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

Atlanta, GA, USA – October 7, 2015 – 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 29th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The 2015 HL7 Fellows and the 2015 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 2015-2016 term:

- *Treasurer* — Russell Leftwich, MD, senior clinical advisor for interoperability, InterSystems
- *Director* — Keith Boone, standards geek, GE Healthcare
- *Director* — Floyd Eisenberg, MD, president, iParsimony LLC
- *Affiliate Director* — Beat Heggli, vice chair, HL7 Switzerland and healthcare director, Netcetera

2015 HL7 Fellows

The HL7 Fellow Award was presented to eight individuals during HL7's 29th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Atlanta, GA. 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 2015 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Calvin Beebe
- Tom de Jong
- Grahame Grieve
- Diego Kaminker
- Austin Kreisler
- Dale Nelson

- Scott Robertson, PharmD
- Ioana Singureanu

HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored three members with the 19th 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 2015 recipients include:

- Elaine Ayres, deputy chief, Laboratory for Informatics Development, NIH Clinical Center

- Russell Leftwich, MD, senior clinical advisor for interoperability, InterSystems

- Grant Wood, senior IT strategist, Intermountain Healthcare

About the Volunteers:

Elaine Ayres has been a member of HL7 since 2010. She is well versed in HL7 governance and procedures and knowledgeable about existing standards. She serves as a co-chair for the Patient Care Work Group where she has contributed to a number of projects and activities including acting as the lead facilitator for the Allergy/Intolerance Domain Model as well as for the HL7 Nutrition Orders DAM, Nutrition Order Clinical Messaging and FHIR Nutrition Orders. She has also acted as the lead contact for the Patient Care Work Group when collaborating with outside organizations such as the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO). In addition, Ayres organized the Clinician Connectathon in Paris.

Russell Leftwich, MD joined HL7 in 2012 with the first wave of Standards and Interoperability (S&I) Framework participants who were shepherding their work through the HL7 standards process. Since then, he has become very active in the organization. He currently serves as the co-chair for both the Patient Care and the newly-formed Learning Health System Work Groups. Leftwich participates in a variety of work groups, where he provides a physician's view of the topics. In addition, he is a leader in the physician community within HL7. He serves as the chair of HL7 Physician Professional Engagement. He was also instrumental in launching a Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) Connectathon for clinicians and leads the effort which, now called "Clinicians on FHIR," is a mainstay at our working group meetings. Finally, Leftwich has been instrumental in helping HL7 secure critical speaking engagements at conferences such as HIMSS, and speaks to various professional groups, such as the American College of Cardiology on the value of HL7.

Grant Wood has been a member of HL7 since 2005. He is actively involved in the standards development process for the Clinical Genomics Work Group and serves as their publishing facilitator. He is also a strong supporter and advocate for HL7 as an organization and serves as the chair of the HL7 Membership

Committee, a group tasked with reviewing the membership model and its benefits as well as researching revenue opportunities outside of membership. Wood also serves as a member of the HL7 Finance Committee. In addition, he was instrumental in the development and expansion of the Ambassador Program. In this role, he facilitated, moderated/or presented more than 20 webinars aimed at educating the healthcare and HIT industry on various HL7 topics. Most recently, Wood was instrumental in planning the first HL7 Clinical Genomics Policy Conference that was held in Washington, DC, this past July.

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 1,500 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.

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

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