

2009 Distinguished Member Award

Carol E. Osborn Ph.D., RHIA

OHIMA's highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award recognizes Carol Osborn, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to HIM throughout her career.

Carol started her career as an instructor and a Medical Records Director and has served in various roles such as serving as a consultant or resource person for foreign countries like Egypt and worked with the Minister of Health from Israel in helping to explain policies and procedures for maintenance of medical records in the United States. Her climb to career success has continued. Today, she is an Associate Director for Coding, Data Quality, Documentation & Compliance at The Ohio State University Medical Center Department of Medical Information Management. In each role, Carol has demonstrated skill, expertise, leadership and professionalism; all key characteristics of a Health Information Professional.

Carol has not only demonstrated the above characteristics in her chosen career path, but has demonstrated them through her continued voluntarism at OHIMA, Illinois HIMA, Michigan HIMA, and at AHIMA. Her professional association activities are too numerous to mention but some highlights include:

OHIMA - Carol has been a member of the scholarship, budget, and continuing education committees for OHIMA and the Ad Hoc Task Force for the review of the essentials for Accreditation of Medical Record Educational Programs. For Illinois, Carol has served as President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and many other positions and committees.

AHIMA - Carol has served as a member of numerous AHIMA committees such as the joint committee on education, item development group, research coordinator for the AHIMA Assembly on Education (AOE) Chair-elect for the AOE, member of an Expert Panel for a Roles and Functions Project, Chairperson for a Sub-council on Accreditation Recommendations and this is just naming a few of the different projects she has been involved in.

Carol continues to share her knowledge and expertise with HIM professionals across the state, regionally and nationally. She has spoken at numerous regional, state, and national meetings along with authoring several books, articles for several journals, along with reviewing and editing numerous books and chapters. Carol has also been involved in numerous research projects for HIM.

As one peer writes, "Carol has had a distinguished career in health information management....She is a tremendous resource to the HIM community." Carol has been a mentor to many people and her willingness to continue to take leadership roles is an exceptional quality. We are pleased to recognize Carol as one of Ohio's outstanding HIM professionals. Please join us in congratulating Carol Osborn as the 2009 OHIMA Distinguished Member.

