

President's Message
Mike Kennedy

Hello Arizona Chapter,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Already, 2016 is shaping up to be another challenging year for the healthcare industry. The Arizona HFMA Chapter pledges to bring you the education and networking opportunities you need to succeed. I've said it before: we have an amazing chapter, thanks to the dedication of our members. *For example, Arizona had the highest participation rate in the nation for the 2015 October National Survey. We had an astounding 40% response rate with 64% satisfaction.* Thank you to everyone who offered examples on how we can improve the chapter as each and every comment is read, and several suggestions have already been implemented.



One common theme of the suggestions was the cost of our conferences. In response, we are lowering our provider registration fee for the upcoming Spring Conference held in Scottsdale on April 20th through the 22nd. Melinda Hancock, National Chair for HFMA, will be speaking at our conference. I urge each of you to set an attendance record and show Melinda what the Arizona Chapter is all about. [Registration is now open, so please sign up today!](#)

This is our 5th official year in our Quest for the Shelton which is the highest award an HFMA Chapter can receive. The goal of the award is 5 years of continual improvements. As a chapter, we have been diligently working to make Arizona the best in the nation. I think we are there. Now we need to let HFMA National know how amazing our chapter is and will continue to be. Finally, we are looking at more networking opportunities for 2016; keep watching the weekly email blast for times and places.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the board. Without their hard work and commitment, including their awesome committee members, we could not have come so far. Also, I would like to thank our amazing members who are our lifeblood and the reason for AzHFMA. Please continue to give us suggestions so we can sustain the excellence and strive for even higher goals.

I wish you a prosperous 2016.

Sincerely,

Michael Kennedy