Upcoming Events

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Sept. 21, 12:00 P.M. Central | Clinical Informatics Webinar
Harnessing Generative AI and Language Models for Health Innovation

In this session I will review the high level regulatory requirements from the 21st Century Cures Act related to requirement to share electronic information. We will discuss the current state and transitioning to the Oct 6th, 2022 changes to the regulation for sharing all electronic health information. I will provide a sample plan, things to think about and frequently asked questions that might be used to get your organization into compliance.

Presented by: Brian Norris, MBA, RN, FHIMSS, Founder, Bent Creek Advisors
An exceptional leader within the healthcare arena, Brian Norris, distinguished by his unique amalgamation of clinical prowess and technological savvy. He holds a master’s degree in business administration, along with being a Registered Nurse, Brian boasts an illustrious career trajectory that covers a diverse spectrum of expertise - from software and product development to strategy, operations, and analytics. Brian was at the helm during the pioneering launch of the first health system to leverage the Google Healthcare Data Engine, marking a significant milestone in healthcare technology. Brian currently serves as the Founder of Bent Creek Advisors.
Welcome Aboard!

On behalf of the Minnesota HIMSS Chapter, we would like to welcome the new board members and volunteers to our Chapter. We are pleased and excited to welcome the new members who will help us drive the key member focused strategic initiatives forward.

Board Members

Vitaly Herasevich, MD, PhD, FHIMSS | President Elect

Vitaly Herasevich, MD, PhD, MSc, CPHIMS is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Medicine in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, Division of Critical Care, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He has been involved in medical informatics for over 20 years, with a specific concentration on applied clinical informatics in critical care and the science of health care delivery. He was born in Belarus, where he earned his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, and joined the Mayo Clinic in 2006. Later he finished MSc in clinical research at Mayo Clinic. He codirects the Clinical Informatics in Intensive Care program as part of a research group that works to decrease complications and improve outcomes for critically ill patients through systematic research and quality improvement. He is interested in studying and developing clinical syndromic surveillance alerting systems (“sniffers”), clinical data visualization (novel patient-centered EMR), and health care predictive and prescriptive ambient intelligence. He is co-inventor of number of technologies including AWARE platform, resulting in technologies commercialization. He has coauthored 100 peer-reviewed articles and book Health Information Evaluation. As part of an education effort, Dr. Herasevich developed curriculums in clinical informatics to medical students, residents, fellows at the Mayo Medical School and Mayo Graduate School. He is Fellow of Society of Critical Care Medicine and active within informatics and professional societies serving on several committees. More information at: bit.ly/3Kl0FZO

Armand Morrison | Secretary

I have been involved in healthcare IT for over 25 years working with c-suite executives across the continuum of care to help leverage services and technologies toward improving patient care and reducing cost. Some projects and engagements that I have been involved with included working with a large academic health system to select, implement, and bring live a new enterprise EHR system; working with a large for-profit health system outsource the management of their health IT interface systems; working with a multi-state academic health system build a out a data and analytics platform on a leading cloud hyperscaler; working with a regional medical center design and implement an enterprise digital front door platform to drive new patient acquisition and engagement.

In efforts to continue to give back to the community, I was previously on the board of directors of another chapter of HIMSS serving as the Secretary of the board for 4 years as well as serving as Membership Committee Chair and Chair of the IT Leadership Committee. I also serves as the healthcare special interest group advisor and member of the board of directors for InfoTech, a community based organization supporting the needs of IT professionals.

I feel that I am well suited for a board position with MNHIMSS because of my extensive HIMSS experience along with my ongoing commitment to leveraging healthcare IT technology, solutions, and services to help improve the ability to provide care for everyone, everywhere.

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New board members continued

Maureen Prunty | Programs Elect

Maureen Prunty is the Operations Administrator for the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. In this role, Maureen provides administrative support to 130 physicians and 700 allied health staff across all three shields – practice, research, and education. In addition, Maureen serves as the Enterprise Administrator for the Office of Clinical Ethics, the Chair of Emerging Leaders, and is a member of the Mayo Clinic Values Council. She joined the organization in 2019 as an Administrative Fellow, and subsequently assumed the role of Operations Manager overseeing the Department of Neurology’s Diagnostic Practice. Prior to joining Mayo Clinic, Maureen worked in Strategy at Penn State Health, in Mission Delivery at the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and served as an AmeriCorps member in St. Louis, Missouri. Maureen holds a Master of Health Administration from Saint Louis University and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Kentucky.

Robert Phillips | Treasurer

With nearly a decade in the Healthcare Technology and Field-Service Industry, Mr. Rob Phillips learned what is necessary to successfully guide partners throughout the process of on-site deployments and integrations. Mr. Phillips joined Snap Install as a Project Manager on the Healthcare Operations Team. Since then, Mr. Phillips supported many high-profile hospital/clinics technology integration projects and has helped strengthen client relationships. From there, Mr. Phillips joined Snap Install’s sales team and hit the ground running. Today, Mr. Phillips continues to guide partners throughout the client journey and is committed to continuing industry education and progression.
Volunteers

Golman Sayeed
Serving on the HIMSS MN board can be an opportunity to leverage my healthcare IT management, Project/Portfolio Mgmt. expertise and contribute to the organization’s goals. Also, this provides an opportunity to a wide network of influential professionals in the MN healthcare and technology industries, fostering valuable connections and potential collaborations.

Hidden Talent: It is not hidden but I love to brag about my background on organizing & coaching the sports of Cricket. I am a current member of the board of directors of Minnesota Cricket Association.

Archana Shinde MHA, CSM
HIMSS is dedicated to enhancing healthcare and assist organizations worldwide in understanding and utilizing new technologies. Working in the healthcare industry, I am deeply passionate about utilizing technology to improve patient care. I look forward to connecting with like-minded individuals, learning from them, and contributing to shaping the future of healthcare in every possible way.

Hidden Talent: I can read, write, and speak four languages.

Polly Parent
I'm excited to join the HIMSS MN board to continue to grow my community and knowledge in healthcare, especially a closer focus here in Minnesota! After working in healthcare for over 19 years, I've been blessed to have great mentors and organizations to be a part of and I'd like to spend more time sharing my own experiences for others to learn. I look forward to making more connections across Minnesota.

Hidden Talent: My hidden talent is making a great cookie! I love to bake and tinker with recipes :)

Amanda Deering
I joined the organization as HIMSS provides such a diverse organization that provides cutting edge informatics resources. With the MN Chapter, I hope to serve as a mentor and advocate for students, as well as network, learn, and gain new skills from members.

Hidden Talent: I'm so nimble, only 4 of my toes touch the ground when I walk - makes for an interesting mark left on the beach!
Volunteers continued

Katie Kerr
I am an associate professor at The College of St. Scholastica in the HIM program and I’m the current chair of the HIMSS Emerging Healthcare Leaders Task Force. I’m passionate about advocating for students and working to support them in their academic endeavors. Working with the MN chapter student affairs group will allow me to continue to do what I’m passionate about and support more students.

Hidden Talent: If you asked my 15 and 17-year-old daughters they may say that I’m really good at embarrassing them without even knowing it!

Dr. Jim Rice
My name is Dr. Jim Rice (Dr. Jim). My doctorate is in Information Systems Technologies. My dissertation was the correlative analysis of IT governance maturity and patient care costs in integrated healthcare systems. Academically, I serve on the faculty for the University of Phoenix, and I love mentoring doctoral students working to make the world a better place. I am also a VP in an international systems integration company.

Hidden Talent: As a hobby, I spend far too much time behind a camera and enjoy all things photography-related.

Nicole Althaus
I have always loved how technology can enable better patient care and staying on top of HIT has helped me market and create products for payers, providers, pharma, patients and medical devices throughout my career. I have been attending HIMSS events for several years and have always appreciated the content, insights, best practices, and connections made. I am especially excited to be a part of the local HIMSS Chapter in MN and hope to help facilitate transformational and informatics learning and grow new connections and members.

Hidden Talent: I love to use my love of chemistry to create and bake cookies and other confections.

Laura A. Christopherson, M.B.A.
Hello all members! I’m thrilled to be joining the board, focusing on education initiatives for the chapter. I have worked in healthcare for 20 years and currently manage operations for Remote Patient Monitoring within the Mayo Clinic Center for Digital Health. I joined the organization to learn from others, advance the field and make new connections outside my organization.

Hidden Talent: I love to organize and create systems for organization.
Volunteers continued

**Tamara Taylor**
I am a 2001 graduate of Northwestern Health Sciences University. My career background combines extensive experience in the healthcare technology industry along with clinical education and patient care. For the past 16 years I have worked as an Account Executive in healthcare, the last nine spent with Zebra Technologies, where I am responsible for our relationship with the 20 largest healthcare systems in the Midwest. I have been on the Board of Trustees at Northwestern since 2003 and will be retiring from that role in February. I have wanted to be on a Board that is more closely linked with my career path, and the opportunity to work with MN HIMSS came up at the perfect time.

*Hidden Talent:* Cooking and entertaining.

**Michelle Millam D.N.P., M.S.N., R.N., RN-BC**
I joined MN HIMSS because after many years of board positions on different committees at my children’s schools, as an empty nester I want to do different and impactful committee work. I’ve also just finished my doctorate degree in nursing informatics and excited about having the time to branch out and do things that will be meaningful to the profession of informatics within Minnesota and beyond.

*Hidden Talent:* I do sometimes feel like I missed my calling as a writer. I especially enjoy writing newsletters, communications, but really anything that challenges me to create something new (might be why I love quilting, too).

**Matthew R. Goede**
I am the Medical Director of VA TeleCritical Care – West. My programs HTM staff dragged me to my first HIMSS meeting in Las Vegas several years ago (pre-COVID). I was so impressed with the amount of information I was able obtain from one meeting that helped changed the program that I decided to join and stay involved with HIMSS.

*Hidden Talent:* Tightrope walking.