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## From the President's Desk

### Farewell message of the HFMA President

It seems like yesterday when the HFMA members elected and endorsed me as their President for the Puerto Rico Chapter. I thank you for your trust in my leadership. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the HFMA President as well as to work with a group of talented professionals. It has been a rewarding and learning professional experience.

During this year, we reach an important milestone – we conducted three educational seminars with an excellent attendance. We participated and represented our Chapter in the activities and meetings outside Puerto Rico. This year four of our members participated in the Leadership Training Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Also, some of our members participated in the ANI and I encourage you to participate this coming year. Financially, our Chapter is in a good posi-

tion.

We are still in the midst of an economic crisis. As Health professionals we face real and many challenges. I'm confident we can make a significant impact and I encourage you all to keep the good work and stay focus on what is important. I know with God's grace upon us we can do it.

I invite you to participate in our next annual meeting, it will be conducted during May 15-17 at the Whyndham Riomar Beach Resort & Spa. You will have the opportunity to witness the installation of our new President; participate in the continuing education seminars and being part of the first HFMA Golf Tournament either as a participant or as an enthusiast.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to Teresa, Laura and Alba as well as to the Board of Director for your continued dedication to our Chapter and for your generous assistance to me.

Having said all of that, it is time for me to say farewell. It has been a good year for our Chapter. I know the Chapter will be in good hands with the election of Teresa Figueroa as our next President. I'm looking forward to contribute and help our Chapter. It takes a team to make it happen! Keep the good work!

Sincerely,

Homar Pérez, MHSA



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## 2009 Leadership Training Conference and HFMA Membership Benefits. By CPA Teresa R. Figueroa, Incoming President Puerto Rico Chapter

What do you think when HFMA comes to your mind? Do you think in your work and the educational tools you will need and HFMA may provide you, or do you think in networking and social activities? Are you aware of all the benefits the affiliation to HFMA can bring you?

Last Saturday, April 18, 2009, I went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to attend what may be my last Leadership Training Conference (LTC). I went there to attend the Presidents' roundtables and conferences, as I am the Incoming President of the Puerto Rico Chapter. I will assume the Presidency starting on June 1, 2009. With this thought



in mind – last LTC, last trip - I understood and realized all the benefits I have been receiving from HFMA.

I first joined HFMA when I was working for PKF, LLP. At that time it was called Pannell Kerr Forster, Worldwide. My relationship with hospitals and the healthcare industry caused my relationship with HFMA, first as a member, then as part of the Board.

How I joined the Board? It was an invitation from CPA Laura Solá Carrillo. I was offered the Treasurer's position for the year CPA Wanda Marrero was going to be the Chapter's President, and I accepted the offer and the challenge also. Subsequently I was Vice President, Treasurer again, then President Elect and now Incoming President. And you know what? I have traveled to West Point, NY; San Diego, California; San Antonio, Texas; Verona, NY and last week, to Fort Lauderdale in Florida. Not only I have had the opportunity of traveling to exiting and beautiful cities within the US, but also I have had the privilege of attending important and massive educational events where I have met wonderful people and made a lot of connections. All this traveling has also taken some of my personal time, but it has worth the effort, definitely.

I can tell you that the affiliation to HFMA has given me a lot of satisfactions, fun, work, leadership development, networking, and even personal growth. All of us are leaders, and when you develop your leadership, that development extends to both your personal and your professional life. And you start feeling that nothing is impossible. You just need to think about an idea, develop a plan to achieve it, gather

some partners, distribute tasks, follow up on them, achieve and enjoy. This can be applied to every aspect of your life, be it a family vacation, a birthday party, a wedding, a product offering, a fashion event, or the Puerto Rico Chapter's Annual Assembly and Convention.

I encourage you to become an active member of HFMA. We have great plans for this incoming year and want you to be part of the Chapter. Keep involved, share your ideas and concerns, and share also your enthusiasm. We look forward to see you in all HFMA Puerto Rico Chapter's events and activities, and be part of its growth and success. The benefits are indefinite, and you will always win.



## My experience in the Health Care Financial Management Association (HFMA) Leadership Training Conference

As the incoming treasurer for the Puerto Rico HFMA Chapter, I had the opportunity to attend the 2009 HFMA Leadership Training Conference (LTC) at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 19-21, 2009. The LTC is more than a conference. The LTC is a way of networking with HFMA Leaders from across the United States. Most of the conferences involved roundtables in which ideas from all the participants were brought in to improve HFMA education activities, communications and benefits to the membership.

Most of the trainings which I attended during the LTC were related to my incoming responsibilities as treasurer and included financial accounting, reporting and tax compliance of the Puerto Rico HFMA Chapter. But, beyond those trainings, I also had the opportunity to socialize with other HFMA members and during an evening dinner with the HFMA Director of Finance and Controller, E. Daniel Johansson and his assistant, Aracelia López.

Attending the LTC was a great experience. We encourage you to consider participating as an HFMA leader as part of your future professional and personal plans.

Ian E. Guillén, CPA  
Incoming Treasurer  
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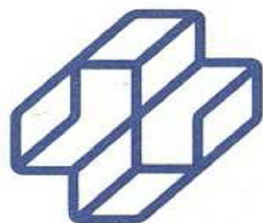


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 Jorge L. Cotto Torres – Internal Auditor, MAPFRE-Puerto Rico  
 Shirley A. Maldonado – Finance Director, Integrate Health System  
 Jackeline Rivera Rodríguez – Professor

## Upcoming Events

### HFMA Puerto Rico Chapter's Annual Assembly

**May 15-17, 2009**

**Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort and Spa**

Time	Event
Friday, May 15, 2009 7:00AM–2:00PM	Golf Tournament
Friday, May 15, 2009 8:00PM–10:00PM	Welcome Cocktail
Saturday, May 16, 2009 9:00–12:00	Educational Activity: ICD-10 and Changes to Medicare Regulations  Instructor: Ms. Sally Montes Colón, MPH, RHIA Assistant Vice President, H.I.M. ON CALL
Saturday, May 16, 2009 Afternoon	Get-together Activities
Saturday, May 16, 2009 7:00–11:00	Dinner
Sunday, May 17, 2009 8:00–12:00	Annual Assembly

## HEALTHCARE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION PUERTO RICO CHAPTER Golf Classic

Date:	Friday, May15, 2009
Registration & Breakfast:	7:00 am a 8:30 am
Shootgun:	8:30 am
Place:	Bahía Beach Resort and Golf Club
Format:	"Two Man Scramble"
Awards:	2:00 pm Clubhouse – Bahía Beach

