PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Jeanne Fernandes, RHIA, CHDA

Hearty congratulations are in order for our newly elected President-elect, Diana Lindo, MM, RHIT, CCS and our Director of Communications, Jackie Judd, CCS who has been elected for her second term. Thank you both for committing your time and talent to MAHIMA. We look forward to another rewarding and productive year, and with your leadership, I am convinced that MAHIMA will continue to move ahead with our goals and initiatives.

As I write this, I am preparing to participate in AHIMA Hill Day along with Norma Chitvanni, Director of Legislation/Advocacy and Joy Rose, Director of Education. During Hill Day and the preceding Leadership Symposium, delegates from all CSAs come together to advocate for issues of importance to HIM professionals. This is a great opportunity for HIM professionals to connect with lawmakers and develop valuable legislative contacts. We share information about our profession and build name recognition for our association. We want lawmakers to be familiar with our

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KIP COACH PROGRAM AT BETH ISRAEL DEACONESS MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES 2016 MAHIMA HIM TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Privacy Team was honored with the MAHIMA HIM Team Excellence Award for enhancements to their existing Keep Information Private (KIP) Program. The original creation of the KIP program received the MAHIMA HIM Team Excellence Award in 2014. The goal of the enhancements was to continue to promote, educate, and bring Information Security and Privacy awareness to the BIDMC workforce members utilizing creative and interactive communication methods. BIDMC has over 11,000 workforce members, including regular staff, physicians, contractors, and volunteers.

Working with the BIDMC Education and Communications Specialist, the Privacy Team came up with an idea to recruit members of the workforce to help promote information privacy and security best practices. The team created a program called the “KIP Coach Team.” The concept was to have a representative from as many areas as possible serve as “mini privacy representatives” acting as role models and providing guidance for their fellow employees.

Shown Left to Right: Cindy Whitcome, Education, Outreach, and Communications Specialist; Martha Hamel, Privacy Specialist; Norma Chitvanni, Privacy Officer and MAHIMA President, Jeanne Fernandes.

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ICD-10 Coding for Cardiology and CV Surgery
April 14
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm May 2016

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Logon and Passwords - Hold up the Hackers!

Use your work username, email or password only for work – never for personal, non-work sites!

If a non-work site is attacked, it could compromise your work email and whatever systems you may have access to.

Create different passwords for every site you use – whether at work or at home.

Using the same password for multiple sites is like giving a hacker the key to all your accounts! You can use applications, such as Dashlane, to help you remember all of your passwords.

If you use your work email for outside, work-related sites, remember:

• Make sure the password is different from your work password
• Change your password for each site every six months