

AHIMA's 77th Convention and Exhibit: At the Edge of the Sea, on the Brink of the Future

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Nearly 4,000 HIM professionals from all walks of life and a record number of exhibitors gathered in San Diego, CA, in October 2005 to discuss what lay ahead for the HIM field. Together—at the edge of the sea, on the brink of the future—they made AHIMA's 77th Convention and Exhibit a great success. Featured speakers included David Brailer, MD, PhD, national coordinator for health information technology, Paul Tang, MD, chief medical information officer at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and Stedman Graham, author of the New York Times bestseller *You Can Make It Happen*.

Weren't able to attend this year's convention? Check out some of the highlights below to see what you missed. And make your plans now to attend this year's convention and exhibit in Denver, CO, October 7–12.

[Experts: Clinical Terminology Mapping Will Be Essential Tool](#)

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House Approves Action Items for Association

Members of the House of Delegates (HoD) voted on several action items during its meeting on October 16. The House approved a provision submitted by the Council on Certification to revise and update the qualifications for initial RHIT and RHIA certifications. The change reflects the requirement that academic programs be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education instead of the Commission on Accreditation of Health Education Programs.

The House also approved a proposed bylaw amendment that would move authority for setting dues from the HoD to the Board of Directors. The proposal, submitted by the California HIA and supported by 16 other state associations, moves association business decision making to the Board. The House in turn will focus on recommending actions based on the identification of forces and trends affecting the profession.

Also approved was a proviso submitted by the Tennessee HIMA that establishes a policy stating that when a dues increase is recommended or warranted, the Board of Directors will publish a justification for the increase and allow members a 60-day comment period.

Full text of the action items is available online in AHIMA's State Leaders and HoD Community of Practice, which is open to all members at www.ahima.org.

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