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JANUARY 2020- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow HIM Professionals,

As we start a new decade, let us begin with aligning MaHIMA and its members with the mission, vision, and strategy for our association which we began to implement in 2019. To paraphrase a quote attributed to Albert Einstein, “Strive not to be a success but rather to be of value.”

As we ponder the possibilities of a new year, let's not forget to continue to support AHIMA's vision for our future success by being of value to the bigger picture. As MaHIMA sets out to expand membership and educational opportunities, we are looking toward each and every one of our members for assistance. I know these goals can be achieved as long as we recognize our value to the association and continue to strive to exceed expectations. The MaHIMA Board of Directors extends its appreciation to every member of our association for all the contributions made by our membership in aligning our association with AHIMA's mission, vision, and strategy and by adding value to everything we contribute to the healthcare arena.

I hope this year brings much joy, happiness, and success to each one of our members!

Robin Andrews, M.Ed., RHIA, CCS

FINANCE REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2019 (JULY – JUNE 2019)

At the Fall Meeting, the FY 2020 budget was approved by the membership. The projected budget for the year is \$181,945. First quarter income was \$16,429 with expenses of \$ 28,677. Seventy-four (74) % of our income for the first quarter was from educational meetings including the Fall Meeting, and webinars. Remaining income came from AHIMA member rebates.

Expenses for the quarter include the AHIMA Leadership meeting, educational meetings, and administrative costs. Our first quarter generally has expenses exceeding income due to the bulk of our income being generated later in the association year from the remaining educational programs, including the annual meeting as well as our AHIMA rebates.



At the end of September MaHIMA has \$ 111,547 in assets with \$88,115 set aside for reserves.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

MAHIMA'S WINTER MEETING AND CODING SEMINAR TO FEATURE TWO HEALTHCARE CIO'S

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Now that the holiday season has ended and a new year and decade have begun, many of us are turning our focus back more fully to our work and careers. With all the technological changes that are rapidly transforming healthcare and our work lives, many of us are looking for ways to stay informed of what's happening. With this in mind, the MaHIMA Education Committee has put together a great opportunity on Friday, February 7th, which will feature two area healthcare CIO's. Their full biographies are available on the [MaHIMA website](#) but here are just a few highlights taken from them.

The keynote speaker, Naomi Lenane, has been the Chief Information Officer and Vice President of Information Systems at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute since June 2017. Prior to her appointment, Naomi held multiple roles at Dana Farber. She was the Information Systems leader for the institute's EPIC implementation as well as the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care. Naomi is also a member of HIMSS (Health Information Management Systems Society) as well as SIM (Society of Information Management), Boston with a focus on women in technology.

Brigham Health's Chief Information officer, Adam Landman, MD., MS, MIS, MHS, will also be speaking at the Winter meeting. Board certified in Emergency Medicine and Clinical Information, Dr. Landman began his career at Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2010 and was instrumental in moving the ED physicians from paper to electronic documentation. He also was the leader of the team that built the ClinCam mobile app, which has provided a secure and convenient way to share and store digital images in the electronic health record. Before serving as the Brigham Health CIO, Dr. Landman was the Chief Medical Information Officer for Health Information and Integration at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and oversaw the integration of the Sunquest laboratory System with EPIC, which resulted in a novel solution that has reduced laboratory specimen errors for inpatients. He continues to focus his efforts, both locally and at the industry level to improve the patient and visitor experience and to strengthen the pursuit of innovation at BWHC.

Want to hear more? Join us at [the MaHIMA Winter Meeting and Coding Seminar](#) at the Courtyard Boston in Marlborough on Friday, February 7th, 2020.

Submitted by Elaine Ippolito, M.A., MLS, RHIA, Connect Editor

AHIMA NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 31, 2020

The Nominating Committee is searching for qualified AHIMA members, from the Active or Emeritus membership categories, to fill the roles of:

- One AHIMA President/Chair-elect
- Three Directors for the Board of Directors

- Three open positions for the 2020 election. Priority for 2020 Nominees: 3 positions; members with a CCS, CDIP, CHDA, CHPS, and the RHIT credential
- Two Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) Members – Focus is on practitioners. Sufficient representation from Ohio has been achieved.
- One Speaker-elect for the House of Delegates

The President/Chair-elect, Director, and CCHIIM Commissioner and CEE Council Member positions have three-year terms and the Speaker-elect has a two-year term. All terms begin on January 1, 2021. Descriptions, duties, and qualifications for each of these elected positions are available on the [Call for Volunteers Web](#) page under the Elected Positions tab from the top toolbar. Nominations are due March 31, 2020.

Can you suggest outstanding leaders who possess the competencies identified in the [Volunteer Competency Self-Assessment](#) and are visionary, critical thinkers that work well with others?

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

The Communications Committee is continuing to focus on attracting new student members with our member benefit awareness campaign. Along with our Member-at-Large, Mariann Smith, we are currently working on a new student member letter which will highlight the benefits of MaHIMA. We are also registered for a May 2020 visit at the Assabet High College Fair in an effort to increase school awareness of the HIM profession.

We continue to publish MaHIMA StayConnected, which is distributed bi-weekly to MaHIMA members. MaHIMA StayConnected provides information on hot topics in HIM and contemporary HIM activities and features MaHIMA member spotlights. It also offers MaHIMA members opportunities to submit short blog entries like Coding Tips, IG Tips, Management Tips, HR Tips or any HIM related topic for publishing. Everyone is a SME (subject matter expert) about something, so share your tip!!!

In an attempt to determine the reason why members do not vote in the MaHIMA elections, our recent membership survey polled the MaHIMA membership about their voting status. The most significant outcome of this survey was that it showed that members don't vote if they don't know the nominees. As Communications Director, I will make an effort to broadcast our local nominees more effectively. A second survey was sent regarding peer organizations and their value. MaHIMA is looking to partner with peer organizations rather than compete with them. The outcome of this survey is still developing, so stay tuned!

The MaHIMA Awards Committee is taking nominations for the Individual Awards to be given at the Winter Meeting on February 7th. Keep the award criteria in mind and nominate your stars for these awards! More information can be found [here](#). The Advocacy Award, an award to recognize HIM change agents, was given to Bibiana Von Malder on November 1, 2019 at the Dot Wagg Seminar. Congratulations Bibi!

If you are interested in any of these initiatives and would like to become more involved, please consider joining the Communications Committee. We meet on the 4th Monday at noon and are always looking for new members. Please contact me via email through the MaHIMA board page.

Submitted by Marianne Garfi, HIM,RHIA,CCS-P
Director of Communications