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Malware an important issue for Health IT

Malware and Ransomware such as WannaCry and Petya recently have the attention of Healthcare IT Professionals. The most recent malware variant, Petya, surfaced and affected small and large com-

panies the critical infrastructure sectors, including the healthcare sector. Information systems across Europe, the United States and elsewhere were infected.

For updates and additional information about the Malware, Ransomworm and other related news, visit HIMSS's web site at <http://www.himss.org/news/>.

Newsletter distributed to members

Welcome to the first issue of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS e-newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this new way to keep you informed of the exciting news of our chapter and members of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS.

The leadership of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS has identified the newsletter as a way

to keep members informed of healthcare technology, upcoming events and chapter news.

The board members are excited to provide this tool for communication and correspondence with members.

We welcome your feedback and ideas. If you have any topics that you would like

published in the newsletter, suggestions or have any questions or concerns about what you have read, please reach out to our Communications & Web Chair, Tami Corn at tcorn@srhc.com.

Feel free to forward this to your friends.

Upcoming events calendar

Mark your calendars and save the following dates to meet with your colleagues.

- 2018 Spring Kansas Chapter of HIMSS Workshop to be held May 3 & 4, 2018 in Wichita.
- HIMSS18 to be held March 5, 2018 through March 9, 2018 in Las Vegas at the Venetian-Palazzo-Sands Expo .



President's Message

Fellow KSHIMSS Chapter members:

I am looking forward to serving as the chapter president for the next two years. As incoming president I would like nothing better than to meet each of you this year at one of our chapter events.

Under Chris Wilson and the board of directors leadership the last two years our chapter has grown and is flourishing. Our chapter has grown to 426 members strong and is growing every month. Our outstanding board of directors take their job seriously to provide quality programming so you can get the most out of your KSHIMSS Chapter membership. We are always looking for ways to provide value to the membership.

The new board term starts July 1, we have a nice mix of long standing board members and some new blood bringing in new energy and ideas. We have ambitious goals for the 2017 - 2019 board term. We are starting a chapter newslet-

ter, we have already started work on the education conference we hold in the spring. Mark your calendars now to save the dates of May 3rd and 4th 2018, this event will be held in Wichita, KS.

We have a brand new Student/ Early career chair this term.

We have made a commitment to provide scholarships to our chapter events for Kansas undergraduate students that would like to attend.

National HIMSS has a track to help military personal transitioning to civilian jobs to enter the Health IT field. Our chapter is on the lookout for the right person to be our new Board of Directors Military Chairperson. This person will have a military background and an interest in helping others learn what HIMSS has to offer Veterans interested in Health IT. If you fit this background please reach out to me.

We are working to encourage our members to take advantage of HIMSS national of-



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ferings such as applying to be a HIMSS Fellow. Getting the CPHIMSS certification and submitting a proposal to speak at the HIMSS national convention.

If you have not been involved in our chapter the place to start is by reaching out to myself, mcguire200@yahoo.com, or Shawn Weldon, sweld-in@sabethahospital.com, the chapter vice president. We welcome your ideas and we will find a place for you to get involved.

Member Spotlight: Bob Lies

Robert (Bob) Lies has been in the IT profession since 1972.

He started his career as a programmer and later as the IT Director at a large retail home improvement center for 25 years.

After that Bob was a CIO at a local Regional Medical Center for 17 years.

He joined Great Plains Health Alliance in January of 2010 as Project Manager and currently

is their Information Security Officer and Contract Manager.

Bob currently serves as Advisor Emeritus on the chapter Board.

Bob and his wife reside in Colwich, just outside Wichita.

They stay busy with their 16 grandchildren and Bob enjoys cruising around in his classic vet.



Bob Lies, Advisory Emeritus Co-Chair of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS

A message from the Past President

I am torn about my time as Kansas Chapter of HIMSS president coming to an end after two years. I so enjoyed serving our organization in the leadership role and will miss it. We grew our membership double digits each year, continued to expand the quality and content of our educational and conference offerings, and expanded the communication of the benefits of being a member.

However, the good of my transition far outweighs the bad. We could not ask for a better president than Michelle McGuire. Michelle has been helping with many of the president's responsibilities for some time and is primed to take the organization to the next level. We also have several current and future leaders on our Board. Simply going down the list of Board members gives me

a tremendous amount of confidence that our Chapter is in safe hands.

It is the support of these individuals that made my job easy. I thank everyone for their tremendous time and energy over the last two years and am excited to see where we head from here.

Onward and Upward!
Chris Wilson

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Chris Wilson, Past President of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS

What you missed at the 2017 Spring Education Conference

The KSHIMSS Spring Conference was held on April 6 and 7, 2017 at the Drury Inn in Wichita. Highlights of this event included a full vendor show, and a host of speakers that educated us on topics ranging

from MACRA to Leading through Change and Surviving a Ransomware Attack. New to the 2017 event was Rapid Fire, where six brave KSHIMSS members presented for five minutes on a variety of topics.

Rapid Fire was a big success and is planned for additional opportunities at the Spring Conference in May 2018. Be thinking about topics that you may want to present.

KSHIMSS Luncheon at the KHA Convention

The KSHIMSS Board of Directors would like to invite you to attend the KSHIMSS Luncheon at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show on September 8, 2017 from noon to 1:50 pm. Pete Moyer of Via Christi Health, Manager of Care Redesign/Strategic Development/ACO, will be presenting on Population Health.

Plans underway for 2018 Spring Conference

At the 2018 KSHIMSS Spring Conference, Health IT students and early professionals will find valuable opportunities to better understand issues affecting the Health IT community and learn about new technology and products from participating vendors.

In addition, Abby Van Den Haak, Chapter Student Chair, notes that involvement in local, regional and national healthcare associations and conferences can help new professionals "develop connections and professional networks with

peers and other professionals, including potential employers."

Chapter President, Michelle McGuire, recognizes though, that cost can sometimes put conference attendance out of reach for students and professionals just starting their careers. In an effort to support those just entering the Health IT field, the KSHIMSS chapter would like to offer a limited number of scholarships to the May 3 and 4, 2018 Spring Conference at the Drury Inn in Wichita, KS. These scholarships will cover admittance to

the conference. All other costs, such as transportation and lodging, will be the responsibility of the attendee.

Students, early professionals, or educators in Health IT, Clinical Informatics and related fields are encouraged to contact the KSHIMSS Student Chair Abby Van Den Haak at abby@clayplattefamily.com or Chapter President Michelle McGuire at michelle.mcguire@cerner.com for more information.

Attend the 2018

Spring Conference!

Your chance to get

involved and develop

connections and

professional networks

with your peers.

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Some of the activities and networking that occurred for KSHIMSS members at the 2017 Spring Annual Education Conference that was held in Wichita.

SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to attend the 2018 conference.

Mark your calendar and save the date for May 3 & 4, 2018 in Wichita.



Send us your news!!

Have you got a story or photos you would like to send us?

Maybe you have been involved in a story or have seen or heard something significant for Health IT.

We welcome your contributions.

Send an email to Tami Corn, Web & Communications Chair at tcorn@srhs.com.

