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Massachusetts Health Information
Management Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2021 – President Letter



It is with great delight and honor that I begin my service as the Massachusetts Health Information President for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new incoming board members and say thank you to those who have served MaHIMA.

As I step into this leadership role, I would like to extend my appreciation to the membership and the MaHIMA Board for granting me the opportunity to further develop the MaHIMA association. MaHIMA has fostered a place of growth, development, mentorship, and support for Health Information Management professionals. As MaHIMA's incoming President, I look forward to building on that foundation and moving our initiatives forward.

This past summer, the MaHIMA board has participated in the AHIMA Leadership Symposium and House of Delegate meetings. At these meetings, we have been discussing the changing landscape of the healthcare industry and our role in this transformation. Over the past decade we have watched the healthcare industry flounder with incorporating patient care inside the digital age. The pandemic prompted healthcare organizations and policy makers to re-evaluate methods for administering treatment, to seek out digital alternatives, and to provide nonconventional arenas for services.

As health information management professionals, we need to not only embrace the transformation, but lead the industry in maneuvering this new frontier. Since MaHIMA's inception, our association has continuously enhanced our portfolio of offerings, consistently provided high quality, timely and relevant content aimed at enhancing the profession. MaHIMA's focus this year includes:

- Strengthening membership engagement and developing a volunteer pipeline
- Training, mentoring, and empowering HIM professionals to lead health information activities and initiatives within all traditional and non-traditional settings
- Providing legislative and advocacy resources to members while advocating on key health information management issues
- Provide diverse and cross-generational education to advance the skill sets of all members
- Foster an awareness and understanding surrounding AHIMA's and MaHIMA's purpose and the Health Information Management profession

There is no greater, nor more important time to be a part of our vibrant health information management association. If you are not already actively involved with MaHIMA, I encourage you to consider enhancing your professional growth by volunteering. As an organization that relies on its members to instill growth and change, we encourage you to bring your ideas to the table. If you would

like to volunteer or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-282-7617 or email me at Laura.caravetta@philips.com

Remember to keep an eye out for our upcoming education sessions, we have a full schedule this Fall with the MaHIMA Fall Conference Series. Our Fall Business Meeting will be held virtually on October 22, 2021 --- I look forward to seeing everyone there. For more details on our educational offerings and events, please [visit: https://mahima.memberdicks.net](https://mahima.memberdicks.net)

We look forward to a wonderful year ---- hope everyone is safe and well.

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