



The AHIMA Summer Leadership Symposium



Hello, I hope you have each had a chance to enjoy at least a little of our short, Maine Summer; whether it's just getting a little sunshine and fresh air, or taking a walk, bike ride, or hike on one of our many Maine trails and paths.

Cindy Greathouse, our MeHIMA Treasurer, and I had the honor of traveling to Chicago, Illinois to represent MeHIMA at the AHIMA Summer Leadership Symposium on July 14th and 15th. We would like to thank MeHIMA for giving us the privilege to represent our members at this conference and have the chance to learn and grow in the field of HIM and in our Leadership skills.

The meetings had a wealth of knowledge for us to learn including the following:

- Updates from AHIMA on the current activities of HIM Reimagined including a focus on Healthcare Informatics and Healthcare Data Analytics to name a couple.
- Preparation for Presidents and Officers for leading their CSA and running effective board meetings.
- Member Communication Strategies/Effective Use of Social Media for CSA Activities.
- Conflict of Interest and Fiduciary Responsibilities-Understanding potential conflicts of interest and fiduciary responsibilities of boards including increasing our awareness and knowledge of our roles on the CSA Board of Directors.
- Financial Planning-Preparation for CSA Treasurers and officers for managing CSA finances, including financial statement reading and implementing some of the agreed upon procedures for those new to the financial role.

It also gave us a chance to meet new colleagues and network with them to help them learn from us and to get some tips from them on new things that our CSA might want to try for our members as well. We are looking forward to the coming year and are excited about using some of the skills we learned.

I would like to introduce you to the new MeHIMA Board of Directors for 2017/2018. They are:

President-	Michelle Edwards
President-Elect & Bylaws-	Sheri Conley
Past-President & Awards Tuition-	Linda Pooler
Secretary-	Gena Roderick
Treasurer/Finance-	Cindy Greathouse
Director 2017/2019	Susan Hawes
Director 2016/2018	Jennifer Abbott
Data and Reimbursement	Tracy Downing
Legislative	Sheri Conley and Jennifer Abbott
Nominating (Chair)	Renee O'Neill
Nominating (Elected) 2016/2018	Barbara Marcheletta
Nominating (Elected) 2017/2019	Ann Ingersol
Program and Arrangements	Rosanne Young and Elizabeth Sheridan
Advocacy and Engagement	Rhonda Vigue

We are looking forward to an exciting year and if there is anything that we can do to help educate our members; whether it's a certain topic or area of interest or a skill or credential that you would like to attain, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so that we can try to help.

In addition, if you are willing to help MeHIMA and its members, we would love to hear from you as there is power in numbers!! We would accept as little or as much time as you could spare to help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle A. Edwards, RHIA