

EHRA Elections Bring In New Leaders and Retain Experienced Leadership

(Chicago, June 21, 2016) The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association, a trade association of companies that provide the vast majority of EHRs to hospitals and physicians across the US, announced new leadership for the coming year after their annual elections in May. Two new Executive Committee members, Hans J. Buitendijk, M.Sc., FHL7, senior strategist, standards and regulations at Cerner, and Mike Marchlik, vice president, compliance and regulatory affairs at McKesson Technology Solutions, were elected to two-year terms. Both of the new Executive Committee members have extensive experience with association workgroups, as well as in a variety of health IT industry initiatives including HL7 and IHE.

Sasha TerMaat, director at Epic and former chair of the EHR Association Meaningful Use Workgroup, was reelected to the Executive Committee and elected as its new chairperson. Ms. TerMaat takes on the role as Leigh Burchell, vice president, policy and government affairs, Allscripts, steps down as chair. "I look forward to continuing our work to represent the perspectives of both EHR developers and our collective users as the industry moves forward at an accelerated pace, driven by increasing interest in health IT by all stakeholders," Ms. TerMaat said.

Joining Ms. TerMaat in leading the Association's Executive Committee is Richard Loomis, MD, vice president and chief medical officer at Practice Fusion, who was elected as vice chair. Loomis takes on this position as Sarah Corley, MD, chief medical officer at NextGen Healthcare, completes her second one-year term in that position. He has participated in a number of association workgroups, and has extensive experience in health IT and informatics. "These are both exciting and rapidly evolving times for our industry," Loomis said, adding, "The work of the EHR Association is essential in informing policymakers as we work together to advance value-based payment models which rely upon interoperable health IT solutions, ultimately helping physicians deliver the highest quality care."

Pamela Chapman, director of clinical product and regulatory affairs at e-MDs and chair of EHRA's Patient Safety Workgroup, was re-elected to the Executive Committee for a two-year term. Leigh Burchell, Dr. Corley, and Rick Reeves, RPh, director of government relations at Evident (formerly CPSI), will complete the second year of their terms in the coming year.

All of these individuals fulfill the Association's objective to maintain balanced representation from companies that serve both enterprise healthcare systems and ambulatory EHR markets.



About the EHR Association

Established in 2004, the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association is comprised of nearly 40 companies that supply the vast majority of EHRs to physicians' practices and hospitals across the United States. The EHR Association operates on the premise that the rapid, widespread adoption of EHRs will help improve the quality of patient care as well as the productivity and sustainability of the healthcare system as a key enabler of healthcare transformation. The EHR Association and its members are committed to supporting safe healthcare delivery, fostering continued innovation, and operating with high integrity in the market for our users and their patients and families.

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