FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT
April, 2012

Dear Members:

The board has pretty much firmed up the agenda for our Spring Conference in Myrtle Beach and I am very excited about what we will be presenting this year. We will be doing things a little different this year than in years past. So come to the Spring Conference ready to learn and participate. Again, please mark the dates on your calendars for the conference, May 30 to June 1, 2012. The registration form and agenda have been emailed to you. If you have not received, we have attached the form in the body of this newsletter.

It is with great pleasure that the SCSHMM 2012 Board informs you that our chapter has been designated a Gold Chapter by AHRMM for the year 2012. This achievement is a testament of the hard work, participation, and dedication from the members, Board and vendor that makes up this organization. Congratulations on a job well done!!!!!

The Fall Meeting has not been scheduled yet, but the Board will be addressing this within the next couple of months. Please send us any recommendations you may have for topics.

The National AHRMM meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas on August 5-8, 2012. Also, joining AHRMM and attending the National Conference is a great way to network and learn current information about Materials Management.

Also, it is with great sorrow that I inform you of the passing of one of our own, Al Cook. Al Cook, CMRP, FAHRMM dedicated more than 25 years to the healthcare resource and materials management field. Al was a Past President (2002) of AHRMM and a Lifetime Fellow. In 2004, AHRMM recognized Al with the George R. Gossett Leadership Award, the Association’s highest honor presented for his outstanding leadership abilities and exceptional contribution to the healthcare resource and materials management field. Al passed away peacefully around 9pm Friday, April 13, in Fort Lauderdale Florida. A memorial was held for him at Dukes Harley Funeral Home in Orangeburg, South Carolina on April 23rd. Al's final wish was that memorials be made to his grandchildren's education fund and sent to his daughter, Lisa Shapir, at 3819 SW 51st.
Please remember that Your Society is here to serve its members and that your input is invaluable to us in our efforts to address your educational needs.

Sincerely,
Larry Foye, CMRP

SCSHMM Spring Conference
May 30 – June 1, 2012

Setting the Gold Standard in Supply Chain Management

We are all looking forward to a great spring meeting. Please register if you haven’t already for the Spring Meeting. Attached is the Registration Form.

Scholarships – The Board has a total of $1000 available for scholarships to the Spring Meeting. Please submit your request directly to Larry Foye and Paulette Simmons. We need your request no later than Friday, May 11th, 2012.

Session Content – The Board has worked really hard and we have listened to your request regarding the agenda….. we are including “round table” sessions so the audience can participate and we learn from each other. Also, we have a couple of optional sessions for those who wish to start early and gain a couple of additional CEU’s. So, please review the attached session content and plan to attend.......
CEUs

As we all know, many hospital employees require CEUs as a condition for their license. What may not be known is that a number of vendors offer CEU either in a classroom setting or on-line at no or limited charge. With dollars being tight this could be an excellent resource for our hospital staff. We are asking that vendors please send us a list of available CEU courses so we can put together a master list. Please forward to Scott Ferguson or Paulette Simmons.

Listed below are the CEU links/courses received to date:

- Ethicon Endo-Surgery  [www.eeseducation.com]

Terms of the Month

**Palliative Care** is the medical specialty focused on improving the quality of life of people facing serious illness. Emphasis is placed on pain and symptom management, communication, and coordinated care. Palliative care is appropriate from the time of diagnosis and can be provided along with curative treatment. Palliative care treats people suffering from serious and chronic illnesses including cancer, cardiac disease, like Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), kidney failure, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

**Genomic Medicine** is the application of molecular methods to clinical medicine. The term has been variously defined as the science of human biological variation as it relates to health and disease; the study of the etiology, pathogenesis, and natural history of diseases and disorders that are at least partially genetic in origin; and the application of genetics to medicine or to medical practice.

**Molecular Imaging Biomarker** - a new brain imaging compound called AV-45 makes it possible to detect the very early stages of the brain damage caused by Alzheimer's disease, and is expected to become the dominant way to diagnose the disease.

**Pricing Transparency Concept**: Healthcare supply chain professionals should be able to purchase products after careful consideration of market conditions. This insight may be gained by benchmarking their existing and/or proposed prices against blinded benchmark prices being paid for those products by other hospitals. Purchasers, physicians, and hospital staff members who administer or use products and/or services should be able to gain access to the actual cost of the medical devices, purchased and leased equipment, and supplies that they, their insurance providers, or the government will be asked to cover, whether it is a direct charge or included in a DRG or CPT payment. No contract should contain confidentiality language that would preclude hospitals from sharing their prices in a blinded process with a third party to benchmark prices. Additionally, hospital purchasing staff should have the ability to acquire blinded benchmark pricing from GPOs, consultants, and other third parties offering that service. Hospital purchasing and contracting staff members should be able to use that information to negotiate in good faith with suppliers.
We Want Your Input

We are always looking for topics for this newsletter, subjects for our upcoming meetings, member updates, or other general information you think our membership would be interested in. This is your Society and your newsletter. You can provide your input directly to any of the Society officers. Your Executive Committee for 2011 is:

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If you need any administrative assistance with SCSHMM activities, especially membership, sponsorship, or event registration, please write or call Kim Wooten at (803) 796-3080 Ex 3527, 1000 Center Point Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

Check Out These Links!

South Carolina Society of Hospital Materials Management (SCSHMM)  
South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA)  
Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management (AHRMM)  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Hire Heroes  
Coalition for Healthcare eStandards  
RFID Journal  
Healthcare Purchasing News  
Infection Control Today  
Materials Management in Health Care  
Modern Healthcare

Be Prepared:

AHA Disaster Readiness  
AHRMM Disaster Preparedness Site  
Medical Office Pandemic Flu Checklist  
Pandemic Flu Main Sight