Health Level Seven Appoints Three New Board Members

ANN ARBOR, MI, U.S. – December 17, 2007 – Health Level Seven (HL7), a preeminent healthcare IT standards development organization with broad national and international representation, today announced the appointment of three new members to the Board of Directors: Dennis Giokas, chief technology officer, Canada Health Infoway, Inc.; Donald W. Simborg, MD, co-founder, HL7; and Kenneth Lunn, PhD, director of data standards and products, National Health Service, Connecting for Health.

HL7 recently adopted revised bylaws that include the addition of three voting members to the Board of Directors nominated by the Chief Executive Officer and ratified by the Board. According to Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD and HL7 CEO, “These new members will bring to the Board a diverse experience in healthcare IT management, a longitudinal international perspective, and a unique vision for standards development.”

About the New Board Members:

Dennis Giokas, MS, is the chief technology officer for Canada Health Infoway and head of the Solution Architecture Group. He is responsible for the overall electronic health record (EHR) business and technical solution architecture as well as the health IT standards agenda. These include the EHR Solution Blueprint, the Privacy and Security Conceptual Architecture, and the Infoway Standards Collaborative for the governance, development, support and maintenance of standards.
Giokas has more than 25 years of experience in the information management and information technology field. He has previously held executive positions at Sapient Corporation, most recently as vice-president and managing director of its Canadian subsidiary. He has also consulted on IT strategy in a number of industries including healthcare, financial services, insurance and energy services. In addition, Giokas held several senior positions with Digital Equipment Corporation, including those of consulting engineer and group technical director. He has served as a board director of Canada’s Health Informatics Association (COACH). He holds a Master of Science in Computer Science from Boston University.

Donald W. Simborg, MD, was the co-founder of HL7 and a founding member of the American Medical Informatics Association’s (AMIA) College of Medical Informatics. He also founded, and is the former CEO, of two EHR companies and the author of more than 100 articles and book chapters on a wide range of medical informatics topics. Simborg has served as a member of the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences.

In 2007, he chaired the expert panel on anti-fraud requirements for EHRs for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. He is a board member of the Foundation on Research and Education, American Health Information Management Association. Simborg currently consults with venture capitalists, start-up healthcare IT companies, and provider organizations regarding healthcare IT. He received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Kenneth Lunn, PhD, is the Director of Data Standards and Products for NHS Connecting for Health in the United Kingdom, where he leads a team of 84 staff developing and maintaining standards products for the NHS, including terminologies, classifications, messaging, clinical documents, the NHS data dictionary and clinical content models.

Lunn earned a Ph.D. in distributed computing from Keele University and completed postdoctoral training in artificial intelligence and model-based methodologies, and has contributed to a number of academic publications and textbooks. His career has spanned both industrial and commercial R&D, both in consulting and management roles.

Lunn is currently the head of the UK Terminology Centre, which was established to manage the UK edition of SNOMED CT, and sits on the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO) technical committee. In addition, he is the nominated
deputy for the UK on the IHTSDO management board and general assembly. Lunn is also on
the board of stewards for the newly formed Open Health Tools, and successfully proposed a
charter through that organization for the further development of HL7 tooling. His team is
developing state-of-the-art tooling for HL7 message design and support, and is working to
integrate that tooling into other standards tooling in terminology and content modeling.

About HL7
Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. (www.HL7.org) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited
standards development 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 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate
members, which include more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving
healthcare.

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