

Andy Galbus	X	Jennifer Boehne	X	Mark Rubin	X	Steven Due	X
Christina Stephan		John Eichten		Pam Graves	X	Sue Green	
Dan Davenport	X	Ken Stensvold	X	Pete Palmer	X	Susan Heichert	X
Dan Fitzgibbons	X	Lonna Stork	X	Randy Lentz	X		
Jeff Huxley	X	Margaret Senn	X	Ray Gensinger	X		
Guest Members: JoAnn Hemann (new HIMSS member)							

Discussion Topics

- 1) Review Minutes from November – tabled
- 2) Chapter Newsletter publication
 Newsletter is ready to go with slight modifications. Publication will be coordinated with Advocacy event e-mail so that there is no conflict. A section for “Members in the National News” will be added with Ray (eHealth), Pete (PHR steering committee) and Susan (Davies Award) included in this first edition.
- 3) Innovation Award Status 2006-2007
 We received notification that the competition was very stiff this year. Neither of our two submissions won an award.
- 4) Forum Update:
 - CIO (Pam) January 17th
 So far, there has been limited response to the RSVP that was sent. If a quorum is not reached by Thursday, the event will be canceled. We do have confirmation of Francis Cheung, Park Nicollet for April 17th. with topic of the value of the *Most Wired* survey to organization and ITS.
 - Physician Round table (Susan/Andrew) February 5th
 This event will go on if there is a quorum. It is scheduled for the night of the state caucus, but the two groups may not overlap.
- 5) Web Site
 - Page status (brief update with any issues) – *the site looks good. Keep up the good work*
- 6) Committee Updates
 - a. Programs
 - February National Reception (Monday, 2/25) on target 6:30p – 8:30p at the Peabody
 - Upcoming programs status:
 Advocacy program (Randy Lentz and Peter Palmer, leads), *HIMSS MN – Make a Difference in 2008*: We are on schedule. CPHIMS and CEU credits are in process. Regional coordinators are prepared. Speaker is confirmed. Discussion about adding invitations to local DFL, Indep and GOP party contacts endorsed. State caucus brochure will be included in e-mail notification for background. Action needed: create web registration, information on our online calendar, send e-mail that is ready to go.
 - March Event Advocacy – Impact of Aging Population (?)
 - May Program (HITI)
 - Wednesday, May 21st date is confirmed with Carlson
 - A request for speakers/abstracts will be sent out as soon as we have a theme (Margaret has a draft)
 - Tracks and potentially the title of the program will be *Payers, Providers and Politics*
 - Midwest Fall Technology Conference opportunity
 -We were invited to participate with the Dairyland chapter again and 4 other chapters we discussed the benefits and participation. The board was invited to be on a conference call tomorrow to discuss the details- Pam, Susan and Margaret will dial in.
 - b. Member Relations
 -Mark compiled data from the recent membership statistics. Our chapter is back up to over 500 members once again probably due to the National conference. We discussed how to reach rural areas in our membership. It is an issue with the limited connectivity and expense with Onvy for small numbers.

- c. RHIO
 - no update from Christina
- d. Outreach
 - Pam noted that she received interest in this open board position. She will verify if they are a HIMSS member. We discussed how we can try and give the ability for rural areas to tap into Microsoft Live meeting or other methods.
- e. Communications
 - reminder to submit items to Sue Green and expect a 3 day turnaround for web posting or e-mail.*
 - we discussed the need to make registration available prior to sending out the newsletter announcing the advocacy event and then later announce the next program. The text is ready for Sue to send out.
- f. Regional Coordinators
 - working on the next program
- g. Professional Development
 - as noted earlier credits are in process for the next program
- h. Advocacy
 - included in the next program
- i. Sponsorship
 - Upwards of \$20,000 is estimated to be in the coffers from sponsors.
 - Action Item: Dan Davenport and Dan Fitzgibbons will look into electronic payment for sponsorship such as Paypal to reduce current charges for each transaction.
 - Proposal for website display changes to include sponsor identity on homepage
 - Proposal for sponsorship changes (see Greater Chicago HIMSS website: <http://www.gcchimss.net/> - the board liked the ability to better showcase the sponsors. Dan would explore the capabilities.
 - We discussed getting giveaway items from the vendors so Dan would ask the vendors after then next promo is sent out.
- j. Scholarship
 - update 1 scholarship submitted but 36 inquiries came in from multiple sources. Steven Due received one application in the mail which will be forwarded to Ken.
- k. Finance
 - monthly statement we are at \$16,000 as sent to the board previously
 - budget update
 - Pam and Steven verified a match between the QuickBooks and Wells Fargo monthly statement for December 2007.
 - Action item: Steven Due will get bank statements be uploaded to the SharePoint site. Margaret will assist.

Next meeting will be February 13th.