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JANUARY 2022- PRESIDENT LETTER

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year and bundle up indoors, I hope that you have had a wonderful holiday season and that this year will be rewarding. As we look back on the past year, it has been undoubtedly challenging with the pandemic continuing. However, we have been creative with maintaining our seat at the table, ideas on how to engage stakeholders, legislative and regulatory changes, and collaborate on technological advancements to make health information more efficient and effective.

We have a powerhouse of talent within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that we must utilize and support one another with expanding our knowledge. Please consider showcasing your talent by volunteering with MaHIMA, nominating a member for an award, running for a position, and/or speaking at one of our events. [Read more.](#)

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

IN MEMORIAM



In December, MaHIMA lost a longtime member, vendor and friend, Richard Logan, following a long illness. Dick spent many years as a HIM Director in acute care facilities in the Boston area. He was the founder and former CEO of Medical Record Associates, and also served as the executive director of AHIOS (Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services). Dick taught in the HIM program at Northeastern University and had numerous MaHIMA members as his students. He was a mentor to many of us who passed through his classroom.

Dick was a fierce supporter of our profession. He advocated for reduced record retention state laws and release of information costs and was a quiet contributor to our scholarships and award programs. He spent many years on the association Board and as a member of many committees. Dick was part of a multi-year MaHIMA task force seeking a college or university in the state willing to develop an HIM program to replace the Northeastern University Program.

Many of us will remember Dick as a vendor at our Annual Meetings. You could always find him in the MRA booth always taking time to catch up with friends and former students.

Dick was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved sports, golf, and telling tales about his athletic days in high school and college.

There are years of memories and stories of Dick Logan as a mentor, a peer, and a friend. He has left a lasting impression in the history books of MaHIMA. While we mourn the loss of a colleague, we pay tribute and celebrate a life that was well lived.

FINANCE REPORT – FIRST QUARTER YEAR TO DATE (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021)

At the Fall Meeting, the FY 2022 budget was approved by the membership. The projected budget for the year is \$143,390. This budget reflects the use of virtual meetings for the majority of this fiscal year with the potential for holding the June Annual Meeting in person at the Seacrest hotel.

First quarter income was \$22,232 with expenses of \$ 20,820 Seventy-four (74) % of our income for the first quarter was from educational meetings including the Fall Meeting, and the LMS. Remaining income came from AHIMA member rebates and the Job Bank. Expenses for the quarter include the educational meetings and administrative costs. Our first quarter shows income exceeding expenses by \$1,412. At the end of September MaHIMA has \$ 117,774 in assets with \$85,524 set aside for reserves.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

MAHIMA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Another successful Dot Wagg seminar was held virtually in November 2021. The HIM Advocacy Award was presented to Ann Dooley, RHIA for her dedication and continuing efforts to support HIM initiatives. In December, Dena Castricone, JD, CIPP/US, CIPM and Sharon Kamowitz, JD, CIPP/US joined us once again for the Privacy Matters Forum. AHIMA has created and posted several Advocacy Training Videos. We encourage all our members to check them out and learn more on how you can advocate for HIM [here](#).

Submitted by Amy Bittle, RHIA
Director of Legislative

MAHIMA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

This Fall the Committee surveyed the credentialled non-member population for the reasons behind non-membership. The cost of AHIMA membership was the selection made by almost 100% of the respondents. Their primary response to getting CEU's was to pay the non-member fee for MaHIMA activities or seek Industry-driven options. Kudos to our Education Committee for the vast selection of opportunities and subject matter! [Read more.](#)

MAHIMA EDUCATION

SAVE the DATE! MaHIMA Annual Conference 2022 will be June 5-7, 2022 in person at the Seacrest Hotel in Falmouth, MA. Sneak peek!!! We are planning 4 workshops on Sunday, June 5, 2022; PCS with Lynn Kuehn, HCCs with Donna Malone, CDI with Beth Ming and Public Health Informatics with Susan Fenton. Full program will be released February 2022. More to come...[check our website for more information!](#)