



**Health Level Seven® International**

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## **Health Level Seven Announces New Board and TSC Members, Fellows and Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients**

**Ann Arbor, Mich. – Sept. 22, 2021** – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, announced election results for its board of directors and technical steering committee during its annual business meeting at the virtual 35th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting. The 2021 class of HL7 Fellows and the 2021 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, Ph.D. Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized during the event.

### **HL7 Board Member Elections**

The following members were elected to the HL7 board of directors for the 2022-2023 term:

- *Treasurer* — Floyd Eisenberg, M.D., president, iParsimony LLC
- *Director* — Julia Skapik, M.D., medical director, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)
- *Director* — Viet Nguyen, M.D., technical director, HL7 Da Vinci Project and founder, Stratametrics
- *Affiliate Director* — Peter Jordan, solutions architect, Patients First Ltd; co-chair, HL7 International Council; and chair, HL7 New Zealand

### **HL7 Technical Steering Committee Elections**

The following members were elected to the HL7 technical steering committee for the 2021-2022 term:

- *TSC Chair-Elect* — Jean Duteau, director, Duteau Design Inc.
- *Work Group Representatives* — Rikki Merrick, lead specialist, informatics terminology, Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL); AbdulMalik Shakir, president and chief informatics scientist, Hi3 Solutions; Gora Datta, industry director, smart pandemic management, University of California, Berkeley
- *Implementer Representative* — Rick Geimer, chief innovation officer, Lantana Consulting Group
- *Affiliate Representative* — Giorgio Cangioli, senior consultant, HL7 Europe

### **2021 HL7 Fellows**

The HL7 Fellow Award was presented to nine individuals during HL7's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting. 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 2021 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Lorraine Constable
- Jean Duteau
- Jamie Ferguson
- Paul Knapp
- Galen Mulrooney
- Ron Parker
- Melva Peters
- Rik Smithies
- Michael Tan

### **HL7 Volunteers of the Year**

HL7 honored three members with the annual W. Edward Hammond, Ph.D. Volunteer of the Year Award. Established in 1997, the award is named after Dr. 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 2021 recipients include:

- John D'Amore, president, More Informatics and co-founder and strategic advisor, Diameter Health
- Janet Marchibroda, president, Alliance for Cell Therapy Now
- Feliciano "Pele" Yu, M.D., chief medical information officer, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences

### **About the Volunteers:**

**John D'Amore** has been an active participant in HL7 since 2013. While FHIR is today's hottest health care standard, clinical documents are already exchanged in the billions. Applying the standard to the latest US requirements for clinical data exchange, known as the US Core Data for Interoperability, also routinely requires information from the C-CDA Companion Guide. D'Amore volunteered his time to developing the HL7 C-CDA 2.1 navigation tool, which makes each template searchable and distinct via unique webpages. This web-based tool was launched at the January 2021 Working Group Meeting. In addition, he contributed to C-CDA as a co-editor and has been an active volunteer creating C-CDA examples over the past eight years with the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group. Finally, he also published an article on HL7 standards through a 2021 JAMIA on the benefits of data sharing and an award-winning 2018 article on interoperability progress.

**Janet Marchibroda** has been active with HL7 since 2018 and has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare, one of the Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT by Health Data Management and is a recipient of the Federal Computer Week Top 100 Award. Marchibroda is serving her second term as a member of the HL7 board of directors where she has created and organized Friends of HL7, an independent coalition devoted to advocating for federal funding support for HL7's work to support FHIR. The coalition has heightened the awareness of HL7 in Washington and has been successful in getting funding for HL7 in legislation. Friends of HL7 worked with members of Congress to achieve inclusion of \$2 million for HL7 FHIR in FY 2021 Appropriations legislation passed and signed into law in December 2020. An additional \$5

million was included in the FY 2022 Appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives this summer due to Friends of HL7's efforts. Work continues with the Senate to assure inclusion of this language in the final FY 2022 Appropriations bill that is expected to pass later this year.

**Feliciano "Pele" Yu, M.D.,** has been active with HL7 since 2003, when he became a founding member of the HL7 Child Health Work Group and served as its chair from 2008 until 2016. In 2012, he co-authored the HL7 Version 3 Implementation Guide for CDA® R2 L3: Neonatal Care Reports (NCR), R1 – a standard that specifies a standard for electronic submission of neonatal care records (NCRs) and facilitates electronic extraction of a subset of the Children's Hospitals Neonatal Consortium (CHNC) dataset using a standard reporting specification in the form of a Neonatal Care Report (NCR) to support performance improvement and research. In 2017, Dr. Yu also co-authored the HL7 Developmental Screening and Reporting Services Derived Profile, Release 1 - US Realm – a standards that identifies the critical EHR capabilities for pediatric Developmental Screening and Reporting services. In addition, he has served as co-chair of the HL7 EHR WG since 2016, where he began to work on the HL7 Pediatric Care Health IT Functional Profile project, which will establish a standard that will support the Recommendations for the Voluntary Certification of Health IT for Use in Pediatric Care settings, as published by the 21st Century Cures Act and the U.S. ONC Health IT Certification Program.

#### **About Health Level Seven International (HL7)**

Health Level Seven® International (HL7) is an ANSI-accredited, not-for-profit standards developing organization with the mission of empowering global health interoperability. With affiliates in over 30 countries, HL7's global membership envisions a world in which everyone can securely access and use the right data when and where they need it. Widely implemented by vendor and health care systems, and required by governing bodies around the world, HL7 standards deliver solutions for health information technology, including HL7® Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®), Version 2 (V2) and Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®). For more information, visit HL7.org. [www.HL7.org](http://www.HL7.org).

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