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President's Message
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Elections for the 2014-15 Louisiana Chapter of HIMSS year are on the horizon and we are finalizing a HIMSS dinner in Baton Rouge in June. The proposed bylaws will strengthen the foundation for our chapter's continued growth. Please visit www.lahimss.org to review the proposed bylaws.

Elections will include a vote for the offices of President-Elect (2015-16 term), Treasurer, and Secretary and two at-large positions. The schedule for elections is:

- Thursday, May 29 8 AM Bylaw vote via teleconference 559-726-1300 passcode 704497 (an e-mail regarding this meeting was sent out earlier)
Wednesday, June 4 5 PM Nominations due to the President: President@lahimss.org
Friday, June 6 Election email sent
Wednesday, June 11 5 PM Elections Close

HIMSS Louisiana Chapter Annual Sponsors:



It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Louisiana Chapter this year. We have made great progress, including doubling the number of Organizational Affiliates in Louisiana, a 15% increase in membership this year, establishing a Louisiana Chapter scholarship, and hosting the first HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters conference (GC3). I look forward to our continued growth under the presidency of Nadine Robin and seeing you at a future Louisiana Chapter of HIMSS event.

Save the Date!
GC3 Conference in New Orleans, LA
December 4-5, 2014

## Louisiana HIMSS at HIMSS 14 Annual Conference

Louisiana HIMSS was well represented at the HIMSS '14 Annual Conference in Orlando. The group participated in the HIMSS Communities Open House and also participated in the Gulf Coast Chapters Reception.

Louisiana HIMSS members Hank Fanberg, Nadine Robin, Claudia Blackburn, Cindy Munn and Chad Cothorn participated in the conference as either a moderator or a speaker.



### HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters Reception

Nadine Robin, Joe Lavelle, Tiffani Collins and Alan Thriffiley



### Board members at the Communities Open House

Alan Thriffiley, Chad Cothorn, Nadine Robin, Claude Younger and Chris Williams

## Upcoming Events

Plans are being made to offer a dinner series over the next several months. The first one will be held on June 26, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the White Oak Plantation in Baton Rouge ([www.whiteoakplantationbr.com](http://www.whiteoakplantationbr.com)).

With the success of the first GC3 Conference in Biloxi last year, plans are also being made for the second conference, this year in New Orleans, LA on December 4–5, 2014.

Watch your e-mail for registration details on both of these events!



## News From Around the State

Louisiana Tech University's Master of Health Informatics (MHI) program, housed in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences' [Department of Health Informatics and Information Management](#), has been awarded initial accreditation following a rigorous review from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

The program met the requirements of a thorough and highly-detailed peer evaluation and site visit that was conducted in the fall of 2013 by the Commission's Panel of Accreditation Reviewers. The CAHIIM's awarding of initial accreditation is recognition of Tech's significant compliance with the commissions' nationally established standards.

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