

Next Wave Connect Executive Advisor Named 2018 Glaser Award Recipient

October 29, 2018 (Huntsville, TX) – [Next Wave Connect](#) (NWC) is proud to announce that today, veteran health care management executive and NWC Executive Advisor, H. Stephen Lieber, will receive the 2018 John P. Glaser Health Informatics Innovator Award. Lieber will be formally inducted into the Glaser Society by its Founding Member, John P. Glaser, PhD, and SBMI Dean, Jiajie Zhang, PhD. Festivities will include a lecture by Lieber entitled Paper to Digital: How Federal Policy Transformed Health IT in America, followed by a reception in his honor.

The John P. Glaser Health Informatics Society was initiated by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Biomedical Informatics (SBMI) in recognition of the expertise and leadership of John P. Glaser, PhD, who is a universally recognized thought leader in the field of health informatics. The John P. Glaser Health Informatics Society was created to acknowledge innovators in the field of health informatics and provide education, collaboration, and networking opportunities for the broader community of health informatics professionals, clinicians, and students. Ivo D. Nelson, a celebrated health information technology entrepreneur and NWC Founder, was accorded the 2016 John P. Glaser Health Informatics Innovator Award.

For 17 years, H. Stephen Lieber served as President & CEO of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)—a \$95+ million, mission-based not-for-profit organization operating in more than 40 countries—which includes offices in the US, UK, Germany, and Singapore. HIMSS is one of the 10 largest US healthcare associations and the largest association of its kind focused on healthcare information technology (HIT). Annually, HIMSS presents the world’s largest healthcare IT conference and exhibition, with an attendance of more than 40,000.

Not long-ago Dr. John Glaser observed, “In his leadership role with HIMSS, Steve Lieber was instrumental in representing the healthcare IT industry to government and related entities, providing leadership within and external to HIMSS on seminal trends and issues. Moreover, in private practice, he continues to wield his considerable influence in health IT and the health technology sector. Lieber’s contributions to the advancement of healthcare information technology are myriad and substantial.”

SBMI Associate Dean for Applied Health Informatics, Dr. Robert Murphy, remarked on Lieber’s skill in growing HIMSS. “In terms of audience reach and annual revenues, Steve grew HIMSS by a factor of 10, through a series of mergers and acquisitions of both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, along with organic growth. Highlights of these advances included the formation of HIMSS Analytics, a health IT market intelligence company, and HIMSS Media, a diversified B2B information company.”

“I often describe Steve as a puzzle master. He has a unique ability to tie pieces together that involve systems, technology, product, marketing, content, and audience in an effort to create a “big picture” strategy so associations that he works with can expand their reach, impact, and profitability. We are honored to have him on our team and extremely proud of his achievement. It is much deserved,” affirmed Next Wave Connect President and CEO, Calli Dretke.

H. Stephen Lieber has accrued many honors and achievements over the course of his career, including but not limited to the following: Honorary Life Member, American Hospital Association; Honorary Life Member, HIMSS; Honorary Life Member, American Society of Healthcare Risk Management; Top 100 Most Influential Healthcare Leaders, Modern Healthcare, 2004-2015; and service on numerous prestigious boards and panels.

Welcome remarks award presentation is scheduled to begin at 4:00pmCST. To learn more about today's events on behalf of the Glaser Society at: <https://sbmi.uth.edu/glaser-society/>

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