

“Your Key to the Future”

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President's Report – Jacqueline Buol

When I think of the President's notes written in the past, they always had a wealth of information on how to obtain this verification, or information on state medical boards or wisdom on privileging or credentialing. Now, thanks to the Internet and our IAMSS e-mail blasts, a person can find some bit of information on almost anything they need to know. So I thought, there's not a lot of information I can give the IAMSS members that they can't come up with searching on their own; so, I came up with a list of 15 facts or observations about myself for you to enjoy (or groan about):

Top 15 things you may not have known about your IAMSS President:

- 1) I'm the youngest of five girls whose names all start with "J": Janet, Jeri, Jill, Jayne, Jacqueline (it was fun when you got in trouble because Mom would yell out several of the sister's names before she got to yours; if you said your name before she got to it, it would rather irritate her. She's been known to throw a pet's name in there, too)
- 2) I play (or used to play) the oboe, piano and alto, tenor, bari saxophones – don't know how well I could play them now, though I still occasionally plunk on the piano.
- 3) I like to crochet and cross-stitch, and donate the crocheted items such as baby hats and chemo hats to the UI Hospital, or prayer shawls to my sister's church.
- 4) I collect Noah's Arks (the boats with the animals) and have a room full of them.
- 5) I LOVE to play euchre and pinochle (card games).

- 6) I have two cats, Bobber and Cooper, who both share my middle name "Jo". They still don't get along with each other, even after five years
- 7) I graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA in 1987
- 8) My favorite flower is a lavender rose, though mini pink carnations or alstroemerias will do in a pinch
- 9) My favorite bird is the cardinal, with the goldfinch coming in 2nd and the robin, 3rd
- 10) I collect miniature decks of playing cards (have over 250 of them)
- 11) I love doing jig-saw puzzles and have several 'puzzle roll-ups' that I do them on
- 12) I hate wasps! Those long, dangly legs! Euh!
- 13) I own a kayak but do not know how to swim
- 14) I have over 40 Isabel Bloom sculptures strewn throughout the house and FINALLY
- 15) I don't really cook. The only reason I have a kitchen is because it came with the house! Ha Ha! (A friend sent me that joke – said it reminded her of me). Hmmm

So, I hope you all found this a little entertaining. Like I said, I don't think you would have easily found this information on the Internet. With that, the IAMSS Board and I hope to see you all at our spring conference in Ames on April 01, 2011 (no, I'm not fooling). Brenda has another terrific conference lined up for us, and I'm sure you'll come away with a little something more than you came in with. Kind of like this top 15 list!

Enjoy everyone!

IAMSS Conferences

Spring Conference

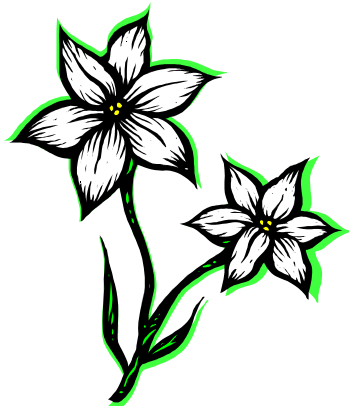
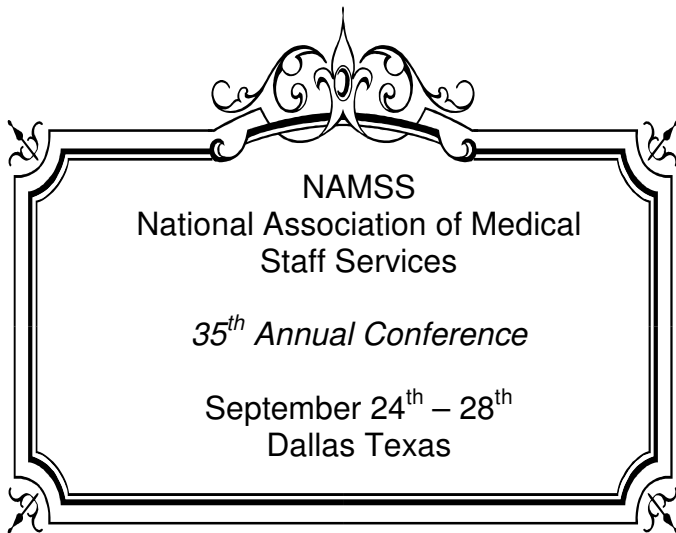
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The Spring Conference will be held at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. Kathy Matzka CPMSM, CPCS will be our speaker for the day. She has over 20 years experience in credentialing, privileges and medical staff services. You won't want to miss this conference!



Fall Conference

September 23rd at the Mary Greeley Medical Center



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Meet our newest IAMSS Board Member

Shelly Berger has been the administrative assistant and board secretary at Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson for 31 years. She has done credentialing for 20 plus of those years. There are about 120 physicians and allied health professionals on staff at Greene County Medical Center. She wears many hats in her job including administrative and board duties, as well as the coordination of the auxiliary volunteers and activities.

She is married to Bill, a city mail carrier for the US Postal Service. They have two children: Valerie is teaching 6th grade at West Marshall School and is married to Kent Greiner who is serving in Afghanistan until July. Krystal is employed as an image specialist for Meredith Corporation in Des Moines. She explains that "I'm thoroughly enjoying being a Grandma to Logan, Valerie and Kent's son (15 months)."

She keeps busy with Master Gardeners, her own garden, and BPO Does treasurer as well as many other Does events. She was just recently named chairperson of her city-wide Bell Tower Festival to be held in June. Her most enjoyable hobby is babysitting grandson Logan.

Shelly writes:

"I have been in IAMSS since it began and have gained much knowledge and assistance through both the educational programs and the networking with others. I appreciate that I can ask a question through the e-blast system and get many quick answers. I look forward to serving as the IAMSS secretary."

Welcome a "Board" Shelly



New Grandson for Jeanne Gibson!

Maxxus Edward Laufersweiler

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Parents: Abbie and Luke Laufersweiler

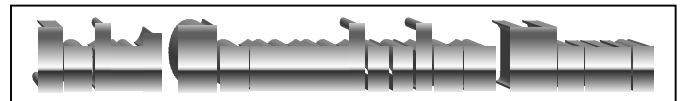
Grandparents: Jeanne and Steve Gibson

New Certificants!

Amy Nichols CPCS successfully completed the CPCS exam in October of 2010

Terri Anthony CPCS successfully complete the CPCS exam in October 2010

Congratulations!



The Joint Commission (TJC) has announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the deadline for TJC to implement the CMS telemedicine regulations for hospitals and critical access hospitals. TJC had been expected to implement new Elements of Performance reflecting CMS credentialing and privileging requirements for their Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Programs by March 1, 2011.

Reminder!!!

The Deadline to be in compliance for the much anticipated MS.01.01.01. is March 31st!

Are you ready?

Survey's

Joan Fancher, Assistant Administrator for Audubon County Memorial Hospital reported on their DIA inspection in December 2010. “They spent over 3 hours reviewing medical staff files. They were very focused on outside peer review. The other area they specifically looked for was evidence of physician health status. We have a question about their health status on the appointment and reappointment forms. She thought the question or two was very minimal and encouraged me to expand this, but did not write me up. I use the universal application for initial appointments. We received no recommendations or deficiencies from this inspection.”

Connie Kirschten, RHIT, Director of Health Information/Compliance/Credentialing Officer At Hegg Memorial Health Center had this to share about their survey in December. “We had a couple of things that we had to do a plan of correction on which included: Peer review for Radiologist especially NightHawk. We knew that was coming so we were not surprised. This was the first time our clinic was inspected so we had to do some different things with the medical records. (locked room and no charts left out at night and Dr. offices locked.) Also the timing, signing, and dating of requisitions for lab and xray. They have accepted our plan of correction and all is well again until next time.

Becky Peitz RN, CPCS, CPMSM, Medical Staff Coordinator for Great River Medical Center in West Burlington shared findings from their survey done in November of 2010. During the review of the files, he was looking for

1. Proof of primary verification
2. Peer References: He asked how many we required. I told him I ask for 4 but will settle for 3. He said, oh that is good, most ask for 3 and settle for 2.
3. current licensure
4. general review of the file

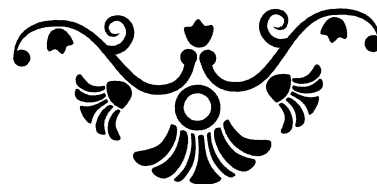
5. time frame for processing an application
6. Core vs. Laundry list of privileges
7. *** FPPE process

He asked quite a few questions about the FPPE process. The one thing that he wanted to see was the FPPE process outlined in the initial appointment letter and in the letter sent informing that the request for a new privilege was granted

New Joint Commission Web Site

The Joint Commission launched its new web site, www.jointcommission.org, which has enhanced features and capabilities to provide its customers and the public with better accessibility to the wealth of information on the site. Some of the highlights of the new site are:

- Ability to sign up for updates and alerts about events, field reviews, new and updated FAQs, newsletters, and more
- A Daily Update section highlights any new information that has been posted within the last 24 hours
- Enhanced multimedia functionality for videos, podcasts, and RSS feeds
- More interactive opportunities via blogs, real-time discussion forums, online speakers bureau form, maps that show the states that recognize Joint Commission accreditation and certification, and ‘share with a friend’ capability
- Clear identification of new FAQs and easier navigation of standards FAQs, including the ability to search within FAQs for special topics
- An Event Calendar highlights upcoming conferences, teleconferences and webinars, and provides for easy, online registration
- Enhanced and advanced search functionality.



From our Experts

Amy VanMaanen responds to questions asked of her at the Fall 2010 IAMSS meeting.

Q: If an Iowa licensed physician has their licensed suspended by the Iowa Board of Medicine and they have active licenses in other bordering states. The physician sees a patient in the bordering state, orders tests/labs for the patient, and the patient comes back to Iowa to have those tests/labs done. Can this be done even though the physician's Iowa license is suspended?

A: Yes, this is ok because the care of the patient took place in the bordering state and so long as they have a license in that state it is ok.

Q: Is there a time limit on how long the hearing process can be drawn out?

A: No.

Q: Unpaid taxes and the physician's license. How does this work?

A: The board must suspend a physician's license if they have unpaid taxes. The Iowa Dept of Revenue issues an order to the physician about repaying the unpaid debt within so many days. The Iowa Board of Medicine issues an order to the physician stating the license will automatically be suspended within 60 days if the debt is not repaid.

