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**Welcome from the President**

Greetings Michigan HIMSS member,

The Michigan Chapter Board of Directors sincerely appreciates your membership and is intensely focused on providing tools, resources and professional development programs that have tangible, hands-on value for you. During the course of year 2011, we plan on bringing exciting education and networking events to your backyard.

I encourage you to go to our web site ([www.mi-himss.org](http://www.mi-himss.org)) for information about upcoming events and to find out how our chapter can serve you.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the Chapter. These include: attending an event, volunteering to host and coordinate a meeting, speaking to students at local colleges and universities, or serving on the Chapter Program, Membership or Communications Committees. If you are interested in getting involved or have any feedback, please contact us at <http://www.mi-himss.org/contactus/contactus.html>.

Sincerely,  
Dann R. Lemerand, FHIMSS

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President, HIMSS - Michigan  
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**HIMSS11** ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 20-24, 2011 ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER ORLANDO, FL  
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In the tradition of HIMSS national conferences, the 2011 HIMSS Conference presents members unique educational, career, and networking opportunities, and is poised to deliver great value to attendees.

During this conference, the Michigan HIMSS Chapter will be holding a members' reception on Monday, February 21st from 4:30 to 5:30PM. It will be located at the Compuware vendor booth. All members are cordially invited. Please contact Hank Mayers at [hank.mayers@reliatechconsulting.com](mailto:hank.mayers@reliatechconsulting.com) with any questions you may have. See you there!

Visit the conference website to explore other activities that are lined up, as well as information on how to register at: <http://www.himssconference.org>

5 DAYS 400+ SESSIONS 500 SPEAKERS 900+ EXHIBITS 29,000+ PROFESSIONALS, DECISION-MAKERS, THOUGHT LEADERS

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*A. Avant*

## Recognizing Members’ Volunteering

Our past and continued success is because of our wonderful members. These men and women have given many hours of their professional expertise and personal experience in helping to make our HIMSS events successful. As chapter leaders, we have come to rely on their energy and their passion for carrying out the multitude of tasks to make this possible.

I recently received an article from one of my mentors; the article was about motivating people. What is important to mention from the article is that as chapter leaders we need to

focus on our members’ basic needs. The author defines basic needs as what drive a person’s passion, enthusiasm, purpose or their willingness to be a part of something. Some people find that HIMSS provides them with an opportunity to satisfy these needs through working with interesting people, developing skills for career advancement, or just enjoying being with like-minded people.

As a chapter, our success is incumbent on finding ways to ensure that our members tap into their basic needs while fulfilling and supporting the mission of HIMSS. For what-

ever reason people are willing to give of themselves, their time, and their energy, we are very grateful. On November 17, 2010, in our State’s capital city – Lansing area, we acknowledged our members with a mix and mingle event for all the hard work and energy they have given year after year. It is our way of saying thank-you for giving of your time and for tapping your passion in helping to make the Michigan HIMSS Chapter the BEST!!!

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**Antonio Avant, Vice President  
MI HIMSS Chapter**

## Meet our Members



My nursing career evolved from being a CICU nurse and Critical Care Nurse Educator toward Nursing Informatics 15 years ago. Since then, I have been interested in reaching out to Nurses and other clinicians that have become involved in Healthcare IT.

Out of necessity to maintain my ANCC NI certification I also searched for continuing education opportunities. I became aware of and joined the now inactive Michigan Nursing Informatics Network (MNIN) and eventually became president and past president.

Through MNIN, I worked with a group of like minded nurses to provide yearly programs with Healthcare IT and Informatics topics. It was exciting to be able to meet and network with Informatics nurses from all over Michigan, Ohio, and Canada.

I then met a member of the Board of the Michigan Chapter of HIMSS and was introduced to another group of people that work hard to provide networking opportunities, education programs, advocacy and leadership within Healthcare IT. I attended a HIMSS National Nursing Informatics Symposium and was energized by meeting so many Nursing Informatics Leaders and Innovators from all over the US and abroad.

The transition of the members of the MNIN to the larger local and national HIMSS network allowed us to continue our work to provide input to MIHIMSS to bring educational programs of interest to informatics clinicians and strive to provide continuing education credits for those programs. At times, volunteering to do this work is a challenge with the demands of being a Senior Business Analyst at AHIS/ Genesys Regional Medical Cen-

ter, but I believe that the involvement with MIHIMSS is definitely worth the extra time and effort. If you would like to contact me, please do so at [shendrix@genesys.org](mailto:shendrix@genesys.org)

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