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HIMSS 2010 - Early Bird Registration - Reminder!

Ends December 15th!

Dan Davenport, Past President



HIMSS10 Early Bird Registration Ending Soon

Make sure to register for the HIMSS Annual Conference **prior to Dec. 15** to qualify for Early Bird Rates.

This year's annual conference will take place in Atlanta, March 1-4, 2010 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Keynote speakers will include: **Dan Hesse**, Chief Executive Officer, Sprint Nextel Corporation; **Dr. Sanjay Gupta**, Senior Medical Correspondent, CNN; **Harry Markopolos**, Fraud Investigator; **Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger**, III Pilot, US Airways and Founder and CEO, Safety Reliability Methods

For complete details and registration, please visit <http://www.himssconference.com>

MN Chapter Reception at HIMSS National

Dan Davenport, Past President

If you're planning to attend HIMSS10 in Atlanta, please join us for our annual chapter reception at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, conveniently connected to the Georgia World Congress Center.

- **Date:** Monday, March 1, 2010
- **Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Location:** Omni Hotel at CNN Center
- **Room:** Cottonwood Room

This is a great networking event made possible by the generous contributions of our elite sponsors: Ingenix Consulting, Phenomenal Networks, Sprint, TAJ Technologies, and Virtelligence.

Please [pre-register](#) to help us plan appropriately!

Membership Update

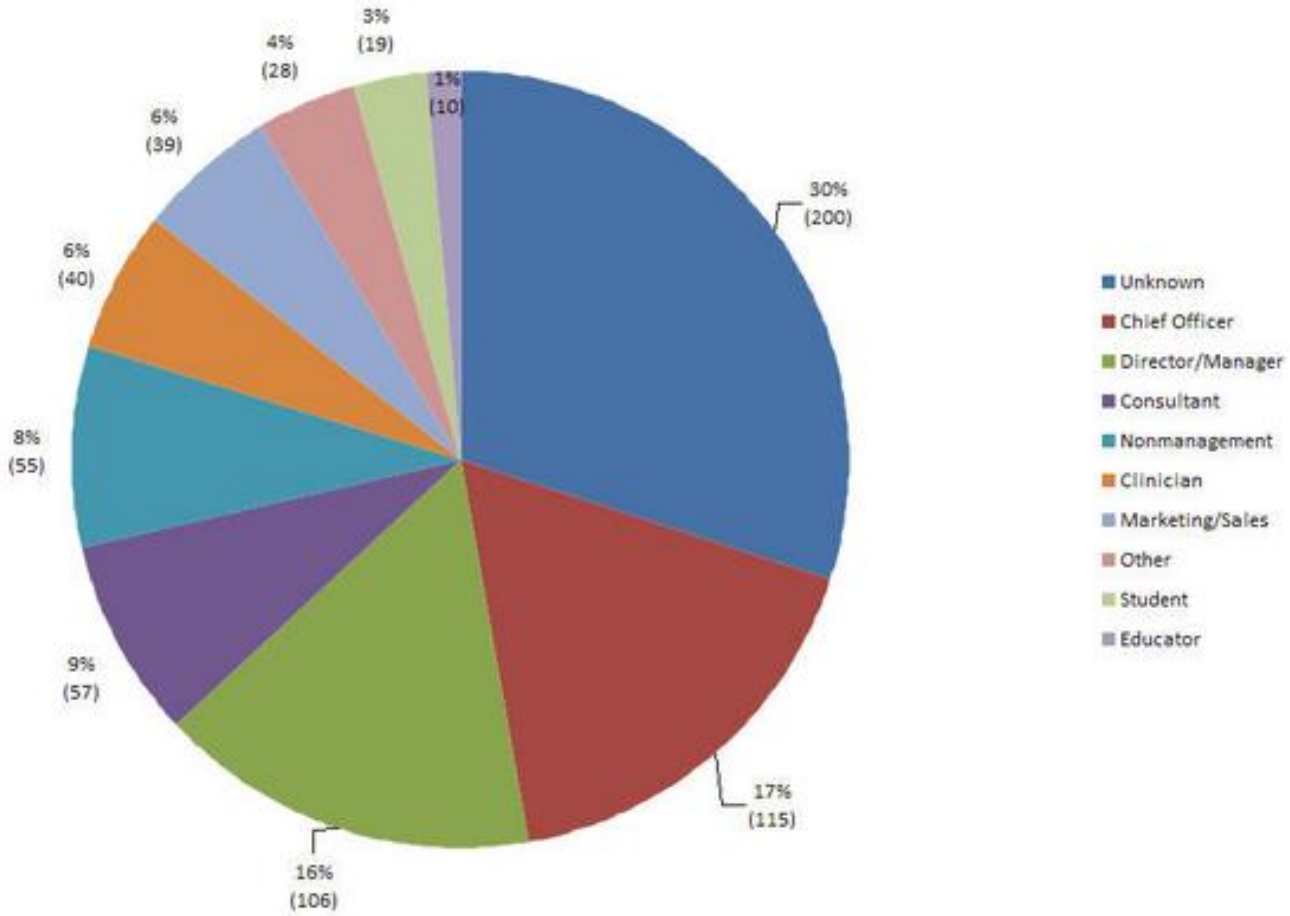
Amy Watters MN HIMSS Member Relations

Whether a CIO, clinician, or educator, the members of MN HIMSS represent a wide range of professionals in the healthcare information technology field. The 669 members in the MN chapter work in a variety of settings, from healthcare organizations to government office. Here are two snapshots of our membership. One graph represents our membership by professional title, and the other by work setting.

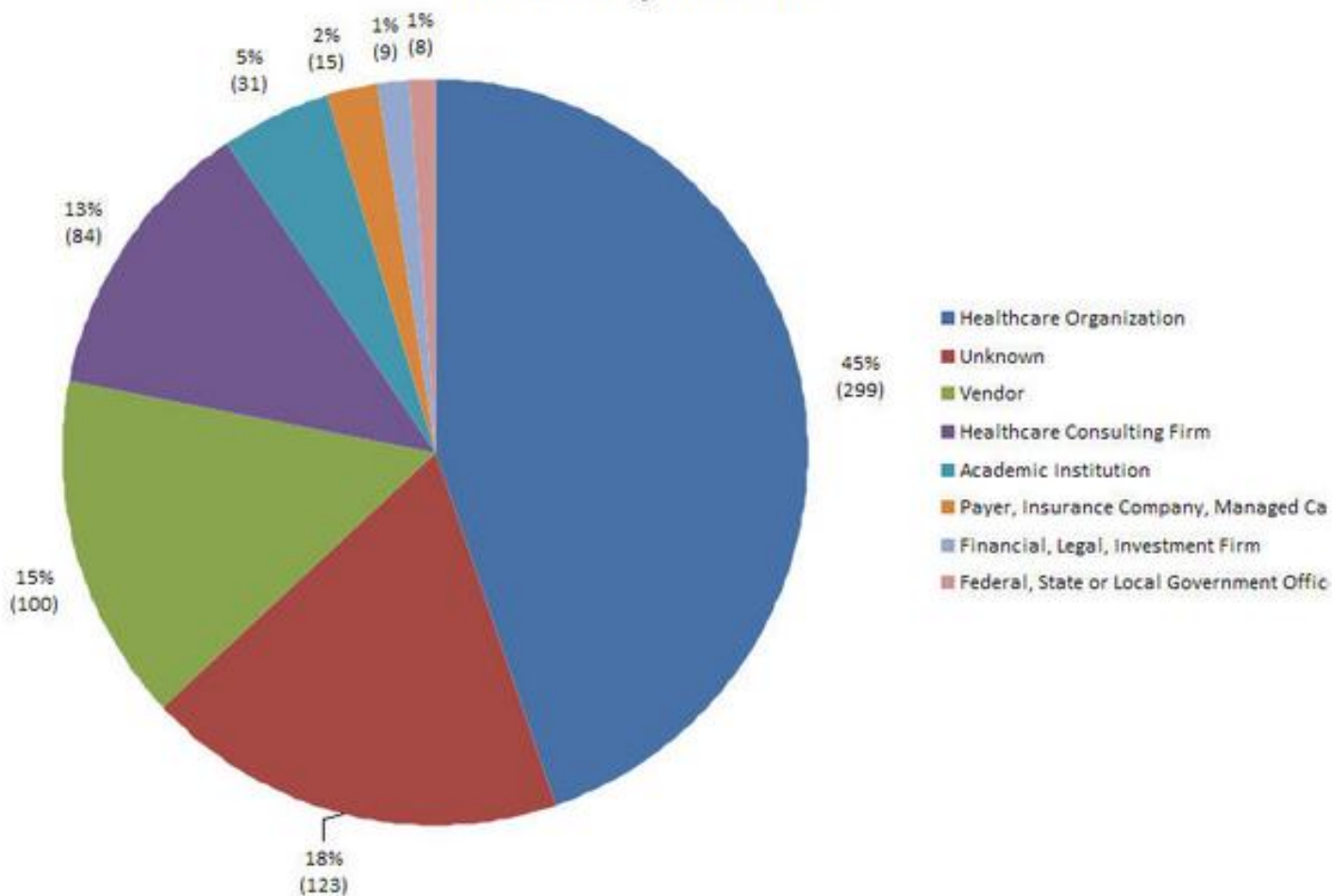
We want to ensure that we have a clear picture of our membership so we can continue to meet your needs. Please help us do

that - make sure that your demographic and professional information is current by logging into the HIMSS website (www.himss.org) and updating your profile.

Members by Professional Title



Members by Work Site



Programs Update

Ken Stensvold, FHIMSS, Programs Chair

Our November 18th program, *A Follow-up to E-Prescribing*, was very well received. We had close to 50 people who attended a great panel discussion led by our moderator Liz Cinqueonce from the Minnesota Department of Health. The panel consisted of four members; Mark Siska from Mayo Clinic, Dr Barry Bershov of Fairview, Alan Abramson from Health Partners and Tom Groom from Surescripts. There were numerous questions asked of the panel but most centered around timelines and details for what is expected to be required in order to receive the incentives.

Our next program is scheduled for mid January. The topic has not been decided on yet, but we are getting very close, so watch your email for details or visit our [MN HIMSS web site](#).

2009 Midwest Fall Technology Conference

Enabling Healthcare Reform: The Role of HIT & the 2009 Stimulus Provisions

Margaret Senn, Director At Large



The 2009 Midwest Fall Technology Conference

A Great Success!
November 2 - 3, 2009
The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

The Midwest HIMSS 2009 Fall Technology Conference achieved record attendance this year, welcoming greater than 400 people to the educational and networking events! Thank you to all of the speakers, vendors, and cosponsors, who helped make this year's conference a great success.

Using technology to our advantage, our opening keynote speaker, Dr. John Halamka, presented remotely from his office, using video conferencing for his discussion on healthcare reform and meaningful use. The session set the context for the rest of the conference. Dr. Halamka provided a recap of the actions taken to date by the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (and other HHS agencies) since the passage of HITECH and HIT stimulus provisions in the ARRA of 2009. He described how all the HIT pieces come together to enable the clinical, accessibility, reimbursement, and efficiency goals being set for health care reform in the US. He also reviewed the new challenges for HIT vendors and users that he sees emerging from these recent changes in the governmental landscape.



The evening dinner featured a presentation by Judy Murphy, RN, FACMI, FHIMSS, Vice President, Information Services, Aurora Healthcare, Milwaukee. In her presentation, [10 Steps for Creating Your Roadmap to EHR Meaningful Use](#), she discussed the federal initiatives and agencies focused on increasing the widespread adoption of electronic health records (EHRs). She defined the key funding initiatives aimed to accelerate EHR adoption from ARRA and described the key components that comprise the definition of "meaningful use" for EHRs required for access to ARRA funds in 2011. The presentation also included a description of the progression of "meaningful use" through 2015, as well as a discussion about how to create a roadmap for organizations to achieve EHR meaningful use and receive the federal incentives.

A unique opportunity offered on the second day of the conference was the physician's breakfast. Physicians in all ranks and specialties are needed to serve in leadership roles to help steer the many changes and innovations occurring in the field of Healthcare Information Technology (HIT). There are opportunities at the local, regional, state, national, and international levels. The panel was comprised of four physicians actively engaged in HIT leadership roles at varying venues and levels: Michael H. Zaroukian, MD, PhD, FACP, FHIMS; Harry Greenspun, MD; Gregory J. Forzley, MD; and Christine Perales, MD.

Each of the panelists briefly described their roles as champions of healthcare reform through use of Health IT as well as the opportunities and challenges they and their organizations faced from the transformation. Panelists also discussed opportunities for other physicians interested in this area. Throughout the meeting, members of the audience were encouraged to engage the panel in frank, open discussions, exploring leadership ideas with the panelists.

Dr. P. Jon White, Director of Health Information Technology, AHRQ, gave the closing keynote. Drs. Greg Forzley and Harry Greenspun joined him, adding to the discussion. The closing keynote focused on the strategic and practical impacts that meaningful adoption of Health IT and Health Information Exchange will make possible as part of healthcare delivery reform over the next five years.

Along with these excellent keynote presentations, the conference also included multiple breakout sessions, which continued the overall theme. Some of these were panel discussions with representation from most of the states that are part of the Midwest Conference planning group.

To view the presentations online, [click here](#). The webpage includes a schedule of activities, listing the sessions. To download a session presentation, click on the presentation title, which allows you to view and download a copy of the presentation slides, in PDF format. Expecting even greater attendance and participation to accompany a distinguished selection of speakers for the most prevalent topics in healthcare, we look forward to the possibility of seeing you in Minnesota for the 2010 Midwest HIMSS Fall Technology Conference!

2009-2010 HIMSS MN Scholarship Applications Are Open!



The Minnesota Chapter of HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) annually awards a \$2000 scholarship to students studying in the healthcare information or management systems field.

Our goal: to reward future information technology or healthcare professionals investing their careers in the development of innovative system design, evaluation or implementation to improve the healthcare delivery system.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the healthcare information and management systems industry. Review criteria include as a core foundation: scholastic achievement and demonstration of leadership potential, including communication skills and participation in HIMSS activities.

The \$2000 scholarship is awarded to the student deemed most deserving as determined by the Minnesota Chapter of HIMSS board.

Candidates:

- Undergraduates, graduates and PhD students pursuing a career and coursework in healthcare and information management systems

Qualifications:

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of HIMSS. (The Minnesota Chapter will provide a complimentary one-year local student membership in the Minnesota Chapter once the scholarship application is complete.)
- A full or part-time student in an accredited undergraduate, Masters or PhD program related to the healthcare information or management systems field. The specific degree program is not a critical factor, although it is expected that programs similar to those in industrial engineering, operations research, healthcare informatics, computer science and information systems, mathematics, and quantitative programs in business administration and hospital administration will predominate.
- The candidates must either be Minnesota residents or enrolled in a Minnesota higher education institution.
- Previous Minnesota Chapter scholarship winners are ineligible.
- Participating students must declare any affiliation, outside support or conflict of interest in completing the contest.

Deadlines:

Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 1, 2010. Winners will be notified no later than May 1, 2010.

Please [Click Here](#) to complete the online scholarship application.

For more information [email](#) our Scholarship Chair.

Physician Forum

Engaging Physicians in Healthcare IT

Pam Graves, FHIMSS

Physician Forum

Are you a physician interested in a healthcare IT discussion with your colleagues? For the second year, the chapter has organized quarterly dinners with physicians interested in healthcare IT. This informal get-together is organized to allow for some socializing before dinner and a focused discussion of a current topic during dinner. If you are interested, please contact either our physician liaison, [Dr. Andrew Mellin](#) or [Pam Graves, FHIMSS](#). We anticipate the next gathering will occur in the third week in January.

Upcoming Events

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Be sure to check out our upcoming events at www.himss-mn.org

March 1-4, 2010

[National HIMSS in Atlanta](#)

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