Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009
Healthcare Information Technology Professionals to Solicit Support from Ohio Political Leaders

The Northern Ohio HIMSS Chapter (NOHIMSS) and Central & Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter (CSOHIMSS) are sponsoring the 2nd annual Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio! This jointly organized, state-level event, aims to directly engage state officials and promote the use of healthcare information technology (HIT) for the benefit of all Ohioans. In 2007, the Commonwealth Fund published their State Scorecard on Health System Performance which ranked Ohio as 24th of 50 states in measures related to access, quality, avoidable hospital use and costs, equity, and healthy lives. HIMSS Advocacy Day will propose HIT solutions to enable Ohio to move from 24th to 1st on the State Scorecard.

In the following months, a task force comprised of board and chapter members from both CSOHIMSS and NOHIMSS will be taking the necessary steps to make this goal a reality, but their success depends on your participation at Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009. This event is free to participants! Along with meeting Ohio’s political leaders, you will learn valuable lessons and gain insights into HIT and its role in our political system. If you would like to be more involved, please contact Rick Moore, the CSOHIMSS Advocacy Chair.

Register Securely Online.

CSOHIMSS Fall Conference
The Glue That Holds It All Together: People, Process, Standards, and Tools

We are hosting our annual Fall Conference on Friday, November 7th at the Worthington Hills Country Club in Columbus, Ohio. Join us to learn about what's happening in the world of health information technology. This year’s Fall Conference also offers a unique opportunity to tour OhioHealth’s Dublin Methodist Hospital, located 15 minutes from the conference. Please let us know during registration if you plan to attend the tour.

Registration is only $45 for CSOHIMSS members and $55 for non-members. If you are not a CSOHIMSS member and you attend our Fall Conference, you will receive a complimentary, one-year CSOHIMSS membership! Conference topics include: Standards (CCR, HL7, etc), "Nursing Glue" is the Magic to Make Things Work, Physician Champions, Standards (HITSP), and Clinical Surveillance, as well as others. All presentations will be made available after the conference on our website: Conference Presentations.

For those of you who are interested in learning more about what’s going on at our neighboring chapters, visit their websites at: http://www.bluegrasshimss.org, http://www.indianahimss.org, & http://www.nohimss.org or you can get involved more with our own chapter.

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New Members Spotlight
Natasha Edmonds, Twyla Pohar, and John Milaychev

The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors welcomes its new members! Natasha works at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green and wants to be involved in the CSOHIMSS board to help technology-based solutions improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare. She hopes her efforts will...
complexity, the transformation of hospitals, and the history of medical care insightfully and academically while maintaining relevance and readability. Newsweek acclaimed Starr’s book as "superb sociology, superior history, and essential reading for anyone interested in the fate of American medicine." New York Times Book Review posits The Social Transformation of American Medicine as "the definitive social history of the medical profession in America." Paul Starr is Professor of Sociology at Princeton University, where he holds the Stuart Chair in Communications and Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School.

CSOHI MSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship

The CSOHI MSS Chapter is offering our annual Jane A. Blank Distinguished Member Scholarship Award in the amount of a $1,000.00 scholarship along with a one-year HIMSS membership ($30.00 value) to an undergraduate or graduate student studying in the healthcare management systems or healthcare information fields.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the healthcare information and management systems industry. Review criteria are focused on academic achievement, service activities, technical skills, career goals, demonstration of leadership potential, and communication skills. The $1,000.00 scholarship (cash award) and one year HIMSS membership is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the CSOHI MSS Scholarship Committee.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, download the Scholarship Application or visit our web site at www.csohimss.org for more information. Application submission deadline is February 28, 2009. Good luck!