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C&SOHIMSS Mentoring for the Future, By William Mitchin

There are many challenges that a professional organization such as the Central and Southern Ohio Healthcare Information Management Systems Society must face.

Among these challenges are keeping abreast of current healthcare issues, understanding the needs of the members, providing timely and convenient access to information, increasing interest in the Society, but most important it must provide members the opportunity to grow and advance in their particular niche.

To address these challenges the CSOHIMSS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the development of a student-mentoring program.

In the very near future, every CSOHIMSS member will receive a survey explaining the goal of the mentoring program and ask for their level of interest in participating.

Simply stated, the program is designed to give students from a variety of educational programs an opportunity to interact and work with professionals from our membership.

In doing so we hope to demonstrate to the students that there are a number of careers in technology, management, engineering, and nursing that they can pursue.

For our existing members, it represents a great opportunity to develop leadership skills to help

them achieve the next step in their careers.

We recognize that all of our members have dealt with organizational cutbacks placing a premium on their time.

The mentorship program is designed to allow you to commit to a schedule that is most convenient for you.

Some may want to follow the progress of their protégé over a set period of time and have regularly scheduled one-on-one meetings.

Others may want to share information with a group and only have a single informational meeting. Only you can determine how much time you have to give and how flexible you can be.

The CSOHIMSS Board has already met with a number of programs and schools who indicated a strong interest on the part of their student participation.

The next step is up to you, the members. If you are willing to share what you do with a student, have an interest in developing your leadership style and skills, want to see our local chapter continue to grow and develop new educational programs and opportunities, then we ask you to respond favorably to the participation survey.

Collectively, the more we share the more we gain from the experience. If you have not yet received your survey, please contact the Board at contactus@CSOHIMSS.org.

Member Spot Light:**William Mitchin, Partner,
Isthmus, Ltd.**

Bill is very active in the CSOHIMSS Chapter and currently serves on the board as the Information Systems Liaison. Further, he also is well recognized as in industry leader via high-profile presentations before LaVerne University, the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, California State University, and the National Hospital Development Association.



Bill holds a Bachelor of Science from California State University, Northridge in Health Care Administration and Management and has been affiliated with professional organizations including American College of Healthcare Executives, Hospital Information Management System Society and the Project Management Institute. Bill resides in Worthington, OH with his wife and two children where he was named a 2003 Worthington Education Association Friend of Education for volunteer activity at his local elementary school.

**CSOHIMSS Academic
Scholarship Winner for Fall
2003: Melissa Otting**

Originally from Cincinnati, Melissa is currently in her fourth year at Ohio State. She is majoring in Health Information Management & Systems with a Business minor. During the upcoming Spring quarter, she will be participating in 2 four week clinicals, one at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati and the other at Rush University

Medical Center in Chicago. Subsequently, she will be graduating in June, 2004. Her plans following graduation include finding a fulfilling and challenging job where she can make an impact while attending graduate school part-time.

Aside from school, Melissa enjoys participating in volunteer activities. Currently, she is a member of the Friend-to-Friend program in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization in Columbus. She also has volunteered during several quarters at OSU's Medical Center, where she is also employed part time in the Department of Pathology.

The Board extends its congratulations to Melissa for being our first scholarship winner. Way to go!!!

**Success Story: NHII and the
Association of Ohio Health
Commissioner**

The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners held their annual conference this past September and CSOHIMSS was there. Our Board Technology Liaison Bill Mitchin was asked to speak on the future of technology in health care and how it will affect the delivery of care and services in Ohio.

Bill's presentation discussed a number of new technologies that would help the commissioners with planning services and ease the administrative burden of providing healthcare. The focal point of Bill's presentation was the ongoing effort to develop a National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII).

There are many sources of data, sources of managing

healthcare, and resources that help us manage health and healthcare. The National Committee on Vital Health Statistics defined it in the form of three overlapping circles.

The first one is the healthcare provider dimension. That's the healthcare provided through ambulatory facilities, acute care institutions, long-term care, and mental health.

Secondly, there is the population health dimension, which you might think of as either federal, state or local public health facilities.

The third dimension is referred to as the personal health dimension. This is the ability of an individual to go to a Web site, create their personal health records, include in their personal health record any information that they may want to access from various Internet sources, and to be able to manage their wellness and their own personal healthcare.

The NHII is a framework that will enable us to get closer to an environment where data can be captured once at the point of care with derivatives of this information available for reimbursement, clinical research, and public health. While the cost of the program is high, HHS estimates it will spend \$14 Billion on this program over the next 10 years; the benefits of improved health care delivery services clearly outweigh the cost.

If you want to learn more about the NHII you may contact Bill through CSOHIMSS at contactus@csohimss.org or contact him directly at wmitchin@isthmusltd.com.

Chapter Business, Activities and Participation:

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date & Time	Location	Registration Fee
HIMSS Annual Conference Chapter Luncheon	TBD	TBD	TBD

Open Positions:

Currently, the CSOHIMSS Chapter has several vacant positions on the Board of Directors. We are seeking any members of the CSOHIMSS Chapter to volunteer their services if they would be interested in filling any positions. The current open positions are:

- Telecommunications Liaison
- Academic Liaison

Active participation has its advantages! Members who participate in this capacity earn valuable HIMSS points which are necessary for advancement to Senior Member or Fellow status within HIMSS.

In addition, you will be plugged into what is going on at the chapter level and have an influential voice in what activities and conferences our chapter sponsors.

If you are interested in any of these positions or if you are interested in volunteering in any other capacity, please contact Jerry Schwartz, Chapter President, for more information.

Open Request to Members:

The CSOHIMSS Chapter has an open request to all members for any subject or issue that they would like to see the chapter address.

Addressing the issue could be in the form of a feature article or a conference

presentation (either locally or nationally).

All suggestions welcome. Please consider those that are current, relevant and of pressing concern to the contemporary healthcare environment.

Presentation suggestions should be forwarded to Jerry Schwartz. Article suggestions should be forwarded to Sean McPhillips.

Academic Scholarships:

CSOHIMSS offers two \$500 scholarships to college students per academic year.

CSOHIMSS is pleased to announce Melissa Otting of Ohio State University as the winner of the Fall 2003 scholarship award.

The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors unanimously agreed to the program at the Board Retreat on June 6, 2003.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the winning applicants will receive a complimentary one-year membership in National HIMSS as well as membership in the CSOHIMSS Chapter.

If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Jerry Schwartz for more information.

Chapter Sponsorship:

As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, the Board of Directors for the Central and Southern Ohio Chapter of

HIMSS have simplified the Chapter Sponsorship to better serve the membership.

The new pricing structure and benefits are as follow:

Chapter Sponsor: \$250 for 6 months/\$500 for a full year.

Company name and logo will appear on the Chapter Website and will also be considered a sponsor of all chapter events for the term of their sponsorship. Annual sponsorship terms begin July 1st and end the following June 30th. Any company that wishes to sponsor at some point during a term, the sponsorship fee will be prorated accordingly.

If your company is interested in becoming a Chapter Sponsor or if you have any suggestions as to how companies may benefit better from sponsorship.

Note: Benefits may change to better serve our sponsors.

Member Feedback:

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

This section posts questions and comments from chapter members. If you have a comment or question, send them to Sean McPhillips at newsletter@csohimss.org for consideration.