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JULY 2022- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow Health Information Professionals,

The pandemic has forever changed the way our healthcare is delivered. Gone are the days of only being seen at the doctor's office. Now, we have digital solutions that offer remote monitoring of patients, mini cameras to take images, Bluetooth devices, and other remote healthcare diagnostic tools. It is now more important than ever that we look for ways to have our voices heard and maintain our seat at the table within all areas of healthcare (i.e., hospitals, medical device companies, pharmaceutical, research, etc.).

Many important stakeholders do not understand what Health Information Management is and why it is important. Without HIM professionals being advocates, we will watch our domains slip away to areas of the business that may not be subject matter experts, such as IT. We need to be an advocate for our profession and demonstrate our relevance. HIM professionals play a vital role within all operations. HIM sets the standards of documentation for EMR builds, establishes proper procedures for the release of information, and is critical for data capture through coding information. Our data is used for budgeting, decision-making for implementing new programs, and quality score ratings just for starters. [Read more.](#)

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

**AHIMA ELECTION OPENS JULY 11th! VOTING
CLOSES JULY 25, 2022. [CAST YOUR VOTE!](#)**

FINANCE REPORT – SEMIANNUAL (JULY 2021 – MARCH 2022)

Income for the first nine months of our fiscal year totaled \$76,406 with expenses of \$62,684.56. Sixty-six (66) % of our income for this period was generated from our educational meetings. Additionally, thirty-two (32) % of our income came from AHIMA member rebates.

Twenty-two (22) % of our expenses are from educational programs. This figure includes the cost of our Member Clicks platform and the software we are using for virtual meetings. The remainder of expenses are due to administrative costs.

As of the end of March MaHIMA has \$127,716 in assets with sixty-five (65) % (\$83,405) in our investment account for reserves.

Submitted by Linda A. Hyde, RHIA
Finance Committee Chair

MAHIMA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nominations are open for HIM Advocacy Award to be given at the upcoming Dot Wagg Legislative Virtual Seminar hosted on Friday, November 4, 2022 for [nominations](#) are due by October 15, 2022. Don't wait to nominate [here](#) today!

On the Hill:

- Bills in the House and the Senate for federal protection of Data Privacy.
 - Three Corner Bipartisan bill: [HR 8165](#)
 - [American Data Privacy and Protection Act \(Draft\)](#) (Senate)
- House again omits ban on Patient Identifier language in Appropriations Bill.
- [AHIMA response letter](#) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed changes to the Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS)

Submitted by Amy Bittle, RHIA
Director of Legislative

MAHIMA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Individual Awards distribution was moved to the MaHIMA Annual meeting for 2022. The Awards Committee was pleased to present Linda Mancini, JD, RHIA, with MaHIMA's 2022 Distinguished Member Award during the President's Reception. We were honored to share the presentation with her parents. Congratulations Linda!

For our Student Achievement Award, Samantha Farley was selected by her Program Director, Diana Skarbek, noting that Samantha is "just finishing her BS degree and was an amazing student and is most deserving of the award." Congratulations Samantha!

The Awards are my favorite part of the Communications Committee, and I want to send a big "thank you" to Janis Tse, RHIA, for chairing the Awards Committee during my tenure as Director of Communications. Nominations for awards can be made anytime during the year by completing the awards nomination form on our website. We are always interested in the Advocacy Achievements, the Individual Achievements, Team Excellence and Student Achievements 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 expectations, please take the time to nominate that person! [Read more.](#)

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

MAHIMA EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Education committee has been planning the upcoming Virtual Fall Conference Series along with workshops and webinars. The Fall Conference Series will be open for registration in the new few weeks. All information can be found on the [MaHIMA calendar](#).