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AHDI Announces New 2014-2015 Board Members, Executive Committee

MODESTO, CA, July 31, 2014—The Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) membership has elected four members to the National Leadership Board (NLB), who will serve under the leadership of incoming President Susan Dooley, MHA, CMT, AHDI-F. The National Leadership Board also announced officers for 2014-2015.

"We are extremely fortunate to have this esteemed group of volunteer thought leaders serving on our National Leadership Board," said Linda G. Brady, CAE, CEO of AHDI. "Our members have elected a group of talented, well-respected healthcare documentation professionals who lead our organization by establishing and guiding the strategic direction for AHDI and overseeing the fiscal management of the association."

The following newly elected individuals will serve a three-year Board term, from September 1, 2014, to August 31, 2017:

Bonnie S. Bakal, CMT, AHDI-F, At-Large Director Sheila I. Guston, CHDS, AHDI-F, At-Large Director Jay Vance, CMT, CHP, At-Large Director Leigh Anne Frame, CMT, AHDI-F, District 2 Director Diane Warth, CMT, RHIT, AHDI-F, District 4 Director Debbie Wolfe, CHDS, AHDI-F, District 6 Director

"AHDI has been blessed with the election of capable and experienced board members, which will serve us well as we continue to move the healthcare documentation profession forward with the help of our staff, component associations, and industry partners," said Dooley. "The indepth clinical knowledge base of healthcare documentation specialists makes them invaluable in ensuring accuracy in patients' healthcare records. HDSs have always facilitated translation of medical speech to text, but more importantly, they also serve as a quality checkpoint to make sure that text is correct. AHDI continues to emphasize the importance of this skillset to the process of patient care."

At the July 23 meeting during the AHDI Healthcare Documentation Integrity Conference, the National Leadership Board elected the following individuals to serve as officers for 2014-2015, taking office September 1, 2014:

Karen Fox-Acosta, CHDS, AHDI-F, Treasurer Rebecca McSwain, PhD, CHDS, Secretary Jay Vance, CHP, CMT, President-elect

AHDI recognizes and expresses gratitude to outgoing President Jill Devrick, MPA, who will begin her term as Immediate Past President, and the following Board members whose terms end August 31, 2014:

Ann Donnelly, CMT, AHDI-F, District 6 Director Linda Giles, At-Large Director Susan Lucci, RHIA, CHPS, CHDS, AHDI-F, At-Large Director Bonnie Monico, CHDS, AHDI-F, Treasurer and District 2 Director

To view a roster of the current NLB, refer to the National Leadership Board web page.

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About AHDI

The <u>Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity</u> (AHDI) is a not-for-profit association representing the individuals and organizations in healthcare documentation. AHDI's purpose is to protect the integrity of patients' health information through continuous workforce development and the support of practitioners and industry partners. Learn more about AHDI by visiting our website, www.ahdionline.org.