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OCTOBER 2019- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow HIM Professionals,

Leadership has been on my mind of late, particularly with AHIMA's endeavors to transform and reinvigorate our association and profession. I would encourage each of you to get involved and let your voice be heard. Each of us can make a difference. As Knute Rockne, the legendary University of Notre Dame football coach once said: "Leaders are like eagles, they don't flock....you find one at a time."

In July, I attended the AHIMA Leadership Symposium, along with Scott Eischen, President-Elect and Marianne Garfi, Director of Communications. We were informed that AHIMA's vision, mission and values will be one of the main focuses during the restructuring period for our profession which will be accomplished by and through a Governance Task Force Charter (GTFC). According to the charter, the GTFC is being adopted to ensure "AHIMA is positioned with an optimal, nimble, and agile governance structure". The Governance Task Force (GTF) is charged with reviewing and transforming the governance of AHIMA and each segment of the organization, including the AHIMA BOD, House Of Delegates (HOD), Nominating Committee, Council for Excellent in Education (CEE), Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM), and Component State Associations (CSAs).

Wyelica Wiggs Harris AHIMA CEO and Valerie Watzlaf President discussed AHIMA's Transformation Story by sharing that AHIMA was in an unacceptable state of decline. According to the CEO and President, AHIMA's vision for the future is a world where trusted information transforms health and healthcare by connecting people, systems, and ideas. AHIMA's Strategic Plan outlines the steps to be taken to move toward future growth and relevance.

I also wanted to bring to your attention the new opportunity created because our voices were heard at the House of Delegates (HOD). The HOD was able to provide enough additional feedback from the delegates to create the opportunity for two additional delegates to the Governance Task Force. Interested candidates must be members of the House of Delegates and will be required to complete the House Attendee evaluation by October 18, 2019 and apply for the Governance Taskforce no later than October 4, 2019.

AHIMA's Criteria for 2020+ Leaders was also shared at the meeting. It included the following:



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1. Collaborative
2. Developer of people
3. 360 Communicator
4. Digitally proficient
5. Gender and generationally intelligent
6. Future-focused
7. Leader of change
8. Innovative
9. Adaptable
10. Life-long learner and un-learner

These traits give us something to reflect on as we begin a new year. Consider taking that first step towards leadership and volunteer for a MaHIMA committee!

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FINANCE REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2019 (JULY – JUNE 2019)

At the end of the fiscal year 2019 association year, MaHIMA generated \$164,750 of income and had \$173,974 of expenses. Our expenses exceeded our income this year due to several factors including FY 2018 expenses that carried over into this year, a couple of underperforming education sessions and a reduction in income from advertising. Seventy-one (71) % of our income was from educational programs (67% of this was from the annual meeting). Twenty (20) % represents AHIMA rebates and the remaining from advertising, as well as sales of the MedicoLegal Guide. Expenses are primarily from education programs (48%), administrative costs (35%) and delegate attendance at AHIMA meetings throughout the year (9%). As of the end of June, MaHIMA has \$112,553 in assets with 78 % (\$87,620) in the Fidelity account for our reserves.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Our goals for this year, similar to the previous year, will focus on membership and student awareness. The Communications Committee has several new members, including both this year's Member at Large, Mariann Smith, and the Member at Large for last year, Cheryl Rau. They are both advocates for student awareness, and have joined forces with the committee to add strength in numbers for our outreach activities.

The committee will maintain its commitment to HIM visibility with MaHIMA's quarterly Connect and bi-weekly StayConnected blog. We will also be seeking member opinions by surveying on several topics of importance including: membership awareness, trainings, and mentorships.

The Committee always has room for new members! Volunteering might include participation in a task or group activity. The committee meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at noon, for an hour or so. Please reach out to me if you have ideas or want to participate.

[UPCOMING EVENTS \(OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019\)](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar - CPT Coding Modifiers - October 16, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA CDI Workshop presented by Glenn Krauss- October 19, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar - Leading MPI Management – Improving Data Quality and Minimizing Errors- October 30, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Dot Wagg Legislative Seminar - Friday, November 1, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar - CDI Across the Continuum – Moving to a Patient Centric Solution- November 6, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar - The Future of Work: Prepare Yourself -November 13, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar – Coding Strategies to Improve Population Health – December 11, 2019](#)

[MaHIMA Webinar – Social Determinants to Health – December 18, 2019](#)
