



JULY 2018- PRESIDENT LETTER

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is a great honor to begin my service to you as President of MaHIMA for 2018-2019. I want to thank everyone who has served on the board and committee members for dedicating their time and talents. I want to extend a special thank you to our past-President Diana Lindo. Diana took me under her wing and mentored me to be able to take on the position of next president with confidence. I am looking forward to a great inspiring year! I also want to thank Elisa Pelchat, our MaHIMA Administrator Director. Elisa spends countless hours ensuring that workshops, meetings, webinars, etc. are organized and running efficiently. I also would like to thank Linda Hyde for all she does in keeping our finances in check. This responsibility is not an easy task but Linda takes this challenge on with pride and honor.

July 13-14, 2018 I will be attending the AHIMA CSA Leadership Symposium alongside Robin Andrews, President-Elect, and Marianne Garfi, Director of Communications. The AHIMA CSA Leadership Symposium is a two-day event that engages AHIMA and CSA leaders in strategic direction, envisioning the future and leadership in the evolving HIM profession. Look for updates in the September edition.

Our Annual meeting was a great success! Special thanks to the planning committee for putting this all together along with all the work by Programming, Hospitality and Vendor committees.

I want to thank everyone who attended our strategic planning session in April. It was a great success and many talented members collaborated to come up with goals and tasks for the upcoming year.

The four objectives identified in our strategic planning session are:

- Preparing HIM Professionals for the future
- Expanding areas of expertise
- Building/recruiting board members
- HIM Awareness and visibility

Serving on the board or becoming a member of a committee is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. It gives you the opportunity to make a difference for our profession now and the future. I would like to challenge all MaHIMA members to reach out and serve on a committee or task force. You can sign up by going into the MaHIMA website click on the "About" tab and select the volunteer tab and sign up. You can also reach out to Elisa or myself and we will lead you in the right direction. I am available by email if you need to reach me: bvonmalder@sturdymemorial.org

Ready Set Volunteer!!!!

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