve the delivery of patient care.

Therefore, it was no surprise that St. Rita's was the host of

the Central & Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter's regional conference on CPOE.

While many members who attended the HIMSS San Diego conference may have been "CPOE'd" out, there are still more members who were not able to attend the national conference, but wanted to learn more about practical CPOE.

As a result, this regional CPOE conference was considered to be timely and effective. The attendance was high and the feedback was very positive.

Of the 43 participants, the breakdown was: RNs 40%, CIS/IS 26%, MDs 12%, Pharmacists 9%, Other 4%, Unknown 9%.

Satisfaction surveys received from attendees yielded an average score of 3.8 out of a possible 4.0, where 1 = Poor and 4 = Excellent.

In addition, attendees suggested future conference subjects include Community Systems.

Finally, profit generated by this conference was estimated about \$2,500. Please note that profits generated are used by the chapter to help provide these types of conferences for our members, member networking luncheons, and other chapter events to benefit our membership.

If you have any suggestions for future conferences and/or member activities, such as a luncheon or golf outing, please forward your suggestions to the chapter Board or Directors or e-mail us at:

[contactus@csohimss.org](mailto:contactus@csohimss.org)

*Darby Dennis,  
CSOHIMSS Vice President*

## Chapter Business, Activities and Participation:

### Calendar of Events:

Event	Date & Time	Location	Registration Fee
<b>No events scheduled at this time</b>			

### Open Positions:

Currently, the CSOHIMSS Chapter has several vacant positions on the Board of Directors. We are seeking any members of the CSOHIMSS Chapter to volunteer their services if they would be interested in filling any positions. The current open position is:

- Telecommunications Liaison

Active participation has its advantages! Members who participate in this capacity earn valuable HIMSS points which are necessary for advancement to Senior Member or Fellow status within HIMSS.

In addition, you will be 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 any of these positions or if you are interested in volunteering in any other capacity, please contact Jerry Schwartz, Chapter President, for more information.

### Open Request to Members:

The CSOHIMSS Chapter has an open request to all members for any subject or issue that they would like to see the chapter address.

Addressing the issue could be in the form of a feature article or a conference presentation (either locally or nationally).

All suggestions welcome. Please consider those that are current, relevant and of pressing concern to the contemporary healthcare environment.

Presentation suggestions should be forwarded to Jerry Schwartz. Article suggestions should be forwarded to Sean McPhillips.

### Academic Scholarships:

CSOHIMSS is considering offering two \$500 scholarships to college students for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors unanimously agreed to the program at the Board Retreat on June 6, 2003.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the winning applicants will receive a complimentary one-year membership in National HIMSS as well as membership in the CSOHIMSS Chapter.

If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Jerry Schwartz for more information.

### Chapter Sponsorship:

As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, the Board of Directors for the Central and Southern Ohio Chapter of HIMSS have simplified the Chapter Sponsorship to better serve the membership.

The new pricing structure and benefits are as follow:

**Event Sponsor:** \$150 per event. Company name appears as sponsor for one event.

**Chapter Sponsor:** \$400 per year. Company name and logo will appear on the Chapter Website and will also be considered a sponsor of all chapter events for the term of their sponsorship. Annual sponsorship terms begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and end the following June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any company that wishes to sponsor at some point during a term, the sponsorship fee will be prorated \$100 by quarter.

If your company is interested in becoming an Event/Chapter Sponsor or if you have any suggestions as to how companies may benefit better from sponsorship.

*Note: Benefits may change to better serve our sponsors.*

### Member Feedback:

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

This section posts questions and comments from chapter members. If you have a comment or question, send them to Sean McPhillips at [newsletter@csohimss.org](mailto:newsletter@csohimss.org) for consideration.