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## OCTOBER 2021- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow Health Information Professionals,

It is with great delight and honor that I begin my service as the Massachusetts Health Information President for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new incoming board members and say thank you to those who have served MaHIMA.

As I step into this leadership role, I would like to extend my appreciation to the membership and the MaHIMA Board for granting me the opportunity to further develop the MaHIMA association. MaHIMA has fostered a place of growth, development, mentorship, and support for Health Information Management professionals. As MaHIMA's incoming President, I look forward to building on that foundation and moving our initiatives forward. [Read more...](#)

Laura Caravetta, MPH, RHIA  
President, MaHIMA 2021-2022

## CALL FOR SPEAKERS – MAHIMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE June 5-7, 2022

We are beginning to plan our agenda for the upcoming MaHIMA Annual Conference 2022 at the Seacrest Hotel, Falmouth, MA. [Call for speakers](#) and [new committee volunteers](#) for the programming committee welcome! Speakers submission form can be [found here](#).

## FINANCE REPORT – FOURTH QUARTER YEAR TO DATE (JULY – JUNE 2021)

Income for the year totaled \$101,486 with expenses of \$94,129. Sixty-eight (68) % of our income for this period was generated from our educational meetings including our virtual annual meeting. Elisa Pelchat and our Education Committee, chaired by Melissa Robert, did an amazing job of transitioning to all virtual meetings and presenting the membership with a number of options for education. Additionally, thirty-one (31) % of our income came from AHIMA member rebates. Fifteen (15) % of our expenses are from educational programs due to hosting all virtual meetings this year. The remainder of expenses are due to administrative costs, including the cost for our virtual platforms (MemberClicks and Engagez). As of the end of June,

MaHIMA has \$116,253 in assets with seventy-three (73) % (\$85,415) in our investment account for reserves. The MaHIMA board has approved the FY 2022 budget which will be presented to the membership at the Fall business meeting for final approval.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA  
Finance Committee Chair

## MAHIMA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Legislative Advocacy Committee has started planning for the Dot Wagg Legislative Seminar. It will be a virtual meeting on Friday, November 5th. As in past years, the Advocacy Award will be given as part of Dot Wagg Agenda. We are also working to plan the Privacy Forums starting in December.

Finally, as you know, the revision of the Medicolegal guide is underway. More to come as we review the revisions from Foley Hoag and determine the medium(s) for the new version.

Submitted by Amy Bittle, RHIA  
Director of Legislative

## MAHIMA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Communications Committee is will again take a directed approach to focus on a Member2Member Program. A dovetail to the former AHIMA program, the goals are to encourage current members to encourage their peers and their students to share the benefits of membership to join MaHIMA. The program is in its infancy, so if you are interested in sharing your ideas, we'd love to have you!

We will continue with the Mentor/Mentee Program, with several wonderful mentors available to share their subject matter expertise with you. Have you been wondering about a new area to work or explore? [Reach out](#) to the Mentor Team!

We continue to publish MaHIMA StayConnected, which is distributed bi-weekly to MaHIMA members. MaHIMA StayConnected provides information on hot topics in HIM and contemporary HIM activities and features MaHIMA member spotlights. It also offers MaHIMA members opportunities to submit short blog entries like Coding Tips, IG Tips, Management Tips, HR Tips or any HIM related topic for publishing. Everyone is a SME (subject matter expert) about something, so share your tip!!!

The MaHIMA Awards Committee is taking nominations for the [HIM Advocacy Award](#), an award to recognize HIM change agents be given at the Dot Wagg Meeting on November 5th. Keep the award criteria in mind and nominate your Change Agent for this award by October 23, 2020! More information can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in any of these initiatives and would like to become more involved, please consider joining the Communications Committee. We meet on the 4th Tuesday at noon and are always looking for new members. Please contact me via [email](#). Read more...

Submitted by Marianne Garfi, RHIA, CCS-P  
Director of Communications