



President's Message

It is hard to do anything right now without being blasted by the onslaught of election news. Television, radio, newspapers (these still exist!!) and the internet is a 24/7 cycle of the latest he said/she said. I think most would agree that they have never seen a Presidential election quite like this. Our fall conference in Tucson on September 11th-13th afforded us all to take a deep breath and have a little bit of fun with the upcoming election.

Our vendors did an admirable job of running on a platform of “accountability” or “value”. It was a fun way to learn more about the vendors who do so much to support the Arizona HFMA chapter. The theme carried over into our programs as speakers from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association and AHCCCS shared their views on upcoming national and local elections and what the results would likely mean for the healthcare industry. MACRA and physician integration were also major topics that were covered in the sessions. It was clear to me that the healthcare organizations need to work together to help navigate the changes that will continue to impact our industry. The politicians would be wise to follow our lead of working together to achieve more.



We were very pleased to have Kimberly Navidi attend our HFMA Fall Conference. Kimberly is the immediate past president of the Arizona Healthcare Executives. (AHE) Kimberly was very active at the conference and there are a lot of possibilities for HFMA and AHE to work together. In the coming months, you will continue to see opportunities to attend events with AHE, Arizona Medical Group Management Association (AzMGMA), Arizona Health Information Management Association (AzHIMA), Arizona Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (AzHIMSS) and many others. The board of Arizona HFMA continues to see opportunity in our members networking and sharing ideas with members of other healthcare organizations within Arizona. I think we would all agree that the knowledge we are asked to bring to our organizations every day no longer falls neatly into one bucket. Our goal is to work collaboratively with other healthcare associations to provide all of our members with better education and skills to tackle the increasing complexities of the healthcare environment.

The Arizona chapter of HFMA is also very proud to be a part of something that has never been tried before in HFMA! The 13 states that comprise Region 10 and 11 within HFMA are joining together for an education event. The Western Region Symposium will occur January 15-18, 2017 at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. I've been blown away by the excitement that is being generated in a number of states that are participating. Registration is booming and the speaker list is impressive. In addition to healthcare leaders from across the regions and nationally, be sure to attend for your chance to hear the keynote speaker, Mr. Las Vegas himself, Wayne Newton!!

Check out the website for more information: <http://hfmaregion11symposium.org/>

This is sure to be a great opportunity for members of our Arizona chapter to learn and share ideas with others in the western region. See you in Vegas!!

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