

## President's Message – December 2021



Happy Holidays,

As I enter my fifth month as your ArHIMA President and wrap up this year, it has never been more relevant and important for those of us in the health information management field to stay connected. It allows us to learn, teach, mentor, advocate, and share our knowledge of our profession.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ArHIMA Board. The ArHIMA Board has a responsibility and is dedicated to advancing our profession. They have a wealth of knowledge, and it is important to build understanding and explain our “why.” The Board has worked diligently to update the ArHIMA website. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check out the ArHIMA webpage. View the mentor/mentee, professional practice experience, along with the new updated policy and procedures manual. We are also in the process of updating the ArHIMA bylaws along with the legal manual.

Thank you, members, for your continued participation and enthusiasm in our professional community. I would also like to thank the volunteers for their incredible support on behalf of ArHIMA. Please join me in celebrating their accomplishments.

If you feel the need to reignite the spark of service, please become a volunteer/mentor/professional practice site. It is a great time to do so.

We continue to advocate for our profession and are currently in support of AHIMA’s action items such as “Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act.” In many instances, we are responsible for shaping our communities and giving back. There will always be new challenges and opportunities for those in the health information management field. Become an advocate!

The ArHIMA Board and I would like to be able to meet with you this next year either in person or virtually before our annual meeting with MoHIMA in Branson.

I wish each of you and your families a warm and joyful holiday. Together, let us make this next year the best of our lives. Let it be a year of change-makers.

Warm Regards,

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