



President's Message

Kim Gulling

Just coming off of our Annual State Conference I'd like to start by reporting on the overall success of the conference and how it impacts our organization each year.

Why do a conference every year? Hours of planning is put into this conference, volunteers are recruited, planning committees are formed, and for what? Does the state benefit or need a conference if no one attends or benefits from it? Great questions and all questions the board asks each year to make sure we are not putting our resources and energy into something our members aren't interested in. According to the conference surveys you, our members, complete at the end of the conference the answer time and time again has been yes you enjoy the conference and do benefit from attending. This year the surveys came back again with high marks of 4's and 5's for every category and every speaker. This alone makes all of the time, effort, and energy the volunteers put into planning this event more than worth it. This year we had over one hundred and eight participants attend and seven new exhibitors participate that have never participated before. The conference had some new features this year that were a hit: the conference app; the photo booth; and exciting new raffle prizes; like that fabulous I-Pad and \$500 Visa gift card. The speakers did a great job presenting and the feedback was positive to the subject matter and the engagement of the attendees. Each year the goal for the conference is to break even and get the event to cover for itself and this year we exceeded that goal and went above budget. This could not have been done without the support of our exhibitors and attendees.

If you were not able to attend this year I hope you will plan to attend next May 2019 as every year these conferences seem to get better and better. This is not by accident it is by the volunteers who put in the time to help put this event together year after year. If you are interested in getting involved in assisting with this process please see any of the board members or officers and we will be sure to get your information to the correct person.

What's Next...?

This May our board did not change much due to one of our board members having to resign to take an out of state job. In doing so this left a vacancy and the board with making a decision on the best way to fill that vacancy. The board opted to ask that the Immediate Past President, Leonard Hamer and President, myself, Kimberly Gulling stay on another year to give the other board members time to learn the roles before moving into those positions. Both of us agreed to do so. Then at our state meeting on May 3rd the members voted in this year's slate of officers:

President: Kimberly Gulling

President-Elect-Tim Garcia-Jay

Secretary-Mario Moya

Treasurer: Kim Koehler

Immediate Past President: Leonard Hamer

At Large Board Members

Southern NV:

Kim Grana

Northern NV:

Doug Boulton



The board is continuing with the key efforts of the past year by doing the following:

- increasing membership growth and content
- increasing communication efforts among members
- relevant education for all aspects of the well- rounded executive

Below are some of the ways we are continuing to do this

- Increasing our affiliations with other like-minded organizations and hosting events such as Women's leadership breakfast, How Documentation and Workflow Impact Your Revenue Cycle and hosting the Joint Holiday Mixer.
- Increased communications such as this quarterly newsletter and providing members with an NVMGMA app for easy accessibility, while increasing our social media platform.
- Bringing education that the executive needs to perform their daily job functions such as the "Health Law Updates" meeting as well as what they need to perform as an executive in today's demanding world such as "Emotional Intelligence" session.

As always I encourage you all to get involved in the organization as a way to maximize the benefits it has to offer. As our Lifetime Member Shirley Bria said "You get out of the organization what you put in." Another Lifetime Member Donna Knapp stated "Don't reinvent the wheel the answer is out there in your colleagues you just have to go and find it or ask someone."

This year I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met in the organization and create a new contact that you can call/email/text next time you are looking for some input from a fellow colleague.