

President-Elect

Nicholas Christiano



An accomplished healthcare Chief Executive Officer, CIO, and operations / IT strategist who champions cultural change and the introduction of state-of-the-art technologies to maximize organizational performance.

Recognized as a driven leader tireless in the pursuit of optimum patient care, productivity, efficiencies, and cost management. Proven ability to analyze operations, organizational challenges, and growth opportunities, then develop and implement strategic and tactical solutions that drive the enterprise to the next level of success. Utilize exceptional interpersonal and

communication skills to work closely with physician leadership in creating collaborative high-performance opportunities, especially in community health arena, through instituting cutting-edge health IT initiatives. Develop excellent rapport with physicians by aligning clinical quality with financial incentives. Extensive CEO and Board-level reporting background. MBA.

Treasurer

Pratik Hemranji



Pratik is a highly-motivated individual with nearly a decade of Healthcare IT experience. His work background ranges from developing a home-grown patient data archival system for a small non-profit organization, to implementing the Allscripts and Epic EHR systems for large clients throughout the nation, such as Northwell Health, Scripps Health, and Kaiser Permanente. He is currently leading a major upgrade project in his current role at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Pratik's educational experience includes a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science (Health Informatics specialty) from Stony Brook University, as well as a Masters Certification in IT Project Management from Villanova University. He is seeking to pursue graduate education in a related field as well as a PMP certification.

In addition to his Healthcare IT background, Pratik owns a small business where he has experience in financial organization and budgeting. These skills will be vital to the Treasurer role for NYS chapter of HIMSS.

Co-Secretary

Susan Rueckwald, JD, MS, CPHIMS



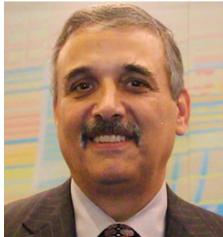
Susan Rueckwald, JD, MS, CPHIMS is an elected Executive Board member of the NYS HIMSS Chapter, currently serving as Co-Secretary. Susan has been very active with the NYS Chapter via:

- Board Co-Secretary: July 2014 – Current
- New York State Health IT Week: Working with NYS Senator Kemp Hannon to help craft the NYS HIT Week Resolutions for 2015 - 2017
- Scholarship Committee: August 2014 - Current
- Advocacy Committee: November 2014 – Current
- Upstate NYS Events Planning Committee (e.g. Troy NY Upstate event in Nov. 2016)
- Chapter social media communications and management

Susan currently serves as a Principal Consultant at New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC). Susan specializes in project management, healthcare data and the IT aspects of healthcare reform. She has worked for over fourteen years in the technology, healthcare and consulting industries performing various functions including, systems analysis, data analytics, project management and managing/leading technical teams.

Susan has earned a J.D. in Healthcare law from University at Buffalo Law School, a M.S. in Finance from Rochester Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Information Management and Technology from the Syracuse University, School of Information Studies. Additionally, Susan has earned the Certified Professional in Health Information Management Systems (CPHIMS) designation.

Anthony Ferrante



I have always considered myself an entrepreneur. I like thinking and working on complex situations which helps solve problems for my customers. I have spent over 40+ years in healthcare working for various organizations promoting solutions, both hardware & software, developing third party relationships and opening new accounts.

I am currently serving as the Board Member & co-Secretary for the NYS Chapter HIMSS, and am current Co-Chair for the Events & Sponsorship Committees. Some of my many responsibilities are coordinating and facilitating the educational events & the CPHIMS/CAHIMS training & testing during the year for the local HIMSS members. I also assist on the executive, membership, security & scholarship committees for the Chapter. I also serve on the NJ HIMSS Chapter Board as Chair the Events Committee and Sponsorship Committee for the Chapter performing many of the same duties. I am on The HIMSS National Chapter Leaders Task force providing insight & leadership.

In 2009, I was awarded the “Spirit of HIMSS” award for outstanding leadership and drive as a dedicated volunteer. I was also selected for the “Spirit of HIMSS” again in January of 2012 for both the NYS & the NJ Chapters. I also received Chapter Leader of the Year 2013 for both the NYS & NJ HIMSS Chapters by the HIMSS National organization.

Board of Director At-Large

Keith Richard Weiner



Keith Richard Weiner is an informaticist with an eclectic background traversing healthcare and information technology. He has been an RN in Canada and the US, managed a security software vendor, been a senior clinical systems analyst for a major EHR vendor and has held IT security leadership positions.

As PhD Candidate and adjunct instructor at Molloy College, Keith has authored numerous presentations for research and industry conferences. Keith has been a peer reviewer for several journals also having served on an editorial board as well. He contributed a chapter for the textbook *Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer* used at Columbia and Cornell Universities.

Keith also serves on the Metropolitan College of New York advisory board. An active member of HIMSS, he co-authored a presentation at HIMSS National, chaired the mHIMSS Mobile FAQ Committee, regularly conducts CAHIMS review sessions, and has presented at the NYS Mini-HIMSS where he serves on the conference planning committee. He is also the co-chair of New York Academy of Medicine's informatics group. In his spare time, Keith plays several musical instruments and is constantly exploring new technologies.