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HIMSS Electronic Health Record Vendors Association Elects New Executive Committee

CHICAGO (July 21, 2008) – The Electronic Health Records Vendors Association (EHRVA), in partnership with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), recently elected two officers and six executive committee members to its organization. Representing the majority of installed electronic health record systems in the U.S., the HIMSS EHRVA provides a leadership forum for the electronic health record (EHR) community that is relative to standards development and harmonization (HITSP), the EHR certification process (CCHIT), healthcare interoperability, physician reimbursement solutions, and performance and quality measures. The association also addresses other EHR issues that may become the subject of increased government, insurance and physician association interest.

The EHRVA Executive Committee, with input from the association membership, sets the strategic direction of the organization and guides the implementation of its initiatives. The committee, which began its term on July 1, consists of the following members:

Chairman: Justin Barnes, vice president of marketing and government affairs at Greenway Medical Technologies Inc. is the new chairman of the EHRVA Executive Committee. Barnes currently manages strategy, marketing, corporate development and government affairs for Greenway Medical in Carrollton, Ga. and is one of the original founders of the EHRVA. Barnes has written expansively on health IT topics for industry media outlets and has addressed Congress and other members of the current administration eight times on topics such as EHR and healthcare information technology (HIT) adoption, EHR certification, standards harmonization, interoperability, privacy and security, confidentiality and compliance, IT adoption incentives and the globalization of healthcare.

Vice Chairman: Andy Ury MD, chief medical officer, McKesson Physician Practice Solutions in Seattle, Wash., took office as the EHRVA's vice chairman. In addition to his role at McKesson, Dr. Ury is also a current commissioner on the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology. Dr. Ury helped found the EHRVA and served as its first vice chair from 2004-2006.

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Elected executive committee members include:

Charlie Jarvis, FACHE, is assistant vice president for healthcare industry services and legislative affairs at NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc. in Horsham, Penn. Jarvis previously served as Chair of the Government Affairs and Affiliated Organizations Workgroup with the EHRVA.

Michele McGlynn, strategic manager in government and industry affairs for Siemens Medical Solutions in Malvern, Penn., directs the company's outreach, advocacy activities and response to emerging healthcare IT market initiatives. McGlynn serves as vice chair of the Government Initiatives and Organizations Work Group. McGlynn participates in industry organizations and workgroups with HIMSS, eHealth Initiative, Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative, and the EHRVA, and monitors the efforts of many other stakeholder organizations.

Charles Parisot is manager, architecture and standards with GE Healthcare in Milwaukee, Wis. Parisot is responsible for standardization and IT architecture in the Enterprise Systems group. He has 17 years of experience in healthcare and has served in leadership positions in various vendor associations, including the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), COCIR, and EHRVA. Parisot is also actively involved in Health Level Seven's (HL7) EHR Technical Committee, and helped launch the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) initiative in both the U.S. and Europe.

Rick Reeves RPh is the senior clinical manager of corporate development at Computer Programs and Systems Incorporated (CPSI) in Mobile, Ala. Reeves serves as chair of the CCHIT Work Group for the EHRVA. He has been a member on the EHRVA Executive Board since 2007. Reeves has also served as the co-chair of the EHRVA Government Initiatives and Organizations Work Group and is a member of the initial CCHIT 2007 Inpatient Workgroup, responsible for developing inpatient functionality and interoperability criteria for inpatient systems certification. He was re-appointed to the 2008 CCHIT Inpatient Work Group and was asked by CCHIT to serve as Co-Chair for 2009.

Don Schoen is CEO and president of MediNotes in Des Moines, Iowa. Schoen has received numerous industry awards including the Sybase Innovator award, Computerworld Honor Laureate (twice), and Entrepreneur of the Year from Ernst and Young. Schoen is one of the founding members of the EHRVA and served as the organization's chair from November 2006 through June 2008. He serves on the advisory committee of HL7 and on the boards of Palisades Systems and the Marketing Advisory Council at the University of Iowa.

Steve Tolle is vice-president, product management, at Allscripts Healthcare Solutions in Phoenix, Ariz. Tolle has 20 years of healthcare industry experience working in start-up or high-growth organizations in multiple healthcare sectors.

About HIMSS EHRVA

HIMSS EHRVA is a trade association of Electronic Health Record (EHR) companies that join together to lead the HIT industry in the accelerated adoption of electronic health records in hospital and ambulatory care settings in the US. Representing a substantial portion of the installed EHR systems in the US, the association provides a leadership forum for the vendor community to speak with a unified voice relative to standards development, the EHR certification process, interoperability, performance and quality measures, and other EHR issues as they become subject to increasing government, insurance and provider driven initiatives and requests. Membership is open to HIMSS corporate members with legally formed companies designing, developing and marketing their own commercially available EHRs with installations in the USA. The association, comprised of approximately 42 member companies, is a partner of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and operates as an organizational unit within HIMSS. For more information, visit <http://www.himssehrva.org>.

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