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Greetings Kansas HIMSS Chapter member,

Your chapter Board of Directors wishes to thank you for your membership and look forward to working with you these next two years. The Board continues to remain vigilant in providing the resources and professional development programs that bring value to you.

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve you as president of KSHIMSS for the next two years. I am excited to see the involvement and momentum this organization has experienced these past two years under the guidance and leadership of your past president, Mike Shipley. I will do my best to continue to foster the excitement, interest, and involvement that Mike and the Board have developed in the recent past.

Your 2011-2013 Board of Directors as well as the Membership Representative positions are all filled and are as follows:

- President-Robert (Bob) Lies, Project Manager for Midwest Health Data Systems
- Vice President-Scott Barth, Health Information Technology Consultant
- Treasurer-Doug McGaw, NPR Consultant for Iatric Systems
- Secretary(and Past President)-Mike Shipley, Director of Support Services for Kansas Foundation for Medical Care
- Membership Chair-Chris Wilson, Of Counsel, Spencer Fane Britt Brown LLP
- Programs/Events Chairs- Donna Garwood-HITREC Educator for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care
- Nancy Davis-Project Manager, Harden Healthcare
- Communications/Web Chair- Luke Kumberg, Network Administrator for Pratt Regional Medical Center
- Advocacy Liaison-Sally Perkins, Director of Data Services for Kansas Hospital Association
- HIE Liaison- Ken Abendshien, Director of Information Systems for Great Plains Health Alliance
- Advisor Emeritus- Scott Rohleder, Director of Information Systems for Hays Medical Center
- Membership Representatives:
 - Kerry Kellerman-Network Manager for Great Plains Health Alliance
 - Alisha Herrmann- IT Director for Edwards County Hospital
 - Dan McBride-Director of Information Systems, Heartland Surgical Specialty Hospital
 - Blaine Cappel-Director of IT, Memorial Health Systems, Abilene, Kansas

- Hasmet Uner,MD.-Assistant Professor, K U Medical Center
- Shawn Weldin-Director of IT for Sabetha Community Hospital

Please take note of the Membership Representatives listed above. These representatives are responsible for attending Board Meetings every other month (2 times per year will be in person), and represent the membership as a whole in discussions regarding events and other non-administrative activities. Member representatives are also responsible for voting on all items that require membership quorum, as detailed in the modified KSHIMSS bylaws to be affirmed in the very near future. This would include any non-administrative or business related issues or items that impact the chapter as a whole. These representatives are volunteers who have been either recommended by membership at large, or other board members, and have been appointed by the President after obtaining Board Quorum.

The board has created a new volunteer form that can be completed for members to volunteer or recommend other members, to serve or nominate (Vice President only) to serve the chapter either on the board or as a committee member. You can find this form on our website at www.kshimss.org. I am excited about to work with this team of people as we continue to grow the chapter and provide value to our membership.

Recently, Scott Barth and I attended a two day Chapter Leadership Camp at National HIMSS in Chicago where we not only networked with other chapters from across the nation, hearing their struggles and success stories, but we also learned of the many resources available for you (as members) to tap into. You will learn more about that at our upcoming [Fall educational symposium](#).

As already mentioned above, my goal is not only to maintain the current momentum and enthusiasm that the Board has been building, but also to grow our membership by targeting other healthcare professionals including physicians and clinical informatics; by initiating student involvement and membership through the creation of a Chapter student scholarship to one of the Kansas educational institutions; by a concentrated effort to recruit Corporate memberships; and by marketing the resources available at the national level of HIMSS through the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS.

The Board is committed to growing our membership and to attaining these goals as is evidenced by some of our upcoming events. Donna Garwood and Nancy Davis have put together a packed full, one day Education Symposium on October 21st in Wichita for a very reasonable price. One of the sessions will be by Tammy Kwiatkoski, Senior Manager of Regional Affairs from headquarters in Chicago, speaking on what resources are available to you as a member of HIMSS.(Check out our website for further details at www.kshimss.org.) Come and enjoy the day and learn more about Meaningful Use and HIE activities.

We will have a booth at the Kansas Hospital Association Convention this year in Wichita, on November 16 and 17 to show our presence and to provide resource help to our members and the public. We welcome you to drop by our booth to say hello and to enter into a drawing for a new iPad. In addition, a KSHIMSS educational luncheon will be provided for any member attending the KHA convention for a nominal ticket price. The KSHIMSS Board will also be having a face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the convention.

We encourage you to visit our web site (www.kshimss.org) for information about upcoming events and to find out the latest on chapter affairs. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter or you have any feedback, please feel free to contact any one of the Board members, or me through my email below.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Robert Lies
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