



## Indiana HIMSS Member meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

The Indiana Chapter of HIMSS met at the Indianapolis Convention Center during *Indiana Health Innovation '03*, an annual conference/convention organized by the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

John Kansky, president opened the meeting by introducing the chapter officers and giving a brief history of the chapter and the effort to charter the current chapter. Charles Christian presented membership data and statistics to give a better overall feel for the membership, which is decidedly "provider oriented".

The presentation and agenda used for the meeting are posted along with these minutes. Here are the highlights.

### We had IN-HIMSS before?

It is interesting to note that there had been a previous Indiana HIMSS chapter. At least one member of that chapter was present in the meeting so the topic: "Why did the last chapter dissolve?" was discussed.

Every organization like IN-HIMSS struggles to provide relevance to its members who are typically incredibly busy. We have a goal to identify the needs of the current members and design high-value events to meet those needs. Time is of a premium to our members.

### Membership up 56%

There are approximately 13,000 in HIMSS and 209 members of IN-HIMSS. The representation in Indiana is about average. It has actually increased from 134 members in November 2002.

### Key Relationships with Other Organizations

The timing for an IN-HIMSS chapter couldn't be better. The focus on IT in Healthcare in Indiana is quite strong right now. Two organizations -- Indiana Health Industry Forum ([www.ihif.org](http://www.ihif.org)) and TechPoint ([www.techpoint.org](http://www.techpoint.org)) -- were are both Interested in supporting and partnering with IN-HIMSS going forward.

### Next Event

*Data Security in Healthcare* July 30<sup>th</sup> Intech Park 1, [2pm tentative]  
The Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS) ([www.cerias.purdue.edu](http://www.cerias.purdue.edu)), another partner of IN-HIMSS will be sponsoring a panel discussion on legislation and regulations related to data security in the healthcare industry. Watch you email for details.

## Member Survey

John led the group in a discussion of the needs of the membership. Several members shared ideas. Some themes seemed to appear from this input:

- It was suggested that we have a meeting frequency that is advantageous for the membership, quarterly rather than once a month.
- It was also suggested that we have half-day meetings with round table discussions with facilitators
- It was suggested that we provide a listserv or possibly a collaboration tool whereby the membership could post questions for feedback. For example: "Is this product any good?"
- It was recommended that we work/coordinate with other state/regional chapters to host a regional event.
- It was suggested that we have a total of four meetings; the national meeting, one regionally coordinated event, and two on our own.
- Web based seminars (for a fee) were also discussed
- A member asked that we see if we can get approval for CEU credit from HIMSS that could be used to meet the requirements for maintaining the HIMSS certifications. This is being researched.

The members were then given a chapter survey to complete. The survey will be distributed to members who were unable to attend via email. Please take the time to respond when you receive it.

After the conclusion of the membership survey activity the meeting was adjourned for a time of networking.