Health Level Seven Names New Board Members and Volunteers of the Year

Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.—October 25, 2006—Health Level Seven, Inc. (HL7) today announced the results of its Board of Directors elections at its 20th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting, which convened last month in Boca Raton, Florida. The 2006 recipients of the organization’s Tenth Annual W. Edward Hammond, PhD Volunteer of the Year Award were also recognized at the event.

Incoming Chairman

W. Ed Hammond, PhD, professor emeritus and adjunct professor, Duke University, was selected by the membership to serve as chairman, 2008-2009. Professor Hammond will serve as the chair elect in 2007.

Board Member Elections

Five members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2007 – 2008 term:

- **Secretary**—Freida Hall, standards architect, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Director-at-Large**—Robert Dolin, MD, physician, Kaiser Permanente
- **Director-at-Large**—Wesley Rishel, vice president, research area director, Gartner
- **Director-at-Large**—Liora Alschuler, principal, Alschuler Associates, LLC
- **Director-at-Large**—Jill Kaufman, program director, healthcare standards, IBM

They join the following current members of the HL7 Board to lead the organization for the 2007 calendar year:

- **Chair**—Charles “Chuck” Meyer
- **Treasurer**—Bill Braithwaite, MD, PhD, senior vice president and chief medical officer, eHealth Initiative
- **Director-at-Large**—Hans Buitendijk, product manager, Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services
- **Director-at-Large**—Linda Fischetti, RN, MS, Acting Chief Health Informatics Officer, Director HealthPeople, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Director-at-Large**—Daniel Russler, MD, vice president, clinical informatics, Oracle Corporation - Healthcare
- **Director-at-Large**—Klaus Veil, chair, HL7 Australia
• **International Representative**—Kai Heitmann, MD, chair, HL7 Germany

• **Technical Chair**—John Quinn, principal, Accenture

**Volunteers of the Year**

Five members were recognized as recipients of the Tenth Annual W. Edward Hammond, PhD Volunteer of the Year Award. This award, which was established in 1997 and named after Ed Hammond, one of HL7’s most active volunteers and the new chair-elect, is given each year to individuals whose efforts over the past years have contributed greatly to HL7’s success. The 2006 recipients are: Paul Biron; Lenel James, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; Patrick Loyd, Gordon Point Informatics Ltd.; Austin Kreisler, SAIC - Science Applications International Corp; and Don Mon, American Health Information Management Association.

• **Paul Biron** joined HL7 in August of 1997. Since then, he has actively contributed to the success of many Technical Committees (TC) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs), most notably Control/Query, Medical Records and Structured Documents. An XML expert, Biron also served as the co-chair of the XML SIG for several years. He was the co-author and/or editor for a number of documents produced by these committees. Biron has also produced educational materials and served as a tutorial speaker on numerous occasions. In addition, Biron served for many years as HL7’s representative to the World Wide Web Consortium Advisory Committee.

• **Lenel James**, a health information technology project manager at Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, joined HL7 in July of 1999. He currently leads the Electronic Health Records (EHR) TC process of ballot reconciliation for the EHR System Functional Model. In this role, James and the EHR TC’s Publication Work Group led the reconciliation of an unprecedented number of ballots from industry stakeholders. Due to the volume of responses, the committee had to ‘break the mold’ for traditional Standards Development Organization reconciliation processes. James led the EHR TC in its new reconciliation activities and collaborated with the HL7 technical and executive procedural authorities. He then led the EHR TC to re-create themselves into smaller, more effective task forces that now work in parallel to accomplish resolution. His leadership has resulted in the success of the EHR TC in resolving thousands of line item comments. James also serves as the lead for the Conformance and Supportive EHR TC content groups.

• **Austin Kreisler**, an HL7 messaging specialist with SAIC - Science Applications International Corporation, joined HL7 in July of 2003. He is the original author of the publishing access database and is a major contributor to Version 3. Kreisler is an advocate of Version 3 and laboratory messages modeled using those concepts. His insight allowed for the vision that specimen should be a domain, encouraging a more universal concept for sharing a domain model across several message types. Kreisler has also served as a co-chair of the Orders and Observations TC (O&O), a facilitator for Modeling and Methodology, and
is the founding co-chair of the Laboratory SIG. In addition, he has been the key leader for all of the Laboratory SIG out-of-cycle meetings. He has also been a mentor to many HL7 members. Kreisler’s dedication to providing training opportunities and sharing of knowledge has allowed others to become HL7 contributors.

- **Patrick Loyd** of Gordon Point Informatics Ltd., joined HL7 in May of 2003. He has been active in providing the Orders and Observations TC substantial contributions to driving overall Orders and Observations Version 3 modeling. Loyd has also participated in many other committees including Regulated Clinical Research Information Management, Patient Administration, Financial Management, Public Health Emergency Response, and Laboratory. Shortly after joining HL7, Loyd took on the O&O TC Modeling and Methodology facilitator role and, most recently, the publishing facilitator role. As a facilitator, he is making substantial headway in getting a General Order pattern to ballot, as well as providing support to Blood, Tissue, and Organ project work. He is also an active contributor to the Laboratory SIG efforts. Loyd has provided invaluable guidance into the modeling efforts through all Version 3 discussions.

- **Don Mon**, the vice president of practice leadership at American Health Information Management Association, joined HL7 in November of 1992. Since then, Mon has been an active and key member of the EHR TC, where he has led three content groups: the Direct Care section of the EHR-S Functional Model, its Care Setting Profiles, and the Public Health Record (PHR) Work Group. He has been instrumental in promoting the HL7 EHR-S Functional Model and its worth to industry groups, most notably the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT), which has received value from this HL7 body of work. In addition, Mon has also provided critical strategic direction for the future of the HL7 EHR-S Functional Model, specifically in the cutting-edge issues of PHR and legal EHR Systems.

**About HL7**

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. (www.HL7.org) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7’s more than 2,400 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, including 90 percent of the largest information systems vendors serving healthcare.

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