



President's Message—Julie Beard

What a fantastic February with our Utah Health IT Day celebrated at the State Capital with our legislators, HIMSS 14 Community Open House and the HIMSS14 Annual Conference. Special thanks to our Utah Health IT Day sponsor Deloitte. If you were not able to attend, Steve Burrill's excellent presentation slides are on the UHIMSS web site for reference. We enjoyed the opportunity to talk with many of our members at the Community Open House and thank you for taking the time to stop by.

HIMSS14 was better than ever with the primary focus seeming to be on population health and data analytics. If you were not able to attend HIMSS14, HIMSS online was well worth the \$49 as a national HIMSS member. I especially enjoyed Mark Bertolini, President of Aetna's presentation and future focus on aligned incentives, getting chronically ill to the right place for treatment, investing in wellness, engaging people and keeping it simple in order to change the traditional iron triangle of healthcare cost. Not surprising, the wellness journey is a 25 year process.

I appreciated Dr. Carol Steltenkamp's comments on the need to engage all stakeholders in order to transform healthcare through IT. Incredible the progress HIMSS is having on a worldwide basis with 39 countries now submitting data for EMRA scoring, 1.6 M visiting the HIMSS website and 810,000 from 200+ nations attending HIMSS sponsored events this past year. It was insightful to hear from Dr. Karen Delsalvo, her incredible background and future focus as she takes on her new role at ONC as well as Marilyn Tavenner's overview of CMS's ongoing focus on Value Based Purchasing, Quality, Outcomes and interest in the MD all payer model. With over 300 sessions, please share your take-aways from the HIMSS14 conference and we will include them in next month's newsletter.

Be sure to reserve time on your calendar to come and enjoy the upcoming April 15 Innovative Technology Day Luncheon and May 21 Spring Conference!

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SAVE THE DATE:

[go to Utah-himss.org](http://Utah-himss.org) for registration links and more information)

April 15: Luncheon
Innovative Breakthrough Technologies

11:30am-1:00pm

IHC Doty Center Family Education Auditorium

Enjoy lunch and learn about some exciting new technologies that will be highlighted.

May 21: Spring Conference

8:00am - 4:00pm

"Driving Value through Health Information Technology"

See details below

May 21 Spring Conference

"Driving Value through Health Information Technology"

cohosted by Utah Health Executives and UHIMSS

8:00 – 4:00 PM at the beautiful Rice-Eccles Stadium, Tower Room 6th floor

The Spring Conference Agenda is now available on the UHIMSS web site. It is packed with outstanding speakers and will provide an excellent opportunity to network and learn about some of the exciting technology from our vendor sponsors. Dr. Greg Bell, President of the Utah Hospital Association and prior Lieutenant Governor and Senator of Utah will be our keynote speaker along with special guest speakers Kent Gale, Founder and Chairman of KLAS Enterprises, LLC, David Muntz, former Principle Deputy of ONC and Rich McKeown, President and CEO of Leavitt Partners, former Chief of Staff US Dept. of Health and Human Services. In addition, we have an incredible panel on HIT Adoption with HIT experienced CMIO physicians representing our community and another panel with national and local industry experts on HIPAA security.

Calling for new Board Members:

Within the next couple of months, terms will be ending for some of our current Board Members. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me. jgbeard1@gmail.com. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, will begin this process in April to identify potential new Board members for consideration and nomination by the membership.

I extend a warm welcome to our new members and continue to encourage our current membership to enjoy the benefits of becoming involved. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President with such an amazing Board. Thank you for all you do to make a difference in healthcare.

As always, I welcome your feedback at jgbeard1@gmail.com.

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"Affordable Care Act: Impressions, Post Implementation"



Student Liaison Committee Initiatives

We have modified the Student UHIMSS Scholarship to include a separate undergraduate and graduate student award each of \$500 for this year. The deadline for the 2014 -2015 school year will be April 1, 2014, and only one reference letter is required.

See the <http://www.utah-himss.org/education/education2.html> Utah HIMSS site for the scholarship details and application.

We are also starting an Internship Clearinghouse service for UHIMSS students. Please contact Kim Bartholomew at barthoki@uvu.edu or Katherina Holzhauser at katherina.holzhauser@imail.org if your organization offers any HIT or HIM internships. We would like to feature as many internship opportunities as we can.

The UHIMSS Internship Clearinghouse will be located at: <http://www.utah-himss.org/education/education1.html>.

The Student Liaison team is also creating a targeted member benefit brochure for students and faculty. We hope to get this brochure approved and distributed to various schools with Informatics, HIT, HIS, or HIM undergraduate or graduate programs.

- Kim Bartholomew—UHIMSS Student Liaison Chair
- Katherina Holzhauser—UHIMSS Student Liaison Co-Chair