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

Baltimore, MD, USA – September 12, 2012 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on standards for interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced election results for its Board of Directors at the 26th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Baltimore, MD. The 2012 HL7 Fellows and the 2012 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized at the event.

Incoming Chairman

Robert (Bob) Dolin, MD, president and chief medical officer, Lantana Consulting Group, was selected by the membership to serve as the chair-elect in 2013 and as the chairman, 2014-2015.

HL7 Board Member Elections

Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 term:

- **Secretary** — W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Director, Duke Center for Health Informatics
- **Director** — Calvin Beebe, Technical Specialist, The Mayo Clinic
- **Director** — Keith Boone, Lead Interoperability Systems Designer, GE Healthcare Integrated IT Solutions
- **Affiliate Director** — Helen Stevens Love, Consultant

2012 HL7 Fellows

This award was presented to nine individuals during HL7’s 26th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Baltimore, MD. 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 2012 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Joseph Baptist
HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored two members with the 16th 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 2012 recipients include:

- Keith Boone, lead interoperability systems designer, GE Healthcare Integrated IT Solutions
- Grahame Grieve, national development manager, Health Intersections Pty Ltd.

About the Volunteers:

Keith Boone has been a member of HL7 since 1998 and has worked diligently over the last several years to promote and support standards adoption. Boone has also been a committed member of HL7 and has relentlessly worked toward achieving the goals for which HL7 was founded. He is continually exploring new and innovative means and technologies to advance the state of healthcare worldwide, and goes to great lengths to express these ideas and concepts to the industry and public as a whole. A well-known expert in many areas of healthcare technology, with many responsibilities, Boone also commits his time to help those with less HL7 presence or experience to become familiar with the inner workings of the organization and its benefits to global healthcare improvement.

Grahame Grieve has been a member of HL7 since 2000. Since then, he has provided clear leadership in developing and implementing HL7 standards. Grieve spearheaded development, balloting and ultimately ISO recognition of Version 3 Data Types Release 2. Most recently, he has led the development of the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) standard. FHIR represents a major innovation in HL7 standards, building on top of lessons learned with both the Version 2.x and Version 3 standards while emphasizing easy implementations. Grieve has managed bring a new level of excitement to the HL7 organization with the development of FHIR.

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: Abbott; Accenture; Allscripts; Booz Allen Hamilton; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Translational Medicine Institute; Epic; European Medicines Agency; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; Hospital Corporation American (HCA); IBM; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; Lockheed Martin; McKesson Provider Technology; Microsoft Corporation; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Novartis; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; Siemens Healthcare; Thomson Reuters; 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, Chile, China, 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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