

Region 8 Connection

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HFMA greetings!

My name is Teri Reger and I am honored to introduce myself as your Region 8 Regional Executive for the June 2011 through May 2012 chapter year. I am a member of the Greater St. Louis Chapter as well as your representative on the HFMA Regional Executive Council.

The purposes of HFMA's Regional Executive program are:

- To serve as the primary volunteer and policy link between the chapters and HFMA National;
- To assist chapter leaders in serving members;
- To foster a dialogue and effective communications between the national and chapter levels of HFMA;
- To represent the needs and interests of chapter leaders to the HFMA Board and management, and
- To encourage chapters to collaborate and help other chapters.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to my predecessor, Vicki Mills, for her service as our Regional Executive this past year and for being a wonderful mentor. She represented our region extremely well and has set the bar very high! In addition, please welcome Mike Dewerff from the Iowa Chapter as your Regional Executive-Elect.

HFMA's Region 8 is made up of nine very strong chapters – North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Sunflower, Heart of America, Show-Me of Missouri and Greater St. Louis. Congratulations to each and every one of them for completing a successful year with outstanding achievements that will be honored at this year's Annual National Institute in Orlando in June. All nine chapters in Region 8 earned multiple awards totaling 35 awards across the region! What a testament to the dedication and commitment of our chapter leaders to providing exceptional service to their members!!

The HFMA Chair's Theme for 2011-2012 is "Believe to Achieve". I have had the privilege of working with each of your chapter Presidents over the past year, and more recently each President-Elect at HFMA's 2011 Leadership Training Conference. I believe in your chapter leaders and know that they will achieve if not exceed their strategic goals. As regional executive, I want to be engaged in the success of each chapter during the coming year by making myself available as consultant, collaborator, and number one supporter!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Region 8, the best region in HFMA! I look forward to working alongside your chapter leaders and meeting many of you as I travel around the region. My telephone number is 314-523-8771 and my email address is Teri_Reger@ssmhc.com. I welcome your questions and comments, any time!