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### **HFMA's Nebraska Chapter Receives Award for Sustained Excellence**

**(Orlando, Fla.—June 23, 2015)** –The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) awarded its highest chapter honor—the Robert M. Shelton Award—to the Nebraska Chapter during HFMA's annual conference in Orlando, Florida, on Tuesday. The award is given annually in recognition of five years of sustained excellence.

“The Nebraska chapter has achieved outstanding results in the areas of education, membership growth, and certification,” said HFMA Chair Melinda S. Hancock, FHFMA, CPA. “This is even more impressive considering that Nebraska also received the Shelton award in 2010. These two awards represent a full 10 years of sustained high performance.”

Hancock presented the award to Nebraska Chapter past presidents Troy Bruntz, Mandy Kumm, Douglas Wismer, Gretchin Heckenlively, and Christopher Vairo.

The Nebraska chapter demonstrated sustained success over the five-year period by earning five awards for Education, in recognition of an average increase of 6 percent in education hours over that time. They also earned an award for educational performance improvement. In addition, an average of 18.4 percent of the chapter members were certified – the highest level reached by any chapter during this time. Also, chapter membership trends reflected an average growth of 4 percent for the five-year period. The chapter has achieved a perfect overall score of 100 points on the Chapter Balanced Scorecard since 2010-11.

The Nebraska Chapter has 344 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. We help healthcare stakeholders achieve optimal results by creating and providing education, analysis, and practical tools and solutions. Our mission is to lead the financial management of health care. [hfma.org](http://hfma.org)

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