



CSOHIMSS 4th Quarter Newsletter, Fiscal Year 2008-2009

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## President's Message

### Thanks for a Successful Spring Conference!

CSOHIMSS was indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to hold our Spring Conference, "The Healthcare Road to 2014," at the PACCAR Medical Education Center at Adena Health System in Chillicothe Ohio on May 8th. This new facility offers state of the art medical education. During the tour of the facility I was amazed at the forethought that went into the design and development of the facility. It certainly added to the atmosphere of our conference.

The day began with Marcus Bost updating all in attendance on what Adena has accomplished and some of their future plans. We were then fortunate to have both Twyla Pohar, a CSOHIMSS board member, and Phil Skinner, both from The Ohio State University Medical Center give their presentation "A Collaborative Approach to Healthcare IT Innovations." Their presentation was first presented in Chicago this year at HIMSS09. Unfortunately, their presentation time at National was at the same time as our Networking Luncheon. Fortunately, they kindly fulfilled our request to offer this talk at our Chapter conference. We also heard from Rex Plouck from the State of Ohio discuss "Ohio's Health IT Agenda." Many of you may have heard Rex speak during our Advocacy Day in February of this year. Rex gave an excellent discussion which was both timely and informative.

In the afternoon, Scott Conaway from OHA presented "OHA's Technology Strategic Initiative." Again, we were lucky to have such timely information presented in such a professional manner. Our final speaker of the day was Dr. Jeff Bauer from ACS Healthcare Solutions. The conference surveys showed that almost everyone in attendance rated Dr. Bauer as their favorite speaker of the day.

Thanks again to all those who attended, and if you did not get the chance to attend, please visit our [Conference Presentations](#). Feel free to [email us](#) suggestions on future conference topics. Finally I want to thank all of you who have assisted me as President of Central and Southern Ohio HIMSS this past year. I have enjoyed meeting so many of the members and attending the numerous events that CSOHIMSS has been involved in this past year. Some events, such as our Fall & Spring conferences, Networking Luncheon at National, and Advocacy Day are yearly events which I would hope each member could participate in.

These events and others like them are not easy to coordinate or facilitate, but they are what we as a Chapter should provide to our members and potential members. I encourage all of you to become involved either locally or nationally in HIMSS. My personal experience has been that my involvement has forced me out of my comfort zone while being among friends. Thanks again for your support and participation.

Russ Hessler

## National Networking Luncheon

The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors would like to thank all those who attended our Networking Luncheon at HIMSS09 in Chicago in April. We partnered with Kentucky Bluegrass, Indiana, and Northern Ohio Chapters to offer this event this year. Due to space restrictions, each chapter was limited to only 40 attendees. We apologize to those who may not have been able to register due to the attendance restriction or to the location of the event, (as some mentioned, finding the room required Sacagawea-like abilities). Despite the size of McCormick Place, there in Chicago, we were limited as to luncheon locations. We have already started to link up with some of these same neighboring chapters along with one or two others to offer another similar luncheon in Atlanta in 2010. We will do all in our power to keep this event FREE to all members in the hopes that you will plan to attend.

## CSOHIMSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship Winners

## Events Coming Soon!

Please visit our [Calendar of Events](#) periodically to check for upcoming events.

## Chapter Newsletters

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## **Jeff Prescott and Ed Chin**

This year we are proud to announce two scholarship winners, Jeff Prescott and Ed Chin. The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors would like to thank all who participated and encourage you to participate next year.

Jeff Prescott was born and raised in Avon, Ohio. He attended the Rochester Institute of Technology for Electrical Engineering, and graduated with his B.S. in 2003. He then went to Ohio State for his Masters in Electrical Engineering. While working on that degree, he became interested in clinical medicine. After graduating with his M.S. in 2005, he began medical school at OSU. He has since completed his first two years of medical school, and is currently on a leave-of-absence to pursue his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. He is expected to complete both his M.D. and Ph.D. in the spring of 2011.

As a graduate research assistant in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, Jeff has been involved in multiple aspects of informatics research at OSU. His current work is focused on developing methods for the analysis of medical images which can be employed to assist physicians in making consistent and accurate diagnosis of disease and plans for treatment. He believes that an in-depth knowledge of health informatics is essential for both his current work and his future career. He looks forward to being an active participant in the HIMSS community.

Ed Chin is an ambitious sixth-year pharmacy student who is nearing completion of a Doctor of Pharmacy program at Ohio Northern University. He possesses an impressive record of clinical internships as well as leadership experience with multiple student and industry associations. Serving as a committee member for American Society of Health System Pharmacist (ASHP) Chin has been recognized as a young leader in the field of pharmacy informatics for his advancements in the field.

Chin possesses well-rounded, hands-on experience in diverse clinical settings and has earned outstanding performance evaluations from both his administrators and managing pharmacists. The goal of his upcoming externships with Lexi-Comp Inc., John Hopkins Hospital, and the McKesson Pharmacy System is to build the skill set and experience required to design solutions that encompass the intersection of technology and information with regards to every aspect of the medication system, including prescribing, dispensing, administration, monitoring, clinical decision support, and education.

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## **Annual Elections for the CSOHIMSS Board of Directors**

**Welcome New Board Members Michael Goddard, Albert Lay, and Beverly**

### **Bell!**

Elections are finished and the ballots are counted! Past and present Board members will be meeting on July 10th to discuss the accomplishments for the year and the plans for the next. See the newly elected Board of Directors for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the sidebar of this newsletter or the [Board of Directors webpage](#). We look forward to a busy and exciting year!

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