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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear HIM Colleagues,

I wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best in 2023!

It is a privilege to belong to the health information profession – powered with the ability to break barriers and boundaries. Our past efforts as health information professionals have brought the information exchange, interoperability, and leadership in privacy and security, revenue cycle management, clinical documentation improvement, data analytics, and inpatient and outpatient coding. In a spirit of volunteerism and service, health information professionals have trained others and introduced policies and procedures that have improved the healthcare system.



I want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, board members, and all those who have provided bright ideas that have enabled MaHIMA to implement the changes that have impacted students, MaHIMA members, and its social media presence. The first month of 2023 comes with new regulatory, policy and reimbursement updates, Cures Act initiatives, Information Blocking rules, Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) patient records legislation and AHIMA new payment bundle packages. MaHIMA Education and Legislative teams, and Board members are well prepared to provide our members with trainings, as well as pertinent information and guides to navigate this new landscape.

Furthermore, as a part of AHIMA's workforce development initiative, I plead with all Health Information leaders to add to our New Year's resolution list: "appreciating our unsung heroes". Take the time to give back to the often-forgotten unsung heroes on your staff via coaching, mentoring, and promoting. These key individuals have contributed to our growth as leaders. Loyal, diligent, and exceptional workers are hard to find these days. Health Information management's unsung heroes are the ones who will help to address the challenges of the HIM domains of tomorrow.

We had a very busy 2022 planning and coordinating the first in-person MaHIMA annual conference and HOD22 meeting post COVID-19. I am grateful to the Education Committee team for finding speakers on topics that matter to membership. The positive feedback and the impact of the MaHIMA Student Engagement Taskforce and Fisher College Meet and Greet have attracted invitations from other colleges, with Middlesex Community College next on our radar. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Elisa Pelchat, our Administrative Director, for always going the extra mile when needed. As I look forward to a better 2023, I would encourage you to share your feedback with us as we continue in our efforts to produce impactful change.

Sincerely

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