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HIMSS Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Quarterly Report (October-December 2010)

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HIMSS Tools

- State HealthIT Day Planning Manual
- State HealthIT Day on Capitol Hill Planning Manual
- CAR Guide
- CAR Program Overview
- CAR Recognition Program Overview
- Contact Jessica Martin at jmartin@himss.org and she will gladly email these to you.

Fourth Quarter Highlights

- November 2010 saw historic election results and turnover in state legislatures across the United States. In an effort to reach out to newly elected officials SGA Team sent congratulatory letters, signed by HIMSS CEO Steve Lieber, to new Governors who have either been reelected or newly elected (39 total). Accompanying these letters were two books published by HIMSS: "HIMSS Dictionary of Healthcare Information Technology Term, Acronyms and Organizations" and "Introduction to Healthcare Information Enabling Technologies." A template which can be used and personalized from your Chapter to reach out to newly elected or reelected state officials is available on the [Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Sharepoint Site](#).
- HIMSS hosted a Webinar "A Post-Election Analysis: Potential Effects on Health IT Policy" on November 5th, 2010 now available through the HIMSS e-Learning Academy.
- The [HIMSS State Dashboard](#) - the premier resource of today's healthcare Information technology initiatives around the United States - is up and running. The Dashboard provides an easy-to-read visual interface tracking key initiatives including Regional Extension Centers, HIMSS Davies Award recipients, Health Information Exchanges, HIMSS Chapters and of course, State Legislation.
- HIMSS recognizes the pivotal role that Regional Extension Centers (RECs) play in effecting the transformation of healthcare through the best use of information technology. HIMSS is committed to the success of Regional Extension Centers, and has offered its support and resources to assist the centers in reaching their goals. To help tap into the wealth of available resources, HIMSS offers complimentary memberships to Regional Extension Centers. This no-cost membership connects these organizations and key staff to hundreds of resources to move physicians and other clinicians towards meaningful use - education, professional development, and community-building.
- Lesley King, Former CAR Chair was awarded the *HIMSS Founder Leadership Award*. The Founders Leadership Award is presented to one or more individuals who, in the judgment of the HIMSS Board of Directors, have demonstrated significant leadership within the Society and/or the industry. A big congrats to Lesley from the SGA Team and Chapter Advocacy Roundtable for a well deserved honor.
- Liddy West, Vice Chair Western Region has resigned. HIMSS will be forever grateful for her undeniable dedication to the Chapter Advocacy Roundtable. [Lee Castonguay](#) of the HIMSS Hawaii Chapter has volunteered to act as the new CAR Vice Chair for the Western Region.
- During 2010, Chapter Advocates had the opportunity to review and provide comment on several HIMSS documents including: HIMSS Virtual Conference and Expo Call for Proposal, HIMSS Position on Meaningful Use Final Rule, Initial Commentary on Certification Program and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) report on Health IT.

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To accumulate points for the CAR recognition program for the final quarter, Chapter Advocates were asked to track the following activities:

1. Oct2010: Take the HIMSS Change Management Task Force Survey and/or attend the HIE Roundtable Call on October 21st
1. Nov2010: Reach out to a newly elected official in your state and tell them about HIMSS
1. Dec2010: Review the CAR Recognition Program document included in the minutes and provide feedback. Take all CAR Monthly Surveys - links provided in minutes

End of Year Highlights

- Chapter Advocates have successfully planned and hosted *TEN* State HealthIT Days this Calendar year
 - Colorado-01/20/10
 - Virginia-2/04/10
 - Iowa-2/04/10
 - Maryland-2/17/10
 - Kentucky-2/23/10
 - Pennsylvania - 4/20/10
 - Ohio - 4/29/10
 - California - 4/29/10
 - North Carolina - 5/18/10
 - New Jersey (HIT Day on Capitol Hill) - 6/17/10

CAR Recognition Program 2010 Results

2010 Chapter Advocate of the Year



Luzviminda Ross

HIMSS is proud to announce Luzviminda Ross, former Advocacy Chair of the HIMSS North Carolina Chapter, as the 2010 Chapter Advocate of the Year. Today, Luz is being recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership in HIMSS advocacy efforts, including the planning and execution of North Carolina's first State Advocacy Day. Additionally, Luz has successfully earned Presidential Level Recognition, the highest level of advocacy recognition HIMSS awards

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2010 Levels of Advocacy

Presidential

Colorado
Dallas Ft. Worth
Hawaii
Greater Chicago
Midwest Gateway
New England
Northern California
North Carolina
Southern California
Virginia Chapter



Ambassador

Arizona
Arkansas
Georgia
Iowa
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
National Capitol Area
Central and Southern Ohio
Delaware Valley
South Carolina
Tennessee
Austin Texas Chapter
San Antonio



Advocate

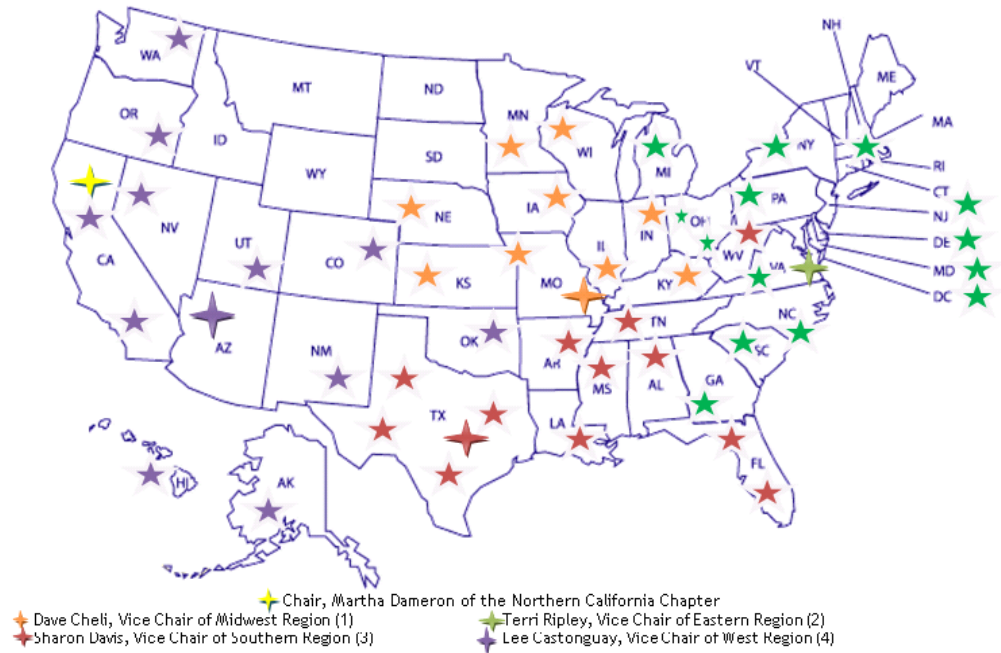
Alaska Chapter
Alabama
Central/North Florida
Southern Florida
Kentucky Bluegrass
Nebraska
Nevada
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Oklahoma
Oregon
Utah
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin



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CAR FY11 Leadership

Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Membership



Chair Martha Dameron of the Northern California Chapter

Vice Chair David Cheli of the Midwest Gateway Chapter leads the **Midwest Region** comprising of Ontario, Heart of America, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky Bluegrass, Michigan, Midwest Gateway, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin-Dairyland.

Vice Chair Terry Ripley of the Virginia Chapter leads the **Eastern Region** comprising of Delaware Valley, Maryland, Georgia, New England, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio-Central and Southern, Ohio-Northern, Pennsylvania-Western, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC-National Capital Area.

Vice Chair Sharon Davis of the Dallas/Ft Worth Chapter leads the **Southern Region** comprising of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida-central, Florida-south, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas-Austin, Texas-Dallas Fort Worth, Texas-South Central, San Antonio and West Virginia.

Vice Chair Lee Castonguay of the Hawaii Aloha Chapter leads the **Western Region** comprising of Alaska, Arizona, Northern California, Southern California, Colorado, Hawaii Aloha, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Washington.

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Upcoming 2011 Events

FY11 Potential State Advocacy Days

- Texas - January 26th, 2011
- Virginia - February 1st, 2011
- Tennessee - February 2nd, 2011
- Maryland - February 16th, 2011
- Colorado - March 10th, 2011
- Ohio - March 30th, 2011
- California - TBD
- Georgia - TBD
- New York - TBD
- Michigan-TBD
- Pennsylvania-TBD

Upcoming Monthly CAR Calls

- CAR Monthly Conference for 2011
 - January 15th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - February 19th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - March 18th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - April 15th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - May 20th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - June 17th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - July 15th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - August 19th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - September 16th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - October 21st, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - November 18th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST
 - December 16th, 2011 @ 12:00pm EST

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