



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.

Now, let's look at what MaHIMA has been up to so far this year.

1. Successful weekly virtual educational offerings: The Education Committee has been knocking it out of the park with the weekly education sessions. Sessions have featured a wide variety of topics with some compelling speakers. Please join any of these you find interesting. They're worth the time!
2. Successful virtual group meetings: MaHIMA has also been offering longer monthly educational offerings and business meetings over the past few months that have gone extremely well. We've continued to have 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. Please let me know if you'd like to join!
4. Mentor/Mentee Program: This pilot program led by Marianne Garfi and the Communications Committee has gone live. If you're interested in becoming a mentee or a mentor or have any questions about the pilot program, please reach out to Marianne Garfi or me at scotteischen@yahoo.com anytime. We're hoping this pilot can grow into a wealth of knowledge and connection for years to come.

Some current and upcoming events:

1. AHIMA Virtual Advocacy Summit, May 17-18, 2021: Please join AHIMA in this 2-day event linked to our advocacy goals and meet with Congressional leaders from your state! There are 12 CEUs available to those who attend. See [Advocacy Summit 2021 | AHIMA](#) for more details.
2. MaHIMA Election for 2021-2022 Officers: Polls are open until Friday, April 23rd at 5:59EST, so please vote! Go to ahima.org to access your voting ballot for Massachusetts.
3. We are busy planning a Virtual Annual Meeting for sometime in June 2020, so look out for more details in the upcoming weeks.
4. AHIMA Access is up and running! This is the AHIMA shared information system replacing Engage. Check it out. I've already been using it, and I really like it!

I hope you're all enjoying the educational offerings. Again, reach out to me anytime at scotteischen@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns. Here's to a continued positive and healthy 2021!