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President's Message- Eddy Stephens

The Board of Directors of Alabama HIMSS has worked very hard to make this year the best year in our chapters' history. Our goals for this year include hosting two educational seminars, bringing up a chapter web site to better communicate with you, our membership, surveying our membership for ways to improve the chapter and strengthening the relationship with our student constituency.

Already this year we have received a letter from National HIMSS stating that the Alabama Chapter is a chapter in "Good Standing" as a result of our successful completion of the Annual Chapter Standards Evaluation in July. We have added a "student liaison" to our Board to assist with building stronger ties to our student constituency. Our website is nearing completion and will be unveiled very soon. Our first educational program was held on October 18th, addressing HIPAA Compliance and was attended extremely well by our membership. Our next educational program is scheduled for May 2nd at the Sheraton Perimeter Hotel in Birmingham and we are very excited that Steven Lieber, President/CEO of National HIMSS will be our featured speaker.

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Spring Seminar 2001 Agenda and Registration

**Wednesday, May 2, 2001
Sheraton Perimeter (Hwy 280 and I-459)
Birmingham, AL**

8:30 am - 8:50	Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided by Lawson Software)
8:50 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions Eddy Stephens, President AL HIMSS
9:00 - 10:30	HIMSS - National Vision, Local Focus Steven Leiber, President/CEO HIMSS
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - noon	Impact of E-Commerce on Healthcare - Today and Beyond Speaker provided by Lawson Software
noon-1:00 pm	Lunch and Networking (lunch provided by Cerner Corporation)
1:00 - 2:30	Patient Safety - How can technology be used to improve the process? Dr. Tonya Hongsermeir, Cerner Corporation

Seminar sponsors : Cerner Corporation, Lawson Software and Alabama HIMSS

Alabama HIMSS meeting on May 2, 2001 includes continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch. Cost is \$50 for members and \$25 for Students. Non-member rate is \$65.

Please complete the registration form and send it with your check payable to:

"Alabama HIMSS"
C/o Randy Hester
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1305 Big Cove Road
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Name : _____ Title: _____

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President's Message (continued)

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your chapter President during this past year. David Friday will assume the position of President for the fiscal year beginning July 2001 and I know that David will do a wonderful job in this role. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the board members whose support has made serving as your President such a pleasant experience. Thanks to David Friday, Nancy Campbell, Matt Escher and Debbie Flint. Special thanks goes to Randy Hester. Randy has served Alabama HIMSS for a number of years in various positions. Most recently, Randy has served at past-president and treasurer. His advice and assistance have proven invaluable to me during my term as President.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our seminar on May 2 in Birmingham.

Eddy Stephens
President, AL HIMSS

About HIMSS

The Alabama HIMSS website is underway and should be completed soon!

To take a glimpse of the web site go to the following:

www.alabamahimss.org/home.gif

Once completed, our web site URL will be www.alabamahimss.org.

We are getting close!

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society provides leadership in healthcare for the management of technology, information, and change through publications, educational opportunities, and member services. HIMSS has more than 43 chapters and more than 12,000 members working in healthcare organizations throughout the world. Members include healthcare professionals in hospitals, corporate healthcare systems, clinical practice groups, vendor organizations, healthcare consulting firms, and government settings in professional levels ranging from senior staff to CIOs and CEOs.

For more information about HIMSS, be sure to visit our website at : www.himss.org

Speaker Spotlight- Steve Lieber

Alabama HIMSS is proud to announce that Steve Lieber will be speaking at our Spring Seminar on May 2, 2001 at the Sheraton Perimeter in Birmingham.

A seasoned executive, Steve Lieber brings to the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) nearly 20 years in healthcare, 17 of them in healthcare-related association management.

Lieber served as CEO of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) for nearly nine years before accepting a position with the American Hospital Association in 1998 as Vice President, Division of Personal Membership Groups. Prior experience includes Vice President of Operations and Director of Hospital Information Services for the Illinois Hospital Association; Senior Budget Analyst for the Illinois Bureau of the Budget; and Assistant Administrator, Research and Statistics for Arkansas Social Services.

Steve's primary functions at HIMSS are twofold: In his organizational leadership role, he is responsible for setting the society's strategic direction in cooperation with governing board and staff; and in his organizational management and program development role, he has emphasized enhancement of HIMSS's educational program, development of advocacy and professional affairs programs, and expansion of the Society's publications/publishing initiatives.

Steve is passionate when talking about the future of technology and healthcare, citing, for example, such issues as utilizing data for clinical decisions, systems integration and confidentiality. He believes that HIMSS is positioned to become an even stronger player in the healthcare arena through utilization of tools such as the Internet. He sees the Internet as a major focus for future educational programming and emerging technologies as providing the greatest opportunities for the society's growth.

Steve has been a Certified Association Executive (CAE) since 1994, and is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and Association Forum of Chicagoland. He is also a Vice President, Board of Education, School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, IL. Steve and his family live in Park Ridge.

Steve received an MA in Health Policy and Administration from the University of Chicago, a BA in Psychology from the University of Arkansas, and has completed additional course work at the graduate schools of business at both universities and at the Keller Graduate School of Management.

Spring Seminar 2001 Topics

Alabama HIMSS will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at the Sheraton Perimeter in Birmingham, Alabama. We are very excited to have Steven Leiber, President/CEO of National HIMSS as our opening speaker. Steven will be speaking on the topic, HIMSS - National Vision, Local Focus. Additionally, we will have a speaker from Lawon Software addressing the topic of the Impact of E-Commerce on Healthcare - Today and Beyond and Dr. Tonya Hongsermeir of Cerner Corporation speaking on the topic Patient Safety - How can technology be used to improve the process?

All of the topics should be of tremendous interest to us as they are pressing issues with which we are confronted on a regular basis. Please make every effort to attend this program. Attached is the agenda for May 2 including registration information. Early registration is appreciated so that appropriate preparation can be made.

Member News

Congratulations to Wayne Anderson, FHIMSS on his recent retirement from UAB Hospital! Wayne plans to enjoy retirement life in Florida with a little bit of consulting work on the side- just enough to keep him busy! We wish you well, Wayne!

David Counts, UAB Hospital, was recently promoted to Manager of Productivity. Congratulations, David!

We want to hear about what you are doing- accomplishments, promotions, moves, etc.! Please email your news to Debbie Flint, AL HIMSS Publications, at dflint@uabmc.edu , or call 205-934-2589.

Don't forget to register for the Spring Seminar to be held on May 2, 2001 at Sheraton Perimeter (Hwy 280 & I-459) in Birmingham