

American Health Information Management Association

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment <i>(underline changes)</i>	Rationale*
<p><u>Article IX. Commission on Certification of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals</u></p> <p><i>Section 1. Purpose.</i> The Commission on Certification of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals shall exist to serve the public and the profession by establishing and enforcing standards for the initial certification and certification maintenance of health informatics and information management professionals.</p> <p><i>Section 2. Powers and Duties.</i> The Commission on Certification of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals shall exist as an independent body, and shall maintain autonomy in the conduct of its activities. The Commission has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to the certification and recertification activities of health informatics and health information professionals, including but not limited to standard setting, establishment of fees, finances and administration.</p> <p><i>Section 3. AHIMA</i></p>	<p><u>Article IX. Commission on Certification for of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals</u></p> <p><i>Section 1. Purpose.</i> The Commission on Certification <u>for</u> of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals shall exist to serve the public and the profession by establishing and enforcing standards for the initial certification and certification maintenance of health informatics and information management professionals.</p> <p><i>Section 2. Powers and Duties.</i> The Commission on Certification <u>for</u> of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals shall exist as an independent body, and shall maintain autonomy in the conduct of its activities. The Commission has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to the certification and recertification activities of health informatics and health information professionals, including but not limited to standard setting, establishment of fees, finances and administration.</p> <p><i>Section 3. AHIMA Representation.</i> AHIMA shall</p>	<p>Change #1: Name Change</p> <p>Rationale: Maintains consistency of “commission” naming convention and status as previously established with CAHIIM; resolves unintended and / or less-than-positive inferences if or when the acronym, CCHIM, is pronounced.</p> <p>Change #2: Clarification of Powers and Duties.</p> <p>Rationale: The original language for Article IX, Section 2, Powers and Duties, is identical to the language contained in Article X, Section 2, Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.</p> <p>However, for the purpose of demonstrating autonomous governance with respect to a certification body, there is no requirement for explicit language regarding the establishment of fees or administrative finances by either 3rd-party accrediting agency, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), respectively.</p>

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3.2 Election.

- A. Ballots shall be provided to all Active Members of AHIMA to be returned in the time set forth by the Board of Directors.
- B. Election shall be by a plurality of the votes cast by the Active Members. In case of a tie, the election shall be decided by lot.
- C. After the ballots have been received, the President shall appoint a Committee of Tellers who shall meet within 15 days after the deadline for receipt of ballots to verify the votes and report to the Board of Directors.
- D. Results of the election shall be declared to the membership within 45 days after the deadline for receipt of ballot. The electees shall assume office the following January 1.

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Proposed by the Commission on Certification of Health Informatics and Information Management Professionals

The bylaws amendment is supported by:

- **AHIMA Board of Directors**
- **Delegates of the House of Delegates Team on Professional Development and Recognition participating on the 4/23/09 conference call.**