Amy Chacko Receives HIMSS22 Chapter Leader of the Year Award from HIMSS

Boston, MA (February 14, 2022) – HIMSS has announced Amy Chacko, Immediate Past President of New England HIMSS as a recipient of the Chapter Leader of the Year Award.

The Chapter Leader of the Year Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates significant leadership and extraordinary contributions to the chapter, the chapters program, and the Society. The Chapter Leader of the Year exhibits a strong commitment to strengthening the health information and technology industry in their local region for the betterment of all members.

While Amy is being recognized for her time as President of New England HIMSS, she is currently Immediate Past President and Chair of the Clinical Informatics Committee. She is also the Chair of the Chapters Task Force for HIMSS. During her time as President, she quickly flipped scheduled events to be held virtually to ensure little disruption for members, non-members, and students, while also making decisions on how to handle sponsors and creating new programs for them such as a monthly educational webinar and extending renewal periods. She initiated the first-ever virtual collaboration in November 2020 with three other chapters: Alabama, Mississippi, and Southern California. With a planning period of four months, the event was a huge success with 414 attendees, highlighting sponsors as well as giving a great educational opportunity to attendees, including featuring the Boston Hope team who discussed the military precision needed to stand up a field hospital in weeks in response to the COVID-19 surge. Based on the November event, and the new sponsoring packages the team was able to quickly create, she helped increase the chapter’s sponsorship dollars from $96,500 in January 2020 to $107,500 in January 2021, surpassing overall goals for FY 2021. The number of Premier sponsors also increased from 5 to 13 in the same period.

Other initiatives she led during her time was the After Dark program to create evening networking with career advancement sessions, and the first Clinical Informatics Committee for NE HIMSS, offering credits to providers, nurses, and pharmacists. During her tenure, her chapter held 34 virtual educational events, more events than any year in the history of the chapter. She organized the first virtual multi-day annual conference for New England, created the first ever virtual student poster session, and had numerous other accomplishments in the middle of the pandemic. She also assisted other chapters who looked to New England for guidance.

Amy will be recognized during the 2022 HIMSS Global Health Conference & Exhibition, held March 14 - 18, 2022 in Orlando, FL at the Orange County Convention Center. For nearly 60 years, HIMSS members and healthcare professionals—from CIOs and senior executives to providers and payers to IT consultants and entrepreneurs—have attended the health information and technology industry’s most influential conference and trade show.
"I am beyond proud and humbled for this recognition. 2020 was such a challenge for all of us, especially our front-line workers. It was an honor to bring our chapter through it during some of the darkest of times and giving hope that we would collectively get through it as a team!" - Amy Chacko

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About HIMSS New England

The New England HIMSS Chapter works hard to bring education, collaboration, and networking opportunities to our members all over the six-state region. Keeping up in the ever-changing, fast paced world of Healthcare IT can be overwhelming, even for the most seasoned professionals.

Our mission is to not only keep up with the changes that impact quality, safety and efficiency but to be a leader so please join us and participate in the events planned for our chapter year.

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