



### **JANUARY 2021- PRESIDENT LETTER**

To My Fellow Health Information Professionals,

Happy New Year! What a crazy ride 2020 turned out to be!

With the obvious negative hits everyone took in 2020 from the pandemic, let's look at some positive work that MaHiMA has been working on in 2020 continuing through 2021:

1. Successful weekly virtual educational offerings – I can't give enough kudos to the Education Committee led by Melissa Roberts on their continued focus on quality education. I'm very proud of the expansion of topics from not only the traditional CDI/Coding tracks but those of health informatics, compliance, privacy, etc.
2. Successful virtual group meetings – In the ongoing transition to a new AMS/LMS system, I wanted to thank Elisa Pelchat for her hard work organizing and keeping the Fall, Winter, and Dot Wagg meetings on track logistically. We had excellent content, so if you haven't joined one yet, please do so soon!
3. Strategic Task Force – This task force led by Karen Bogard has been taking a deep dive into how MaHiMA can grow membership and gain volunteer interest especially from a younger generation.
4. Privacy Matters Forum – This forum led by Ann Dooley had 2 sessions in 2020, which was extremely well attended. Sharing of best practices on topics regarding ROI practices in a pandemic, sharing info via patient portals, data blocking were discussed with high participation. Please join the next one if you're interested!
5. Mentorship Program – This program led by Marianne Garfi has been planned throughout 2020 with a pilot going live in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021. Please contact her or me if you're interested!

Please let me or your board members know if you're interested in volunteering. Also, please talk to your peers about joining MaHiMA. I'd be more than happy to connect with them myself!

Here's to a positive and healthy 2021!

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