



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19, 2019

[New England HIMSS
Spring Student Event](#)

April 11, 2019

[New England HIMSS
New Hampshire/Vermont
Conference](#)

May 16, 2019

[New England HIMSS
Annual Spring Conference](#)

Interested in attending a
monthly board meeting?
Contact us to attend an
upcoming meeting:
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Interested in volunteering for
a committee? Contact us for
more information on how you
can be involved:
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Tim Wong, MBA, CPHIMS, PMP

Welcome to the Winter Edition of our New England HIMSS Chapter newsletter. We hope you will find our publication informative as we highlight: our most recent events and upcoming events, new sponsors and membership activities, a spotlight on why "we" all got involved with New England HIMSS, and interesting themes in our marketplace.

It's hard to believe New England HIMSS is entering the final strides of the 2018 - 2019 Chapter year. With our mission to foster professional growth, relationships, knowledge, and collaboration among healthcare information management professionals in the New England Region; we have successfully hosted 11 events spanning the spectrum of networking opportunities, educational sessions, and all-day conferences. We look to continue this cadence of activity right into the summer.

We thank all of our valued Sponsors for their support and our New England Chapter Members for their continued participation. I look forward to hearing from you and learning how the chapter can strive to exceed your expectations.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Chapter Move – from Local to National

Board Member and Speakers Committee Co-Chair, Craig Schneider of Mathematica Policy Research, has been appointed to the HIMSS19 and HIMSS20 Global Conference Education Committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing over 800 abstracts submitted for presentations at the annual HIMSS conference and determining which will be included in the agendas each year. This year, HIMSS19 will be held in Orlando, Florida February 11 – 15, 2019. For more information and registration, please visit [HIMSS 19](#).

Join us at HIMSS 2019 in Orlando

The New England HIMSS Chapter is holding a network event at HIMSS19 in Orlando, Florida. Please join us Tuesday, February 12th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm for light refreshments; Exhibit Hall Floor Booth #1559, generously sponsored by InterSystems. For more information and registration, please visit [the New England Chapter Social](#).

Upcoming Event – Save the Date

NEHIMSS is planning an event at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island in August. The event will be focused on Cybersecurity and Telehealth. More information to come regarding date and location on campus for this event.

2018 Award Winners

Each year at our annual holiday party, NEHIMSS recognizes committee members and sponsors who go above and beyond. Congratulations to our award recipients as follow:

Katie Flynn, Programs Chair –
2018 Volunteer of the Year



Matt Bornstein – Past
President Recognition



WOLF & COMPANY, P.C.
– Sponsorship Recognition for
reaching 5 years; graciously
accepted by Doug Gerth



Oxford Health – Sponsorship
Recognition for reaching 5 years;
graciously accepted by John Demeritt



Amy Chacko, Marketing
and Communications Chair
– 2018 Volunteer of the Year



RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS



Marie Maloney, Arthur Harvey, MS, CPHIMS, and Bill Wellman

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL EVENT

"Blockchain and Dueling CIOs" was our most recent event held at the Westin in Waltham, MA on January 10, 2019. Industry experts Arthur Harvey, MS, CPHIMS, Vice President and CIO of Boston Medial Center Health System and Bill Wellman, Healthcare Executive and Entrepreneur, Adjunct Faculty at Harvard University, went head to head in a dueling and engaging conversation around blockchain. This event proved to be an educational and entertaining standing room only occasion. The panel was moderated by Marie Maloney.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The New England HIMSS Chapter celebrated the year, the season, and Health IT in style during the annual holiday social at UMASS Club in Boston, MA on December 11, 2018. Awards were distributed to several committee members and sponsors for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all who came to the holiday social sponsored by Oracle and Queen Consulting.

Check out more pictures from the New England HIMSS 2018 Annual Holiday Social [here](#). Use the password "holiday18" to download any of the pictures.



New England HIMSS Chapter Committee Members



MEET OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT: TIM WONG, MBA, CPHIMS, PMP



NEHIMSS President (2018-2019)

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A message from Tim: “We welcome everyone, new and potential members. We will be more than thrilled for more people to get involved, attend events, communicate and collaborate with fellow members.”

Fun fact: Tim has been playing ice hockey for a long time and has shared the ice rink with an Olympian and two NHL players.

Tim Wong is President of the New England HIMSS Chapter for 2018-2019. Tim joined NEHIMSS as a chapter member for several years before transitioning as an executive board member in 2015. His responsibilities as President include shaping the direction of the organization, collaborating with like-minded individuals and organizations, sharing knowledge, and creating growth and learning opportunities for the next generation of leaders. Tim feels fortunate for the opportunities to have served in multiple roles with NEHIMSS; Secretary, Treasurer and Board Committees, all of which have helped lend a holistic appreciation of the organization. He agrees being part of NEHIMSS has been both challenging and rewarding; the professional growth and learning opportunities are tremendous.

Tim feels preparing for patient engagement from a policy and technology standpoint and embracing new technologies are the current challenges in health care. Future leaders should be mindful that health technology is not a competition; everyone is striving for the greater good of providing better health solutions.

Tim’s background and experience in health systems applications and architecture directly correlate to his current position as Director of Application Services at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Massachusetts. He loves the work he does and feels that everyday is a different day with new things to learn. In his free time, Tim loves to spend time with his two sons and to coach and play hockey.

TIM’S RECOMMENDED READS:

- [10 biggest health IT developments of 2018](#)
- [30 leading HIT experts to watch in 2019](#)
- [Data Management: Five Predictions for 2019](#)
- [7 key CIO influence strategies](#)
- [5 notes of EHR ethics from the American College of Physicians](#)
- [Fostering a culture of innovation: 5 CIOs share insights](#)



MEET OUR PRESIDENT ELECT: JEFF LOUGHLIN, MHA



NEHIMSS President Elect (2018-2019)

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A message from Jeff: “Healthcare is a singular term that expands depending on what your passion is.”

Fun fact: Jeff is a combat veteran. This is his 30th year in active military duty.

Jeff Loughlin is the President Elect for New England HIMSS Chapter for 2018-2019. In his role as President Elect, he oversees the events and works to get more members and organizations involved with NEHIMSS. He started out as a member over four years ago and later transitioned to an executive board member due to his interest and work in the health information exchange space.

Jeff has a multitude of experience from practice manager at a local health center to serving within the health care sector of the National Guard. Ten years into his career, he saw the benefit that technology brings into health care and its direct impact on payment reform. In late 2002, Jeff moved from health administration into health technology implementation and went on to join the Massachusetts e-Health Collaborative. Over the last 13 years with Massachusetts e-Health Collaborative, Jeff has seen progression of e-health – from the early use of electronic health records (EHR) to the early stages of interoperability and the need for clinical quality performance measures.

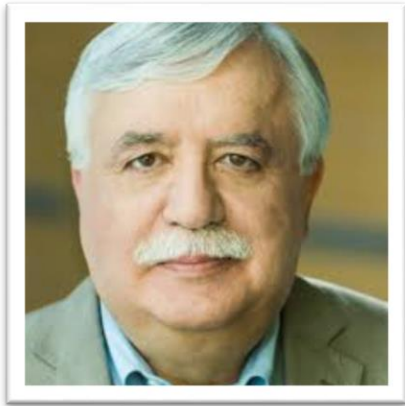
Jeff feels that big data, machine learning, artificial intelligence (AI), and the impact of social determinants on health care are the key aspects of the future of health care. He believes health care is moving away from the traditional doctor-patient relationships to a more diverse relationship incorporating big data and artificial intelligence (AI). Additionally, Jeff serves as an adjunct faculty instructor for Advanced healthcare informatics at Boston University Metropolitan College. In his free time, Jeff likes to spend time on his boat in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

JEFF’S RECOMMENDED READS:

- [Strategy on Reducing Burden Relating to the Use of Health IT and EHRs](#)
- [5 Technologies Bringing Healthcare Systems into the Future](#)
- [Big Tech Expands Footprint in Health](#)
- [FHIR supporters want feds to make the standard a requirement](#)
- [The CARIN Alliance Code of Conduct](#)



A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES: JAY SPITULNIK, PhD



*Jay Spitulnik, PhD
Student Activities Chair*

Students are the future leaders and NEHIMSS has always been a portal for healthcare and medical informatics, management, and IT students to connect with peers, industry leaders, and academicians in the healthcare field. As a policy, we have kept the networking and educational events free of cost to students; moreover, the annual chapter membership is offered at a discounted rate to students. Academic institutions and healthcare organizations can become organizational affiliates which provides free chapter membership to their students and employees.

The goal of the Student Activities Committee is to expand the participation of students and academic institutions and build a strong network of future leaders. The committee is working on increasing the academic organizational affiliates so as to provide free access to more students. NEHIMSS has student

specific events with the first one this year in March. We look forward to seeing a good participation from students in the upcoming events.

For more information on the committee or how to become an organizational affiliate, please reach out to the [Student Activities Committee](#).

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: INTERSYSTEMS



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Take a look at our other generous sponsors on the [New England HIMSS Sponsorship page](#).