



GREETINGS!

It's springtime and we've just recovered from a rebound of winter-like weather. The end of LVHIMA's fiscal year is drawing closer, but there is still much work to be done. Your Board members have worked very hard, so please give them the support that they need to finish their projects.

• CHANGES

Mary Beth McFadden volunteered to fill the Treasurer position vacancy. She was previously a Bylaws Co-Chair. My thanks to her.

Kathy Gemmell, formerly Bylaws Co-Chair, will carry on as the Bylaws Chair. My thanks to her.

We have not been able to fill the vacancy for the Public Relations Co-Chair. It would just involve writing 2 brief articles on LVHIMA member profiles, for the Keystoner. If you have time to write one or two of the articles, my contact information is listed below.

• NOMINATING COMMITTEE

You should be getting electronic or mail ballots in early May to vote in the upcoming election of officers. Please vote. This is your association! If you are called by the Nominating Committee to run for office, please consider it. We know that everyone is busy, but with the simplification of the bylaws and the help of fellow members, it may be easier than you think.

• BYLAWS COMMITTEE

You should have received information electronically or by mail, to vote to approve or reject, the second half of the bylaws. Please vote. If you were unable to open the attached bylaws, please notify Dave McCann at dmccann@hp3.com for instructions.

• EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Kathleen Lynch scholarship application is posted on our website: www.lvhima.org. I delivered scholarship applications to the Lehigh Carbon Community College and had a chance to address 2 classes regarding the scholarship and membership in LVHIMA. Barb Thompson, President-Elect visited other colleges in the area.

• WEBSITE NEWS

We have finally completed the Member Access section of our website. It includes the current business meeting minutes, treasury report, and member names with contact information. Please follow these instructions to access the Members Section:



1. Access website at www.lvhima.org
2. Click on Member Access section
3. Enter name: LVHIMA
4. Enter password: 05member
5. Click OK

Please remember this section is for LVHIMA members only. Do not share the log-on information with non-members!

- **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The CCS Prep workshop we co-sponsored with PHIMA was a success. It gave us a much need infusion of money (\$1232.40) into our Treasury.

Please try to attend the next meeting at Gwynedd-Mercy College on April 10.

Don't forget the Annual meeting on June 2 at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

- **PHIMA/AHIMA UPDATES**

On March 17, I participated in the PHIMA Board audio conference. The PHIMA Annual meetings for 2007-8-9 will be held at Penn State. Since PA has more stringent guidelines than HIPAA, PHIMA is considering publishing an ROI manual for PA. Please e-mail: khagerty@phima.org with your opinions on this issue.

AHIMA has a new proposal for bylaw revisions. It concerns doing away with Associate and Corporate membership classes. Another proposed change concerns the "Code of Ethics". Watch their publications for more information.

Also PHIMA Board members stated that many HIM graduates are not taking the RHIT and RHIA credentialing exams!

- **JOB OPENINGS**

This year I have received calls from companies and facilities regarding listing job openings with LVHIMA. We asked for \$50 and \$25 (for sponsors) scholarship donations to list the openings in the President's Newsletter. Please let me know if you prefer to get this info via e-mail.

**I hope everyone has a warm and wonderful Spring!
Please contact me with questions and suggestions.**

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