

BOARD UPDATE

2019...Already?! This has been a big, busy year for the Board and everyone is anxious to move into 2019 and all that the New Year brings. Here are a few Board items to pass along to our membership.

Treasurer Position In October the Board transitioned the Treasurer position from Leslie Gordon to Marianne Dailey. Due to a major job change (see next page) Leslie was no longer able to meet the demands of this volunteer position. Marianne agreed to move into the position for the remainder of the Board year.

Program Committee is actively building a dynamic and meaningful program for 2019. Stay tuned for information about this great upcoming conference.

Nominating Committee is looking to fill positions for the next Board year (2019-20). See below for opportunities.

Everyone on the AKHIMA Board wish each of you a joyous and safe holiday season.



2019 AKHIMA ANNUAL PROGRAM & MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 AKHIMA CONFERENCE!

**APRIL 4 & 5, 2019 AT THE
BP ENERGY CENTER IN ANCHORAGE.**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! AKHIMA IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Now is the time for you to consider stepping into one of the upcoming leadership opportunities!

The AKHIMA Board is seeking nominations for the following four positions:

- **President-Elect**
- **First-Year Director**
- **Treasurer**
- **Nominating Committee (3 positions)**

We are also seeking nominations for the **AKHIMA Distinguished Member Award**

Nominations are open now. AKHIMA Board service is a great environment for those interested in learning and growing professionally, and who would like to work with the AKHIMA Board on behalf of our membership and profession.

We are asking that if you are, or if you know someone who is, willing and able to serve, please complete a nomination form. Please visit <https://www.akhima.org/about-us/call-board-nominations/> to access the nomination form and position descriptions.



H.I.T. PROGRAM NEWS

Effective May 2018, UAS Professor Leslie Gordon, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA was selected to fill the role of Campus Director of the University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Campus. Leslie previously served as professor and program director for Health Information Management, and as assistant director of academic affairs.

As Sitka Campus Director, Gordon will serve as the campus' chief executive officer, responsible for strategic planning and budget management, instructional activities, facilities management, and day-to-day operations. The Director is also part of UAS regional leadership, working in concert with university leaders at the Juneau and Ketchikan campuses.

Source: <http://uas.alaska.edu/cms/tests/ernie/press-releases/2018/180416-professor-leslie-gordon.html>

Effective January 2019, Terissia Bell, BS, RHIT will fill the role of Program Director for the Health Information Management. Terissia is a 2012 graduate of the UAS HIT Program and has a Bachelor's of Business Administration. She currently is HIM Manager at Sitka Community Hospital

Source: https://alumnus.net/university_of_alaska-7718-year-2013-2014#id112505817

AKHIMA congratulates both Leslie and Terissia on their professional advancements!



GRAB A TOOLKIT

Looking for a source of information on an HIM-related topic?

The AHIMA Body of Knowledge (BoK) is a great resource. Within the BoK, simply search "Toolkit" and you will see large list of "toolkits" that provide information on a wide range of topics.

Use these to augment your certification preparations, increase baseline understanding of a new skill set, or help to investigate new career options.

Toolkit topics include:

- Copy Functionality
- Health Data Analysis
- Disaster Planning & Recovery
- Clinical Documentation Improvement
- Managing Amendment in the HIE
- Electronic Signatures/Attestation
- Breach Management
- External HIPAA Audit Readiness
- Healthcare Reimbursement Audit
- Release of Information
- Information Integrity in the E.H.R.
- HIM Staff Transformation
- Information Governance
- Data Mapping

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