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APRIL 2021- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow Health Information Professionals,

Happy Spring! I'm really looking forward to some nice weather and hoping every one of you is healthy, happy, and working.

First on my list - a call for volunteers! Please let me or your board members know if you're interested in volunteering. We have an immediate need for a MaHIMA Social Media Manager and a Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. Please reach out to me or Elisa Pelchat if you're interested in either of those positions or if you're wanting to volunteer in some other way. [Read more...](#)

Scott Eischen, MPH, RHIA, CHC, CCS, CPC
MaHIMA President 2020-2021

ARE YOU AN AHIMA VOLUNTEER?

It's time for MaHIMA to complete our annual report. Please let us know if you volunteer for AHIMA at the national level. [Email here](#) indicating your committee involvement to assist in our reporting efforts.

MAHIMA ELECTIONS are OPEN

Please cast your vote in the MaHIMA Election 2021; polls are open until April 23, 2021 at 5pm EST. All active members are eligible to vote. Log on to [AHIMA.org](#) and go to My AHIMA to access Community and the Voting Center.

MAHIMA LAUNCHING NEW AMS/LMS

MaHIMA has been working over the last few months to move to an association management system that includes a learning management system. The new platform will allow members to more effectively interact with one another in organized communities and "circles" and also include personal profiles to store and access all of your MaHIMA CEUs. This platform will also include an LMS that will include all of our past webinars and Fall 2020 conferences for purchase along with future sessions. To get more details on how to log on and customize your profile [Read more...](#)

Submitted by: Elisa Pelchat
Administrative Director, MaHIMA



FINANCE REPORT – SEMIANNUAL (JULY – DECEMBER 2020)

Income for the first six months of our fiscal year totaled \$44,248 with expenses of \$48,884. Sixty-six (66) % of our income for this period was generated from our educational meetings. Additionally, thirty-two (32) % of our income came from AHIMA member rebates. [Read more....](#)

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Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

MAHIMA STRATEGIC TASK FORCE UPDATE

The MaHIMA Strategic Task Force has been working on strategies to increase our membership. In the fall, we collaborated with the Communications Committee to draft a letter to local schools to

remind them of the value MaHIMA provides to students and schools. We have done an analysis of the landscape of health information management degree programs in New England at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree level. The global pandemic has given us the opportunity to make ourselves valuable to HIM professionals outside of Massachusetts as well. For the spring, we are focused on identifying HIM professionals who work in Massachusetts but are not currently engaged in MaHIMA. We are working to find ways to engage them with our offerings.

Submitted by Karen Bogard, RHIA, MHA
Member at Large

MAHIMA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

This February, the Awards Committee presented four MaHIMA members with the following individual Awards:

- 2021 Distinguished Member: Elyse DiSciullo, RHIA
- 2021 Professional Achievement Award: Denise Bourgeois, RHIT, CCS
- 2021 Outstanding Mentor Award: Sandra Guy, RHIA, CHPA, CCA
- 2021 Champion Award: Donna Malone, CPC, CRC, CRCI

Congratulations to our peers for such great achievements! In a few weeks, we will be awarding the Team Excellence Award, and then in May, the Student Achievement Awards. It has been a busy time for the Awards Committee! [Read more...](#)

MAHIMA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Privacy Matters forum was held on March 11, 2021, from 12 to 1 pm. There were 27 registered and 39 participants on the call with group registrations. This virtual forum provides the opportunity for all participants to submit questions and discuss best practices and rules and regulations surrounding release of information topics. 1 CEU – Privacy & Security is earned. The next Privacy Matters Forum is scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 12 pm. Legal and compliance experts Dena Castricone and Sharon Kamowitz have volunteered to assist moderating this upcoming event with Bibi and Ann. We hope you will join us! [Read more...](#)

Submitted by Ann Dooley, RHIA
Director of Legislative