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Share your Knowledge

Do you have an HIT Success Story to share?

We want to hear from you! If you would like to share your story please consider submitting an article to be used in our newsletter and website.

Articles can be submitted to montana.info@himsschapter.org.

2015 MHA Fall Convention & Tradeshow a Success!

MT HIMSS sponsored two speakers at the MHA Fall Convention, Patricia Kosednar and Rob Brant. Thank you, Patricia and Rob, for your insightful presentations!

MT HIMSS also had a booth at the tradeshow. We enjoyed getting to visit with our members and attendees - thanks again to everyone who stopped by!

Upcoming Events

MU Audits - Strategy for Success! Webinar

Wednesday, December 9, 2015
1-2 PM MST

MT HIMSS is co-sponsoring this webinar with Health Technology Services.

To register, please follow the link below:

[Webinar Registration](#)

HIMSS 16 Conference & Exhibition

February 29 - March 4, 2016
Sands Expo, Las Vegas, NV
www.himssconference.org

BOGO Membership offer

Have you used your buy one, get one membership?

If you have a +1 credit saved up, please consider identifying an individual to send it to - they will receive a free one year membership!

The credit is a great opportunity to recruit new members and show them the value that HIMSS offers on a no-risk basis. And much of the value of our local chapter of HIMSS comes from networking with top notch professionals in our own backyard. There's no benefit in hanging on to them indefinitely. So send those credits today! To send a credit, go to www.himss.org, then click "Sign In" in the upper right. Sign in, then go to My Account. Under the Membership Summary section, click "Invite a Friend with HIMSS+1."

Contact one of our board members for a +1 suggestion if needed.

2016 Spring Conference

Planning is underway for the 2016 MT HIMSS Spring Conference!

Mark your calendars! The conference will take place May 10 – 12 in Billings, MT at the Big Horn Resort.

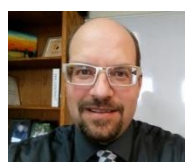
We need your help!

Planning is underway, but in order to ensure the conference is a success, we need you to complete the educational survey. Feedback from the survey will be used to ensure the educational offerings are relevant to your needs.

Please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

Board Member Spotlight

James Cox



James is the Director of Information Technology for Tamarack Management, Inc. He leads a team that supports the HIT needs of Western Montana Clinic, Missoula Surgical Associates, and the other administrative departments of TMI. Prior to coming to TMI, James was the Director of Network Services at Community Hospital of Anaconda. James has been in the IT industry for thirty years and healthcare IT in some capacity for nineteen. He has recently completed two Epic EHR conversions, including complete network redesign and end device replacement in two years.

James is a native Montanan and graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota with degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science and Minors in Chemistry and English Literature.

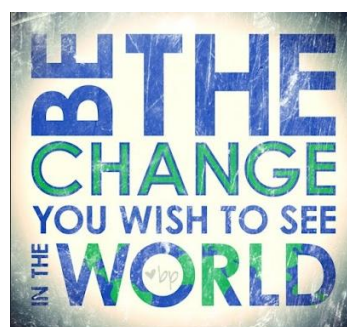
James has served as Web Co-chair and currently is a Member-at-Large on the MT HIMSS board. He sits on the Industry Advisor Board for the Healthcare Informatics program at Montana Tech. Very active in the theater community as an actor and administrator, he has served on the board of the Orphan Girl Children's Theater for many years and as president for two, and served as vice president of the Butte Center for the Performing Arts.

For the current list of board members and openings [click here](#).

Board Openings

Looking for a great opportunity to get more involved? The Montana HIMSS Board has several volunteer openings:

- ~Communications Chair
- ~Education Programs Chair
- ~Vendor/Sponsorship Programs Chair
- ~Logistics Program Chair



Board meetings are held primarily via teleconference and duties are flexible around your schedule.

Email mtboard@himsschapter.org with questions or for more information.

HIMSS Learning Center Spotlight

The leading source of distance learning for HIT education

The HIMSS Learning center is an incredibly useful tool that offers more than 1,000 hours of recorded conference sessions, live and recorded webinars, and eLearning courses and modules... all delivered by industry experts!

Inside the Learning Center, you'll find:

- Virtual Events - comprehensive webinars & briefings
- Online Courses - self-paced learning courses
- Conference Presentations - from past HIMSS conferences
- Digital Content Library - sortable by subject matter
- Community Engagement - chat, message, and interact with users and speaker

Log on to the Learning Center today to take advantage of all it has to offer by visiting:

www.himss.org/health-it-education/learning-center