

MaHIMA - President's Message



President's Message: Stepping Into Growth in 2026

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Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that 2026 is already here. As we begin this new chapter, I find myself reflecting on resolutions and focus. For me, the goal this year is to consistently push beyond my comfort zone—to learn something new and challenge the status quo. As Tony Robbins famously said, “*All growth starts at the end of your comfort zone.*”

This philosophy applies perfectly to our professional community. Even small changes or contributions can make a significant difference in the strength and sustainability of MaHIMA. As you plan your professional goals for 2026, I invite you to make MaHIMA a part of your list.

Engage with MaHIMA in 2026:

1. Expand Your Knowledge

Join us for our upcoming Winter Education Series to stay current on vital industry updates:

- **January 30:** *FY2026 NTAP Updates* with Lynn Kuehn
- **February 6:** *Release of Information* with Darrin Challacombe and *Whose Data Is It Anyway? Patient Access and Privacy under HIPAA* with Elizabeth McElhiney

2. Save the Date: 96th Annual Conference

We are thrilled to return **in person** for our 96th Annual Conference!

- **Date:** June 11, 2026
- **Location:** Hogan Center at Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

3. Lead and Volunteer

We are currently seeking dedicated members to run for the following leadership positions:

- **President-Elect 2026-27** (3-year term: President-Elect, President, Past-President)
- **Director of Communications 2026-27** (2-year term)

If a board position is not the right fit yet, consider joining one of our monthly committees or the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. Even smaller contributions—such as suggesting topic ideas, recommending speakers, or completing our member surveys—provide us with the insights we need to serve you better.

I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone this year and get involved. Whether you have a question, a new idea, or an interest in volunteering, please reach out to us at centraloffice@mahima.org

We look forward to hearing from you and growing together in 2026.