

# MaHIMA - President's Message



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Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a joyful holiday season and feels rejuvenated and enthusiastic for the year ahead. This year holds special significance for MaHIMA, as we celebrate our 95th anniversary as an organization. This milestone is a testament to our collective efforts and the enduring legacy of our mission. It promises to be an exciting and transformative year for us, and we should all take pride in this significant achievement.

In honor of this milestone, we have set ambitious goals for ourselves, particularly in expanding our membership and enhancing engagement within our community. We recognize that our organization's strength lies in our members' active participation, and we are eager to see new faces and hear fresh ideas.

I encourage you to embrace this opportunity to step outside your comfort zone. Consider volunteering for one of our committees, where you can collaborate with fellow members on significant initiatives. Additionally, if you are interested in taking a more prominent role, I invite you to contemplate running for a position on the Board. Your involvement is essential to the growth and vitality of MaHIMA.

- Board Positions open:
  - President-Elect
  - Director of Legislation
  - Director of Education
- Volunteer Opportunities:
  - Member Engagement Chair
  - Nominating Chair
  - Committees

### **Upcoming Events:**

We are excited to announce several key events in 2025 that provide valuable opportunities for professional development, networking, and advocacy within our community.

- [Winter Meeting: Date: February 7, 2025](#)

Join us for our Winter Meeting generously sponsored by [Verisma](#), where we will provide an important update on the latest initiatives and developments at MaHIMA. This meeting will feature presentations from Board Members who will share insights into our programs and future

direction. Your involvement is crucial, and we strongly encourage all members to attend, engage in discussions, and bring your ideas to the table. There is a 30.00 discount code **SAVE\_30!** available until January 31, 2025. Register [here](#) today!

- [AHIMA Hill Day and Advocacy Summit: Date: March 17, 2025](#)

We are pleased to announce that Melissa Young, Amy Bittle, and Marianne Garfi will be our representatives for this year's Advocacy Summit. This event is an essential opportunity to collectively advocate for our profession's interests and engage with lawmakers. Be sure to follow their experiences and outcomes as they represent our community on Capitol Hill.

- [MaHIMA Annual Conference: June 16, 2025](#)

Mark your calendars for our Annual Conference, where we will proudly celebrate our 95th Anniversary! This milestone event offers a fantastic platform to connect with fellow professionals, exchange ideas, and foster new relationships. We encourage everyone to participate in the conference activities, which promise to be enriching and engaging.

[Call for Speakers](#): We are currently accepting proposals for speakers! If you have a compelling topic or experience that you would like to share with your peers at the conference, please take a moment to complete the Call for Speakers form. This is a great opportunity to showcase your expertise and contribute to the professional development of our community. We welcome a diverse range of subjects to enhance our program.

Vendor Opportunities: If you know of any outstanding vendors or organizations that would be a great fit for our Vendor Hall, please forward their contact information to a Board Member. We aim to feature a variety of exhibitors that can provide valuable resources and services to our attendees. Our exhibitor registration is open and can be [found here!](#)

We look forward to seeing you at these events and encourage you to participate actively! Your involvement strengthens our community and contributes to the success of our initiatives.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for all the hard work and dedication you put into supporting MaHIMA. Your efforts, whether big or small, are truly invaluable to our mission. As we celebrate our 95th anniversary, let's collaborate and strive to make this milestone year our most successful and impactful one yet! Together, we can achieve great things and continue to make a positive difference in our community. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!

Melissa Young, MHA, RHIT

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