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Massachusetts Health Information  
Management Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Jeanne Fernandes, RHIA, CHDA*

I want to thank all of the volunteers who served MaHIMA throughout the 2014-2015 year. I especially want to acknowledge the contributions of the past president, Walter Houlihan, and the outgoing directors, Bibi Von Malder and Diana Lindo, who graciously dedicated their time and talent. At our Business Meeting in May, we welcomed our new Directors, Norma Chitvanni, Director of Legislation/Advocacy, and Joy Rose, Director of Education. They join a bright and talented team with great energy and passion for advancing the HIM profession.

Throughout the summer, work has been underway to organize committees, plan meetings and events, and develop strategic initiatives for the year. We are focused on supporting AHIMA'S

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## CALLING ALL HIM STUDENTS! MAHIMA IS YOUR ORGANIZATION!

MaHIMA is working to forge a closer relationship with our local HIM schools and in particular with their students (our future colleagues and members!). The CAHIIM-approved programs at Fisher College, Labouré College, Bristol Community College, College of Saint Scholastica, and Stephens College were identified as having significant numbers of potential Massachusetts members.

To increase awareness of MaHIMA and what we can do for these students, the MaHIMA Board recently approved the following initiatives:

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Student Network Event**

Local HIM/Coding students were invited to a free afternoon "Town Hall" session held during the MaHIMA Fall meeting on Friday, September 18. Students in attendance were able to network with current professionals and potential employers.

### **\*\*NEW\*\* MaHIMA Student Scholarship**

MaHIMA will award up to two Student Scholarships to current students in each

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## SENATOR BRUCE E. TARR TO BE HONORED AT DOT WAGG



*Susan Pepple,  
MaHIMA Awards  
Chair*

The 2015 MaHIMA Health Information Management Advocacy Award

will be presented to Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R-Gloucester) at the annual MaHIMA Dot Wagg Memorial Legislative Seminar on November 6, 2015. Senator Tarr was nominated for this award because of his work surrounding "advancing legislative initiatives that promote the interests of the HIM profession or that further the goals of MaHIMA at a state

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ICD-10 Conversion**

October 1

**Western MA Meeting**

October 21

7:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Dot Wagg Memorial  
Legislative Seminar**

November 6

7:30 am - 12:00 pm

**AHA Coding Clinic 2015**

**Free Webinar**

December 2

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Winter Meeting and  
Coding Seminar**

January 22, 2016

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

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## BRINGING BEACON HILL TO YOU!

(A preview of the November Dot Wagg Memorial Legislative Seminar)

*By Heather Hedlund, RHIA, CHPS, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee*

After 10 successful years of hosting MaHIMA's annual Beacon Hill Day at the State House in Boston, it was decided that we would combine Beacon Hill Day with the Dot Wagg seminar this year! Our very first Beacon Hill Day was in 2004, which included a breakfast 'meet and greet' with the legislators where we introduced our association and our profession in an informal setting. We also visited our own state senators' and state representatives' offices to provide them with educational materials and discuss issues further with the legislators and their aides. Over the years we've added educational sessions for MaHIMA's membership on relevant health care topics with a legislative spin. Our success caught the eye of the New England Health Information Management Systems Society (NEHIMSS), who eventually co-hosted Beacon Hill Day with us for a few of the later years.

This year we are pleased to continue our Beacon Hill Day tradition at the Dot Wagg seminar on November 6, at the Lantana in Randolph. Our most popular session at Beacon Hill Day was the "Update from the Health Care Financing Committee", where Senate and House members of the Committee provided an update on current Massachusetts health care topics. We are honored that Committee members have once again agreed to participate and will provide their update at the Dot Wagg seminar. We are currently finalizing our

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## MAHIMA 85TH ANNIVERSARY & FALL MEETING CODING SEMINAR 2015

Sponsored by TERRA NOVA and MRA  
September 18, 2015

*Mariann Smith, RHIT, CCS*

The Fall MaHIMA meeting was held on September 18 and offered students and MaHIMA members an engaging program and a wonderful celebration of the 85th anniversary of MaHIMA.

President Jeanne M. Fernandes, RHIA, CHDA, welcomed everyone and introduced the day's agenda, followed by a moment of silence honoring Past President, Mary Radley.

Exactly 85 years ago, on September 18, 1930, Massachusetts Medical Record Librarians first met in Worcester, MA to network, educate, and advocate. To celebrate this milestone, Past President, Donna Volpe Casey, RHIA, eloquently detailed the history of the association. She informed the attendees that the first Massachusetts president was Grace Whiting Myers, who continued her career by becoming the first national President for AHIMA. The audience was then entertained by a video, as Ms. Casey termed it, a "glimpse of the MaHIMA's history- past and present." Members were delighted to recognize many familiar faces in the video. One of the many highlights of the day was the presentation of gifts to the Past Presidents honoring their service. Culminating the event was the sharing of a delicious cake in celebration of the 85th anniversary.

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### A QUICK AND FUN PRIVACY TIP

*Martha Hamel, CHPC, Privacy Specialist, BIDMC*

We all know the importance of staff members logging out or locking their computers when they leave their workstations or office. Doing these small steps help to protect patient privacy and discourage unauthorized viewing or access to patient, financial, research or other information.

Here is a quick tip that we have adopted here at BIDMC – we use MS Windows 7 for our operating system. My friend and colleague, Kim Mulholland, Compliance Specialist submitted this.....hopefully; you might be able to adopt it as well! Everyone can remember to "LOL"!

"LOL" - Log Out or Lock

On shared computers: log out from any open applications and X (close) the browser window

On private computers: simply hit the Windows icon  and "L" on your keyboard to lock it

"LOL" even if you are leaving only for a few moments!