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Health Level Seven Announces New Board Members and Volunteer of the Year Awards

ANN ARBOR, Mich., USA — September 25, 2008 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®), a preeminent healthcare IT standards development organization with broad international representation, today announced election results for its Board of Directors. The 2008 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized at the event.

Incoming Chairman: Robert Dolin, MD, of Semantically Yours, LLC, was selected by the membership to serve as the chair-elect in 2009 and as the chairman, 2010-2011.

HL7 Board Member Elections

Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 term:

- *Secretary* — Jill Kaufman, PhD, program director, Healthcare Standards, IBM
- *Director* — Stanley Huff, MD, chief medical informatics officer, Intermountain Healthcare
- *Director* — Donald T. Mon, PhD, vice president – Practice Leadership, American Health Information Management Association
- *Affiliate Director* — Catherine Chronaki, HL7 Greece Board of Directors

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They join the following current members of the HL7 Board who will lead HL7 in the 2009 calendar year:

- *Chair* — W. Edward Hammond, PhD
- *Treasurer* — Hans Buitendijk, product manager, Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services
- *Director* — Linda Fischetti, RN, MS, Chief Health Informatics Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- *Director* — Dennis Giokas, MS, chief technology officer, Canada Health Infoway, Inc.
- *Director* — Kenneth Lunn, PhD, director of data standards and products, National Health Service, Connecting for Health
- *Director* — Donald W. Simborg, MD, co-founder, HL7
- *Affiliate Director* — Michael van Campen, chair, HL7 Canada, and president, Gordon Point Informatics Ltd.
- *Technical Steering Committee (TSC) Chair*— Charles McCay, owner, Ramsey Systems, Ltd.

HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored five members with the 12th annual W. Edward Hammond, PhD Volunteer of the Year Award. Established in 1997, the award is named after Ed Hammond, one of HL7's most active volunteers and a founding member, and current HL7 Board chair. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to HL7's success. The 2008 recipients include:

- Jane Howarth, managing director, Jane Howarth Associates
- Diego Kaminker, chair, HL7 Argentina and consultant, Kern Information Technology
- Charles McCay, owner, Ramsey System, Ltd. and chair, HL7 TSC
- Sue Mitchell, director of clinical systems, Omnicare Information Solutions
- René Spronk, trainer and senior consultant, Ringholm GmbH

About the Volunteers:

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Jane Howarth has been a member in one or more HL7 Affiliates for 12 years and has served as the Affiliates Council Secretary for more than four years. She has also actively participated in the HL7 TermInfo, Vocabulary, Anatomic Pathology, Laboratory and Realm Localization Work Groups. She has acted as an unofficial HL7 ambassador through her many contributions and efforts as well as her professional and cordial demeanor. She has positively portrayed HL7 to current and prospective international representatives as a premiere Standards Developing Organization (SDO), in the domestic and international SDO circles where she participates.

Diego Kaminker is a founding member and current chair of HL7 Argentina. He has been a key contributor to HL7 education and adoption in the Spanish-speaking world and created the first interactive internet course in the basics of HL7, including Version 2.x, our use of XML, Version 3, and CDA. This course emphasizes "learning by doing", and uses internet tools to create an interactive learning community environment for the students and instructors. Kaminker was integral in the efforts to offer the course in the English language so it could be available worldwide. His e-Learning course has become the prototype for a distinct new paradigm for HL7 education. The e-Learning pilot has reached more than 400 students from six countries since March of this year and, with Kaminker's leadership, HL7 is now developing the infrastructure for any HL7 affiliate to offer this course.

Charles McCay currently serves as the first-elected chair of the newly reorganized Technical Steering Committee (TSC). As an advocate for an improved HL7, he actively participated in and supported the efforts to restructure the organization by joining the Transition Technical Task Force and continues this work as the TSC chair. As the TSC Chair, McCay has facilitated changes to improve the function and direction of the committee. His dedication and emphasis on consensus building has created a smoother transition for the TSC. McCay has also served as the co-chair of the Implementation Technology Specification Work Group and the Implementation Work Group prior to its merger with the Conformance Work Group. McCay also served as the chair of HL7 UK and is actively involved with the HL7 affiliates.

Sue Mitchell has been an active and valuable member of the EHR Work Group since joining HL7 in 2004. Mitchell contributed heavily to the success of the EHR-System Functional Model (EHR-S FM) standard as well as the subsequent profile development based on this standard and played a key role in the development of the Direct Care section of the EHR-S FM. As the EHR Work Group's liaison to HL7's publications function, she helped clean up all the sections of the EHR-S FM and PHR-S Functional Models, as well as all profiles for publication and balloting. Mitchell led the development of the Long Term Care Functional Profile and extensively contributed to the development of the Records Management and Evidentiary Support Functional Profile, both of which are derived from the EHR-S FM.

René Spronk has been an active participant in HL7 standards development for many years, both within the Netherlands and internationally. He is a member of multiple HL7 affiliates throughout the world but is most actively involved with the affiliates in The Netherlands and Germany. After many years as an HL7 Version 2 specialist, Spronk became involved in Version 3 development in 2003. As an educator on HL7 standards, he has taught throughout Europe and has helped establish many European HL7 affiliates. In addition, he is involved in the deployment of Version 3 as the standard for the Dutch national infrastructure. Spronk is a past chair of the Marketing Council and the Infrastructure and Messaging Work Group.

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 standards for interoperability that improve care delivery, optimize workflow, reduce ambiguity and enhance knowledge transfer among all of our stakeholders, including healthcare providers, government agencies, the vendor community, fellow SDOs and patients. HL7's more than 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, which includes more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare.

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Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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