

# MaHIMA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### SEPTEMBER 2020- PRESIDENT LETTER

Hello all! I can't believe it's already September in what may be the most unusual year ever. Even though it's flown by, I hope your summer has been enjoyable!

I'm hopeful this year will prove to be a year of positive change at MaHIMA. With the pandemic forcing us all to work and live in a new way, we are doing what we can here at MaHIMA to ensure you have the resources, networking availability, and education that you need in a virtual world. We have secured a new AMS/LMS system that will enable us to offer our MaHIMA meetings virtually for the upcoming years in this "new normal." We will have speakers and vendor support in these virtual offerings that will be out of the norm from previous years. With the new era of Health Information, we want to ensure that we are providing education that supports a wider variety of health information careers not only in the coding and CDI realms, but also in Privacy, Compliance, Health Informatics, and other areas of interest.

We have been busy finalizing our strategic plan with a taskforce being formed to help develop ideas and KPIs. This taskforce will be working through September, with the goal of approval in early October. Once approved, we will be sharing it electronically with the membership, and I will be presenting it on one of our upcoming business meetings this fall. I welcome any questions or concerns you might have.

We will also be working hard this year to increase our membership and to get members more engaged. I promise greater transparency and accountability by the elected board members. We have SO many ideas for change this year that I know it will be one of high activity, mentorship, and camaraderie....and even midst a pandemic!

So, it is a new year at MaHIMA. It is a new environment due to the pandemic, but we will turn our association into a positive force for health information professionals here in the state of Massachusetts. I hope you will join me for the ride. Thanks everyone!

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