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The [*GOCHIA July 2018 Newsletter*](#) is now available online.

Check it out to stay current with local news, events, job openings and more!

Special thanks to the Outgoing President, John Folger who has done a great job in oversight and leadership this past year. John will continue his role as past President in supporting the new President, Kamar Braish, MS, RHIA. Kamar is the HIM Director at CHOC Children's Hospital.

One of our highlighted events last year was the RHIA, RHIT half day prep with over 40 attendees. This event will be conducted again in 2018-2019.

Our most favorite events are the "Recognition Dinner" at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park, CA. It is well received and attended by students and supported by many HIM vendors. During the dinner this year, the House of Delegates Representatives Rachael Goodman, Jennie Larez and Kamar Braish presented the CHIA strategic plan and CHIA FAQ's on structure changes that were going to be presented during the CHIA house of delegates meeting at the June convention.

The 2018-2019 GOCHIA Board met face to face this year on July 14th. The board discussed and created the educational agenda. This year the board has chosen to take on representation from recent graduates. They will be attending the board meetings monthly and contributing to the educational tracks by volunteering/participating, in preparation for assuming future roles in GOCHIA.

The new volunteers are:

- Linda Rader, HIM Operations Manager at CHOC
- Jennie Larez, Jennie Larez, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, HIM Educator at Cypress College and currently a student getting her bachelor's in health information administration
- Venus Alejandrino: recent graduate from Saddleback and a recent recipient of RHIT
- Rachael Goodman: graduate from Saddleback and a recent recipient of RHIA Back
- Patty Durkee, RHIT: current student @ WGU where she is working on her BS in Health Information Management program.

The new 2018- 2019 GOCHIA Board officially taking office on July 1, 2018 is as follows:

- President: Kamar Braish, MS, RHIA
- President-Elect: Jacqueline Bloink, MBA, RHIA
- Past President: John Folger, RHIA, CCS, CCSP
- Secretary: Kathleen Witte, RHIA, CCS
- Treasurer: Denise Dymon , RHIT
- CHIA Board Liaison: Maria C. Alizondo, MOL, RHIT, FAHIMA
- AHIMA House of Delegate Representative: Kamar Braish

Keep your eyes on the CHIA-GOCHIA website, <http://www.californiahia.org/clas/gochia> for educational tracks and updates from the board.