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APRIL 2022- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow Health Information Professionals,

Happy Spring! It is refreshing to have some warmer weather after this past winter. As the warmer days bring excitement for the upcoming summer, the work MaHIMA has been focusing on is also inspiring and will help advance our organization so that we can continue to be leaders in our field.

As Health Information Management professionals, we all work across a variety of organizations in the healthcare realm. Some of us are in traditional roles, while others are in nontraditional roles; however, we all play an important part in linking clinical care to the legal, operational, and administrative requirements of our healthcare system. In response to the changing regulatory landscape and COVID-19, health information management and health information technology have rapidly merged together.

MaHIMA has recognized this shift and continues to look for opportunities to provide our members with the educational resources and tools required to lead the profession. Over the past few months, we have been developing an [environmental scan](#) to better understand the needs of our membership. We ask that you please take the time to complete the [scan](#) and provide any additional thoughts that may help us to continue to improve our offerings. We will present the results of the scan at our annual meeting... please stay tuned!

Finally, as COVID continues to wind-down (hopefully), many of us are returning to normal life which includes attending in-person events and gatherings. MaHIMA is excited to announce that our Annual Conference will be held in-person on Sunday, June 5, 2022 thru Tuesday, June 7, 2022. We look forward to seeing everyone again in June.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at laura.caravetta@convatec.com.

Laura Caravetta, MPH, RHIA
President, MaHIMA2021-2022

FINANCE REPORT – SEMIANNUAL (JULY – DECEMBER 2021)

Income for the first six months of our fiscal year totaled \$40,164 with expenses of \$48,928. Sixty-four (64) % of our income for this period was generated from our educational meetings. Additionally, thirty-three (33) % of our income came from AHIMA member rebates.

The \$8,764 expense over income for the first six months reflects general administrative costs including MemberClicks fees and the last website maintenance fee before moving to the new website that is included in MemberClicks. Our virtual educational programs continue to be strong as well as starting to see income from exhibitors and attendees for our annual meeting and expect income to balance out expenses in the third quarter.

As of the end of December MaHIMA has \$ 108,697 in assets with eighty (80) % (\$86,723) in our investment accounts for reserves.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

MAHIMA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Legislative Committee is planning for Privacy Matters Forums, a Privacy Workshop and the 2022 Dot Wagg Memorial Legislative Seminar.

Legislation to watch:

State: An Act Establishing the Massachusetts Information Privacy And Security Act ([S.2687](#))

Federal: On March 15th, 2022, President Biden signed the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act (the Act) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. Requiring “critical sector entities” including health care organizations to report any cyberattacks (within 72 hours of discovery), and ransomware payments (within 24 hours of payment) to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). More to come as we wait for final rules to be effective and published. [Read more here.](#)

Submitted by Amy Bittle, RHIA
Director of Legislative

MAHIMA ELECTION IS OPEN! VOTING CLOSSES APRIL 22, 2022. [CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY!](#)

MAHIMA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Due to the current web-based meeting format, the Board has chosen to return the Awards distribution back to the annual meeting, which will be held in person this year. All nominees are welcome for any of the positions at any time by completing the [nomination form](#) on the new website.

We are always interested in the individual achievements and team and student excellence displayed by our members, and never want to miss the opportunity to brag about our peers! If you know someone who has gone over and above their usual expectations, please take the time to make a nomination. [Read more here.](#)

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