

AHRMM BOARD - PLATFORM FOR CHAIR ELECT

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Having served as an active member of The Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management for nearly three decades I firmly support the mission of the organization and will strive to ensure its continued success.

The strength of any organization lies in its membership and collaboration. In our advancing world of technology, it is imperative that we find new and innovative ways to connect with all generations. To serve the needs of all levels of members as well as attracting new members has, and should continue to be, a primary focus of the Board. The growing number of senior supply chain leaders entering the final decade of their careers is of growing concern across the industry and should be a priority in the eyes of any organization. We must strive to find creative ways to garner and educate new, young entry level members as well as ensure a greater benefit for our sponsors.

Collaboration with the AHA and other PMGs and Associations is another area of focus. Duplication of efforts and offerings fragment the vision and mission of an organization. Through focused interaction, including creative ways to partner, AHRMM will strengthen its position in the market as well as demonstrate the willingness to provide foundational focus upon the value of supply chain management.

Support of the AHRMM staff is of significant importance. Through their efforts the Association is able to maintain its level of service and innovation in the marketplace. Recognizing the contrast of other Associations less fortunate, it is very apparent the value a strong staff brings to the management and future growth of the organization. We must invest in diversity and strive to lead a skilled staff if we are to maintain value and enhance the security of the Association. We must develop enhanced innovative ways to attract future generations of members and the Board must provide leadership and vision for this to happen.

The CQO Movement has been a significant advancement for the Association. The Clinical Integration Task Force, of which I am a member, has good ideas to further develop the impact of CQO. I firmly support the need to take the CQO/Clinical Integration initiatives and value to our local Chapters as well as other groups and Associations. Having been an active member of KHARMM as well as serving on the Kansas Board, I know first hand the struggles our Chapters have with driving value for their membership. I have been privileged to present at numerous local chapters and know they are anxious for innovative ideas to continue the support of AHRMM locally. This should be a major topic for the Board over the coming years as it not only provides the leadership needed at a local level but also supports membership growth and collaboration which the national Association needs to survive.

As a Registered Nurse and now independent consultant in the area of clinical integration of supply chain management, I have and continue to witness first hand the struggles of not only our hospitals but our supplier partners to understand the changing landscape and to support the foundation AHRMM has established in the industry. It may be more relevant today than ever that AHRMM continues to be not only THE ASSOCIATION for healthcare supply chain but take an even greater position in the market to promote the value of our members and the significant need to balance costs, quality and outcomes for the organizations and patients that we serve.

Over the past thirty years I have served as a nurse, supply chain director and consultant. I owe much of my personal success to the network I have established through AHRMM. I truly understand the daily struggles of our industry and I strive to make a difference. As Chair of the Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management I will continue my professional quest to promote the Association through its strong network, its Members and vision to advance health care through supply chain excellence.