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

San Diego, CA – September 13, 2017 – 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 and Technical Steering Committee at the 31st Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in San Diego, CA. The 2017 HL7 Fellows and the 2017 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 2018-2019 term:

- **Treasurer** — Russell Leftwich, MD, senior clinical advisor for interoperability, InterSystems
- **Director** — Walter Suarez, MD, MPH, executive director, health IT strategy & policy, Kaiser Permanente
- **Director** — Jennifer Covich Bordenick, chief executive officer, eHealth Initiative
- **Affiliate Director** — Line Saele, chair, HL7 Norway

HL7 Technical Steering Committee Elections
Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Technical Steering Committee the 2018-2019 term:

- **Domain Experts Steering Division** — Floyd Eisenberg, MD
- **Foundation and Technology Steering Division** — Russell Hamm
- **Structure & Semantic Design Steering Committee Division** — Mary Kay McDaniel
- **Technical & Support Services Steering Division** — Sandra Stuart

2017 HL7 Fellows
The HL7 Fellow Award was presented to seven individuals during HL7’s 31st Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in San Diego, CA. 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 2017 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Chris Chute, MD
- Kathleen Connor
- Jane Daus
- John Hatem
- Nancy Orvis, MHA
- Craig Parker, MD
- John Ritter
- Sandra Stuart

**HL7 Volunteers of the Year**

HL7 honored three members with the 21st 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 2017 recipients include:

- Eric Haas, principal, Haas Consulting
- Laura Heermann Langford, RN, PhD, nursing informatics director, Intermountain Healthcare
- John Roberts, director, interoperability and standards, Tennessee Department of Health

**About the Volunteers:**

**Eric Haas**, has been a member of HL7 since 2012. He actively participates in the Orders & Observations (O&O) and Public Health Work Groups. He has been instrumental in balloting the Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health Release 2 (U.S. Realm) Implementation Guide for HL7’s Version 2.5.1 standard. This work resulted in a suite of laboratory guides from test compendium, through ordering, to results reporting to both the providers and public health. This provides a solid foundation to build core laboratory messaging in Version 2 for national adoption with specializations for ambulatory, public health, and soon to be followed with others.

Eric also successfully developed and balloted the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®) Implementation Guide known as the Public Health Case Report, Release 2 (U.S. Realm) – the Electronic Initial Case Report. In addition, he has maintained the HL7 Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) resources for the O&O Work Group since its first release and developed the U.S. Lab FHIR profiles, based on the Version 2 guides developed in the O&O Work Group. He leads the OO on FHIR calls and effectively facilitates resolutions to tracker items. Eric also contributes to the Zulip implementer channel extensively, enhancing implementer understanding of best use of FHIR resources. Finally, he has led several tracks at the HL7 FHIR Connectathons.
Laura Heermann Langford joined HL7 in 2007. As a volunteer, she co-chairs three HL7 work groups. She first began as a co-chair for the Emergency Care Work Group in 2018. Since then, she has become a co-chair for both the Patient Care (2013) and Healthcare Standards Integration (2015) Work Groups. As a clinician and in her role leading the care transitions project, Laura has actively promoted the clinical view of the impact of standards. As a nurse, she is active in the Tuesday morning nursing group and assisted with the Nursing Informatics 2016 showcase. In addition, Laura helps organize the Clinicians on FHIR Connectathon at the HL7 working group meetings. Finally, she plays an integral role on the planning team for the Clinical Information Interoperability Council which is jointly sponsored by HL7 and HSPC.

John Roberts has been an HL7 member since 2001. He has served as co-chair for several work groups, including Public Health, over the years. He currently co-chairs the Templates and Learning Health Systems Work Groups. John also serves as a co-chair of the Domain Experts Steering Division of HL7’s Technical Steering Committee. He has worked tirelessly to educate the public health community for 15 years on the importance of computable semantic interoperability, in the form of HL7, and sound informatics principles. John has also mentored numerous individuals and has expanded the participation of public health professionals in HL7 through outreach and training.

About Health Level Seven International (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 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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