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### **HFMA's Rochester Regional Chapter Receives Award for Sustained Excellence**

**(Las Vegas—June 28, 2016)**—The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) awarded its highest chapter honor—the Robert M. Shelton Award—to the Rochester Regional Chapter during HFMA's annual conference in Las Vegas on Monday. The award is given annually in recognition of five years of sustained excellence.

“The Rochester Regional Chapter has provided exemplary service, especially in terms of breadth and depth of education,” said HFMA Chair Mary Mirabelli, FHFMA. “We congratulate Rochester Regional on sustaining high performance levels not only in education but also in overall member satisfaction.”

Mirabelli presented the award to Rochester Regional Chapter past presidents Geoffrey Bernhardt; Paula Tinch, CPA, PAHM; Christopher Harris, FHFMA, CPA; and Alicia Dockrell, CHFP; who served two terms.

Rochester Regional Chapter sustained success over the five-year period by earning a total of 10 awards in education, certification, and membership. They also won three Henry C. Hottum Awards for educational performance improvement. In addition, they maintained an average of 19.3 education hours per member for the past five years, and an average of 17.4 percent of members were certified. They also earned a total of 20 Yerger awards (single and multiple-chapter entries included) for the past five years.

The Rochester Regional Chapter has 240 members.

Winners of the Shelton Award demonstrate continuous improvement in all areas tracked by HFMA, including quality and variety in educational programs, growth in membership, and other areas. The winner is selected by a five-member committee appointed each year by the HFMA Chair.

### **About HFMA**

With more than 40,000 members, the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) is the nation's premier membership organization for healthcare finance leaders. HFMA builds and supports coalitions with other healthcare associations and industry groups to achieve consensus on solutions for the challenges the U.S. healthcare system faces today. Working with a broad cross-section of stakeholders, HFMA identifies gaps throughout the healthcare delivery system and bridges them through the establishment and sharing of knowledge and best practices. The Association helps healthcare stakeholders achieve optimal results by creating and providing education, analysis, and practical tools and solutions. Its mission is to lead the financial management of health care. [hfma.org](http://hfma.org)

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