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

Cambridge, MA, USA – September 25, 2013 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced election results for its Board of Directors at the 27th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Cambridge, MA. The 2013 HL7 Fellows and the 2013 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized at the event.

HL7 Board Member Elections

Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term:

- *Treasurer* — Calvin Beebe, Technical Specialist, The Mayo Clinic
- *Director* — Austin Kreisler, Technical Fellow, SAIC – Science Applications International Corporation
- *Director* — Patricia Van Dyke, RN, Director of Information Security, Privacy and EDS, Delta Dental Plans Association
- *Affiliate Director* — Diego Kaminker, Owner/Manager, KERN-IT SRL; HL7 Argentina

2013 HL7 Fellows

This award was presented to five individuals during HL7's 27th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Cambridge, MA. The award was established to recognize HL7 members with at least 15 years of active membership as well as outstanding service, commitment and contributions to HL7. The 2013 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Irma Jongeneel-de Haas (HL7 The Netherlands)
- Vassil Peytchev
- Dan Pollock, MD
- Dave Shaver
- Robert Stegwee, PhD (HL7 The Netherlands)

HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored two members with the 17th annual W. Edward Hammond, PhD Volunteer of the Year Award. Established in 1997, the award is named after Dr. Ed Hammond, one of HL7's most active volunteers and a founding member as well as past Board chair. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to HL7's success. The 2013 recipients include:

- Ken Rubin, healthcare architect, EDS Civilian Government & DoD Healthcare Portfolio, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Services
- Andy Stechishin, chief consultant, CANA Software & Services Ltd.

About the Volunteers:

Ken Rubin has been a member of HL7 since 1994 and has worked diligently over the years to promote and support standards adoption. He has served as a co-chair for the Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) Work Group since its inception and was instrumental in introducing service oriented thinking and processes to HL7. In addition, he facilitated the formation of the Healthcare Services Specification Project (HSSP), a standards development effort to create health industry SOA standards jointly sponsored by both HL7 and the Object Management Group (OMG). He continues to provide mentoring and leadership on services across a number of HL7 work groups. Rubin also served as one of the inaugural chairs of the HL7 Process Improvement Committee (PIC) and helped establish PIC as a trusted and open forum advocate for HL7 work groups. Ken is also a professional photographer and has donated the photos he has taken at HL7 meetings free of charge.

Andy Stechishin has been a member of HL7 since 2008 and is very active in standards development. Stechishin currently serves in several leadership roles, including as the co-chair for four HL7 work groups: Publishing (since 2009), Tooling (since 2009), Implementable Technology Specification (since 2010) and RIM Based Application Architecture (since 2012). In addition, he serves as a co-chair of the Technical and Support Services Steering Division of the Technical Steering Committee, the group responsible for overseeing the execution of standards development within HL7.

About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International is the global authority for healthcare information interoperability and standards with affiliates established in more than 30 countries. HL7 is a non-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. HL7 collaborates

with other standards developers and provider, payer, philanthropic and government agencies at the highest levels to ensure the development of comprehensive and reliable standards and successful interoperability efforts.

HL7's endeavors are sponsored, in part, by the support of its benefactors: Accenture; Allscripts; Booz Allen Hamilton; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Translational Medicine Institute; Epic; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; IBM; Intel Corporation, Digital Health Group; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; McKesson Provider Technology; Microsoft Corporation; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; Siemens Healthcare; the U.S. Department of Defense, Military Health System; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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