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President Ben Shah's Message

BITTERSWEET SYMPHONY

Well, here it is. My last message as chapter president and it is, without a doubt, bittersweet. Serving as president of the Oregon chapter has been amazing. I have been afforded such great opportunities to meet so many of you and to help push the chapter further – all in an effort to make sure that Oregon HFMA delivers what's needed to the membership. This year, we have applied to national HFMA for awards on four initiatives that we completed:

1. 60th Anniversary Celebration – it was less than a year ago that we met at the beautiful Ponzi Winery and celebrated our past, present and future. If you missed it, the video that was shown is still on our website. We had over twenty past presidents make it!
2. Leadership Toolkits – this year toolkits were developed to help make the transition from year to year easier on volunteers.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 13-15, 2015
Spring Conference
Salishan Resort
Gleneden Beach, OR
"Theme: Broadway"

June 22-25, 2015
ANI
Orlando, Florida

July 15-17, 2015
Summer Conference
Mt. Bachelor Village
Bend, OR

September 16-18, 2015
Fall Conference
Portland Marriot
Portland, OR



"People like us will lead the transformation within our organizations and within our leadership teams... We can LEAD THE CHANGE to sustain, grow and succeed amid great uncertainties..." Kari Cornicelli, Chair's Address at 2014 ANI

President Ben Shah's Message (continued)

3. Reimbursement Webinars – we also kicked off a series of webinars on reimbursement topics. Our goal was to reach a wider audience of members who are geographically dispersed throughout the state. By using web technology, we have been able to increase participation from rural areas by over double!
4. Newsletter – yes, the newsletter you are reading right now! In the last year, satisfaction with the newsletter is up around 20% and a lot of that is due to our redesign. We are making the newsletter more personal so if you have life events to share or articles, please send them along to our editor, Martha Silliman.

We had so many other accomplishments this year but could only choose four to submit. I am so grateful for the amazing volunteers who made ALL of this happen. At Salishan, we will be recognizing a couple of those volunteers with the President's Award and the new Charles L. Kampmann Award for Educational Excellence. I sincerely hope you can join us. After all, it's Broadway night!

It has been my honor to be your president. I'll still be attending events and serving on the board so you won't be able to get rid of me so quickly. You are in good hands next year with Jeff Johnson, Kim Carter, MaΣ Navigato, SooΣ Harvey, and the rest of your leadership team. Here's to another great year!

Ben Shah—Oregon Chapter of HFMA President 2014/2015