



Lorrie Rogerson



Mary Alice Stanford



Tina Baus



Crystal Williams

Lorrie Rogerson named to lead 2015 Board

Three new board members elected for 7 year terms starting in January: Bruce Anzalone, Tim Barrett and Julie Beene-Police

MGMA-Louisiana Board officers and committee chairs for 2015 were selected this month, per new [bylaws](#) procedure .

Lorrie Rogerson, CPC, CMPE, of Pediatric Surgery Associates in Baton Rouge was named president; Mary Alice Stanford, CMPE, of Renal Associates in Baton Rouge moves into the VP slot; Tina Baus of SW Sports and Rehab in Lake Charles continues in the treasurer position for another year; and Crystal Williams, FACMPE, of Cardiovascular Institute of the South in Thibodaux serves another year as secretary.

Other board members are Stefanie Owens Ardoin, RHIA, of Acadiana ENT in Lafayette; Greg Ivey of Pediatric Center in Sulphur; and the three new members Bruce Anzalone of Slidell Physician Network in Slidell; Tim Barrett of Lake Radiology in Baton Rouge; and Julie Beene-Police of Hematology Oncology Life Center in Alexandria.

The Board reappointed Tara Allen, FACMPE, as ex-officio member and liaison with the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE).

We're movin' on up

Check out our new website as "phase one" of our new MGMA-Louisiana *style* kicks off.

We are upgrading our internal system to enable a more sophisticated, streamlined process of all facets of management.

Be sure to visit the website soon and let us know what you think!

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MemberTalk

"Membership in MGMA-Louisiana has been an enlightening experience. I have had the chance to actually understand what being a medical **professional is about."**

Melinda Joseph,
Student in Healthcare Administration
program at the University of
Louisiana-Lafayette



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Task force studying combined state and local memberships

“Chapter Presidents and other local officers, please begin polling your membership for their thoughts, ideas, suggestions and perceived value of a combined dues

Diane Weiss, president of the Greater New Orleans chapter, is chairing a committee to explore the logistics of combining chapter and state memberships.

Joining her on this project committee are Bruce Anzalone and Crystal Williams, state board members. Anzalone is president-elect of the Northlake Chapter, and Williams is the Bayou Chapter president.

Other Chapter presidents are Edie Tucker/Baton Rouge; Tasha Cieslak/Acadiana and Julie Beene-Police/Cenla. This project was discussed in a recent meeting of the state board of directors and chapter presidents. Information is

being gathered from other state MGMA organizations, and each chapter president will discuss the concept with their respective officers and boards.



MGMA-LA committee leaders named

Lorrie Rogerson, new president of the board of directors, has named the following leaders to guide committees in 2015. They are:

- * Chapters—Mary Alice Stanford
- * Education—Mary Alice Stanford & Julie Beene-Police
- * Legislative / State—Greg Ivey
- * Legislative / Federal—Tim Barrett
- * Membership—Bruce Anzalone & Stefanie Ardoin, RHIA

ACA health insurance exchange open enrollment in progress

Information courtesy [MGMA](#)

The open enrollment period for ACA health insurance exchanges continues through Feb. 15, 2015. MGMA offers **assistance for answering patients’ questions that may arise** on their [ACA patient resource page](#)

While consumers whose 2014 plan is available in 2015 will be automatically re-enrolled, these plans may have changes. The Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) marketplace is also now open for small businesses to search and purchase health insurance coverage for their employees. The SHOP Marketplace is open to employers with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. [Learn more here.](#)

Baton Rouge General offering insurance help

Baton Rouge General is offering members of the community assistance with enrolling in an Affordable Care Act (ACA) health plan for the first time, or exploring their options if they already have one. [You can learn more here.](#)

Training for LaPOST

A new web-based training series is now available for healthcare professionals who would like to learn more about the Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) document. The four-part video series, entitled *“Conversations Change Lives,”* provides education about advance care planning in Louisiana. [Details here](#)

Front Office Manager job opening

Renal Associates of Baton Rouge, LLC is a 21 provider group practice specializing in the treatment of diseases of the kidney and related organs, problem hypertension, Co-morbidities associated with **Chronic Kidney Disease, and electrolyte disorders. The practice's main clinic, vascular lab and administrative offices** are located in Baton Rouge, LA with satellite clinics in Gonzales, LA and Walker, LA. The practice services six hospitals and 24 dialysis centers. Renal Associates is an Equal Opportunity Employer offering a competitive salary and benefits. The practice has an opening for the following position. Qualified individuals should submit resumes via email to hr@renalassociates.com

Essential Duties

- Provide supervision, training, and evaluation of front office staff.
- Work cooperatively with other department managers to continuously improve quality, efficiency and productivity of the practice.
- Work with physician leader to create and maintain the physicians schedule with a high degree of accuracy.
- Maintain files for legal cases and schedule depositions and legal appointments for physicians.
- Assist physicians with patient correspondence, medical records, and the processing of death certificates as needed.

Skills

- Management/Supervisory Skills
- Ability to think and act in a strategic and conceptual manner.
- Strong interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.
- Strong computer abilities, including MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook and Internet.
- Ability to use sound judgment and experience to plan and accomplish goals.
- Ability to organize, prioritize and manage multiple projects.

Qualifications

Education:

- High School Diploma or equivalent required
- 1-2 Years of College/Associates Degree preferred

Experience:

- 3 to 5 years of administrative/office experience in a health care setting
- 1 to 2 years supervisory experience

Additional Responsibilities:

- Demonstrates a commitment to service, organization values and professionalism through appropriate conduct and demeanor.
- Maintains confidentiality and protects sensitive data.
- Works collaboratively and supports efforts of team members.
- Demonstrates exceptional customer service and interacts effectively with physicians, patients, visitors, staff and the broader health care community.

How to Apply Qualified individuals should submit resumes via email to hr@renalassociates.com



Time to party, meet

The Advocate newspaper reports legislators are gathering in Baton Rouge this week for their annual party and to hold hearings.

Legislators collect \$150 per diem when they come to the Capitol on official business, like committee meetings. [Read all about it](#)

Insurers fire back at cuts

The Hill reports the insurance industry, “is firing back at Republicans’ decision to cut government payments that could help plans struggling under the healthcare law.

America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) blasted legislation changing Obamacare’s “risk corridors” program and predicted that it would raise **healthcare costs for families.**” [Read more here.](#)

ICD-10 Delay Push Stalls

ICD postponement does not appear to be on the horizon, according to a Dec. 11 article in *Health Leaders Media*. **Steven Andrews** says, “ICD-10 implementation remains on track for October 1, 2015, after a series of Congressional spending bills unveiled late (last) Tuesday contained no new delay provisions, despite the efforts of at least two state medical associations.” [Read more here](#)



PRESIDENTS—The setting was Biloxi’s Beau Rivage in June 2005 (two months before the storms). LMGMA had gathered for its annual conference, its first out of state. Stewart Clark (left in photo) and Tom Baggett were conferring. As post-storm rebuilding began, both men ended up serving multiple terms as president of the board of directors. Clark termed out last year; Baggett terms out this year.



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