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HIMSS Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Quarterly Report (April-June)

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Second Quarter Highlights:

- Over the years, the Chapter Advocacy Roundtable has grown exponentially. This is a testament to the commitment of each CAR to HIMSS and to healthcare transformation through IT. At the start of this year, The Chapter Advocacy Recognition Program was revised to include an updated points system which reflects the growing dynamic of the group.
- In the second quarter of 2010, Chapter Advocates successfully planned and hosted FOUR State Advocacy Days.
 - Pennsylvania-4/20/10
 - Ohio-4/29/10
 - California-4/29/10
 - North Carolina- 5/18/10
- On June 16th, 2010, over 30 Chapter Advocates assembled at the Ronald Regan Building in Washington D.C. for their 2010 CAR Offsite Training. It was a very successful event with presentations from Erica Pantuso, HIMSS VP of Regional Affairs and Tom Leary, HIMSS Sr. Director of Federal Affairs. Led by Chair Lesley King and incoming Chair, Martha Dameron of the Northern California Chapter. CAR certificates and recognition pins were presented. Additionally, Chapter Advocates conducted break out sessions to plan goals and asks for FY11. As drawn from evaluations, the CAR Offsite Training was thought to be very successful!
- As we enter HIMSS FY11, the State Government Affairs team would like to thank Lesley King as she steps down from acting as CAR Chair. Her unwavering commitment and service will not be forgotten and is a quality to strive towards. Thank you also to Vice Chairs, Randy McCleese and James Harris for providing superior support regionally. We are also delighted and grateful to report Sharon Davis and Liddy West will be continuing their leadership as Vice Chairs during FY11.
- Please welcome Martha Dameron as the new Chair for FY11! She will be assisted by:
 - David Cheli, Vice Chair of Midwest Region (1) - Ontario, Heart of America, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky Bluegrass, Michigan, Midwest Gateway, Minnesota, Wisconsin-Dairyland, Nebraska
 - Terri Ripley, Vice Chair of Eastern Region (2) - Delaware Valley, Maryland, Georgia, New England, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio-Central and Southern, Ohio-Northern, Pennsylvania-Western, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC-National Capital Area.

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- Sharon Davis, Vice Chair of Southern Region (3) - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida-Central, Florida-South, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas-Austin, Texas-Dallas Fort Worth, Texas-South Central, San Antonio, West Virginia
- Liddy West, Vice Chair of Western Region (4) - Arizona, California-Northern, California-Southern, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Washington.

To accumulate points for the CAR recognition program for the first quarter, CARs were asked to track the following activities

April 2010: Register for the Policy Summit; Attend webinar on April 30th.

May 2010: Reply to Lesley King's e-mail with questions which will help shape the agenda for the CAR Offsite Roundtable on June 16th; RSVP to Public Policy Week; Send Tom Keefer your Congressional Member and what district you are in

June 2010: Attend the CAR Offsite on June 16th, 2010

Events

- Chapter Advocacy Roundtable (CAR): Calls took place January 15th, February 19th and March 19th. to move state advocacy initiatives forward
- CAR Offsite Training took place on June 16th, 2010
- CAR Offsite Training – June 16, 2010
- New Jersey State Day on Capitol Hill – June 17, 2010

FY11 Potential State Advocacy Days include Chapters from the following states:

1. Texas – Jan 2011

In addition to the CAR activities this past quarter, the State Government Affairs team also participated in the following:

- HIMSS Virtual Conference and Expo – June 9-10, 2010
- National Health IT Week 2010– June 14-17, 2010
- Government Healthcare IT (GHIT) Conference and Expo – June 15-16, 2010
- HIMSS 9th Annual Policy Summit – June 16-17, 2010

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