As we enter a new chapter year I want to reflect on our mission. That mission is simple: To foster professional growth, relationships, knowledge, and collaboration among healthcare information management professionals in the New England Region.

I am so very proud of this chapter and how pivoted during unprecedented times to continuously drive towards our mission by introducing new ways to keep our members and community engaged.

The theme for last year was adapt and change, and we learned that change is good! While we greatly missed in-person interactions, what we learned is we are resilient and we can continue to engage, inform, and educate in a variety of settings. Some examples of the innovative programs that came out of last year include:

- Hosting 2 virtual conferences, one in partnership with chapters from across the country.
- The introduction of a Data Governance Community of Practice which meet once a month for 6 months.
- A newly formed Clinical Informatics Council to bring forward events that offer CE’s to our provider community.
- Our largest mentorship program to date with 23 Mentees and 15 Mentors from across 10 states and 2 Countries.
- A very successful partnership between our Student Activities Committee, Programs Committee and Past Presidents Club to bring forward the After Dark Series of events.

As we monitor the ever-changing guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our members, sponsors, and volunteers, we will continue to adapt and innovate. We will capitalize on our virtual successes from last year by offering a blend of webinars and virtual conferences, while also slowly re-introducing in-person events.

I want to wholeheartedly thank our Sponsors who stood by us last year and allowed us to bring forward the opportunities that we did. We depend on their generosity and participation to deliver on our mission. We look forward to continuing to work with them this year and providing them a variety of options to engage with you!

Additionally, I want to thank our many volunteers. We are an all-volunteer organization and so many dedicate their time and expertise to ensure our success. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

I remain hopeful for this upcoming year and encourage you all to keep an eye on our Website, Twitter, and LinkedIn for announcements and upcoming events!
HIMSS New England 2020-2021 Elected Officials

Katie Bethel, President Elect

Katie has 11 years of overall experience and 5 years of experience in the IT Healthcare staffing industry. She started off her career in London right out of college working for UBS Investment Bank in the COO Office supporting their Global Finance Department. After one year, she transferred to their New York City office and became a Business Manager supporting their Global Risk Control Department. After a few years, Katie made a move over to Barclays Investment Bank supporting their Global Compliance team with operational tasks within their Chief Operating Office. Katie is currently a Senior Account Executive at Queen Consulting.
Renee Broadbent, Secretary

Renee is a senior-level executive with an extensive background in strategic planning and operational management. Twenty-five years of diverse experience in information technology, data security, population health and value-based care. For the past two years, she has proudly served as the secretary of the NEHIMSS Chapter. Renee currently is Vice President of Information Technology at SOHO Health.

CherylAnne Harvey, Member-at-Large

Cabbie is an information technology professional with healthcare industry experience in all aspects of the software product lifecycle to improve the quality and efficiency of patient care and increase ROI. She has been actively involved in HIMSS for the past 10 years and served on the NEHIMSS board previously (as co-chair of the Mar/Com committee 2017-2018). Cabbie is currently a project manager at Orion Health.
Paulo Farqui, Member-at-Large

Paulo is a dedicated and versatile healthcare management professional with 10-years’ experience in strategic planning, change leadership, project management, and information technology. He is a collaborative leader known for building long-term relationships with business and clinical operations. He is currently the Associate Principal of Digital Architecture and Technology at The Chartis Group in Boston.

If you have any questions, send us an email!
This past spring, May 11-13, the New England HIMSS chapter held its annual spring conference virtually. The conference was powered by the Engagez virtual event platform and it was the first time we convened our chapter members and conference attendees virtually via chat rooms and lively Q&As. We had over 35 speakers and 20 sessions, including 2 keynotes, which ran concurrently over the course of the 3 days. The student committee also held is inaugural student poster session! Our Happy hour was hosted by IGEL who awarded prizes to attendees that guessed the trivia questions correctly. It was a conference to remember!
Due to COVID-19, New England HIMSS will be holding virtual events

[WEBINAR] AI/ML/NLP - What Does this Alphabet Soup Mean to Healthcare

September 14, 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its related disciplines Machine Learning (ML) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) are emerging as key technologies. In this session, we’ll talk about what these disciplines are and how they can be leveraged in healthcare. Additionally, we’ll discuss some interesting ethical considerations for using AI/ML and NLP.

What You’ll Learn

1. What AI/ML and NLP are.
2. Where AI/NL and NLP are being used today - including by you, whether you know it or not.
3. How AI/NL and NLP can be leveraged for healthcare
4. Some ethical considerations of AI/ML and NLP

Speaker

John Grinstead

VP of Technology and Cloud at Healthcare Triangle

With over 30 years of Healthcare IT experience, Joe has a broad background including working for healthcare organizations as well as services and technology organizations. For the last several years, Joe has been focused on leveraging the public cloud and its various technology such as AI/ML and NLP to help healthcare organizations be more effective and efficient.
Emerging Healthcare Leaders:

Stories of Student Engagement & Success

*September 23, 6:30pm - 8:00pm EST*

If you are exploring ways to enrich your career in health IT, then look no further! Register to learn about the benefits of joining NEHIMSS and to receive tips on how to become more engaged in this supportive community. Our webinar will highlight opportunities and career development resources while showcasing stories of student engagement and success. You will hear from our panelists who will share their first-hand experiences from our Mentorship program. Get inspired to take the next step in your professional journey with confidence!

Moderator:

**Monique Czulewicz**, Epic Professional Billing Analyst at Mount Auburn Hospital, Alumni from Northeastern University and Student Activities Chair of New England HIMSS

Speaker Panel:

- **Roshani Patel**, 1st place Winner of NEHIMSS 2021 Student Poster Contest, Alumni from Sacred Heart University
- **Ralph Johnson**, Vice President of Informatics and Technology, The Leapfrog Group, Past-President NEHIMSS
- **Liddy Bileck**, Associate Systems Analyst in Patient Care Systems - MaineHealth, Graduate Student at University of New England’s Master of Health Informatics Program, NEHIMSS Volunteer
- **Kelly Gorham**, Epic Analyst at MaineHealth, NEHIMSS Mentorship Committee Co-Chair
- **Maggie Shqina**, Epic Analyst at MaineHealth, NEHIMSS Mentorship Committee Co-Chair
- **Kelly Zhang**, Alumni from Brandeis University’s MBA Program for Data Analytics & Strategy, NEHIMSS Webinar Leader
- **Sara Khalil**, Graduate Student & Teaching Assistant at Northeastern University’s Health Informatics Program, NEHIMSS Webinar Leader

To reserve your ticket, visit the [event page](#).
New England HIMSS Annual HIE Conference:

Why You Should Be Paying Closer Attention to YOUR HIEs

October 27, 8:30am - 1:30pm, EST

Join New England HIMSS virtually for our annual HIE Conference. We have an exciting line up of speakers in the works, detailed agenda will be forthcoming.

Virtual Conference

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Speakers</th>
<th>Conference Topic:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Shaun Alfreds</strong>, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, HealthInfoNet</td>
<td>Opportunities and Barriers for Success in a Rapidly Changing Healthcare Environment [Health Systems - Helping or Hurting]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lindsey Ferris</strong>, DrPH, MPH, CPH, PMP Program Director, HIE Projects at CRISP; Senior Director, Audacious Inquiry</td>
<td>Regulatory Compliance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bobby Mukkamala</strong>, M.D. Board Chair, American Medical Association</td>
<td>Improving Patient Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lisa M. Trumble</strong>, MBA President and Chief Executive Officer, Soho Health</td>
<td>Success with Value Based Initiatives</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Live Event Tickets**

- Member - $20.00
- Non Member - $40.00
- Student - $5.00

Member, Non-Member and Student ticket holders will have access to the event beginning 10/27/2021 through 12/31/2021

**On Demand Tickets**

- On Demand - $10.00
On Demand Ticket holders will not have access to the event until 11/1/2021

For More information and to reserve your ticket visit the event page.

**KUDOS CORNER**

New England HIMSS would like to give a shout out to Monique Czulewicz for graduating with a master’s degree in Healthcare Informatics from Northeastern University on Mother’s day!

**New England HIMSS in Las Vegas for HIMSS21**
Due to the pandemic and the cancellation of the Annual HIMSS20 Conference in Orlando, FL, NEHIMSS was not able to be honored for the 2019 Large Chapter of the Year recognition. However, during HIMSS21 in Las Vegas, our Immediate Past-President Amy Chacko received the award on behalf of the chapter.

MENTORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

**Now Accepting Applications - Mentorship Program!**

Are you an IT professional looking to share your knowledge with others? Are you seeking the guidance and advice from a mentor? We are looking for volunteer mentors as well as mentees to join our program!

If you wish to volunteer as a mentor or, if you are a health care professional seeking a mentor, please send a completed application to Kelly Gorham (kgorham@mainhealth.org), (mshqina@mainehealth.org) and Wendy Ouellette (waoellett@mmc.org). The application, as well as additional information on this program can be found on the [New England HIMSS Website](#).


Thank you!

Sincerely,

New England HIMSS Board of Directors
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

It’s not too late to sign up for a committee for this chapter year.

Take your professional development, networking, and engagement to the next level by joining a HIMSS New England committee. Committees are focused on specific constituencies and key topics within health information and technology.

Committee members have an opportunity to:

- Contribute to public policy
- Network with other industry experts and career-minded professionals
- Develop and deploy tools and resources for all levels of industry professionals
- Participate in thought leadership development, serve as subject matter experts and speak at educational events

To learn more about each committee and what they do, visit our website committee page, HIMSS New England Committees or send us an email!
Meet our Student Activities Committee!

Chair of Student Activities Committee

Bio:

- Monique Czulewicz is a certified Epic Resolute and Charge Router Analyst at Mount Auburn Hospital who enjoys working with hospital billing systems.
- She is also an active alumnus with Northeastern University’s Graduate Healthcare Informatics Program.
- She serves as the current Student Activities Chair for the New England HIMSS Chapter. For two consecutive terms in 2019 and 2020, she pursued the NEHIMSS Treasury role and has previously volunteered with the NEHIMSS Programs Committee.
- In her spare time, Monique enjoys being with family and friends at Candlewood Lake, Connecticut.
Kelly Zhang, Student Activities Committee Volunteer

Graduate Student at Brandeis University’s MBA Program—Data Analytics and Strategy

- Assisted in organizing webinar events at the NE HIMSS Spring Conference
- Built a dashboard to help judges better understand students’ information at the NE HIMSS Spring Conference
- Developed interpersonal skills in addition to skills in leadership, networking & public speaking

Liddy Bileck, Student Activities Committee Volunteer

Graduate Student at University of New England’s Master of Health Informatics Program

- Joined the SAC in January 2021
- Assisted in organizing virtual Student Poster Session for the NE HIMSS Spring Conference, hosted poster session breakout room during live judging
- Regularly participated in and contributed to committee meetings; gained greater insight and more comprehensive knowledge about national HIMSS and the NE HIMSS chapter
Sara Khalil, Student Activities Committee Volunteer

Graduate Student at Northeastern University’s Master of Health Informatics Program

• Assisted in organizing webinar events & the Student Poster Session at the NE HIMSS Spring Conference
• Participated as a speaker, presenting a current-student’s perspective on career paths in Health Informatics in Feb 2021
• Developed interpersonal skills in addition to skills in leadership, networking & public speaking

Mahalakshmi Babu, Student Activities Committee Volunteer

Nutritionist & Writer, MS Nutrition from University of Madras, India
Associate in Health Information Management Middlesex Community College, CT & RHIT (AHIMA)

• Updating the Student Activities website.
• Advocate and encourage more students to HIMSS events.
• Create an archive of stories – “My Journey into the field of informatics” from HIMSS members (featuring prominent and new members).
Samir Tapiawala, Student Activities Committee Volunteer

- Graduating in August 2021 with a Masters in Health Informatics from Northeastern University
- Senior healthcare professional with experience of launching digital health products from ideation to growth
- Fun fact: The topmost wish in my bucket list is to watch live match between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon
Get to know our Premier Sponsors!

This chapter year, each newsletter will highlight a short list of our sponsors and share the recording to any webinars they recently presented.

New England HIMSS would like to recognize the sponsors who have supported us throughout the year. Our full sponsor list can be found [here](#).

**COMMVAULT**

Commvault enables businesses to proactively simplify and manage the complexity of their continuously evolving and growing data environments, whether your data is on-premises or in the cloud.

Check out their webinar for NEHIMSS: [Recovery Readiness presented by Lance Shaw](#)

**Connection**

Connection is a Fortune 1000 Global Solutions Provider that connects people with technology to enhance growth, elevate productivity, and empower innovation. Founded in 1982, Connection delivers valuable IT services and advanced technology solutions to business, government, education, and healthcare markets. Today, we serve our customers through our staff of highly trained Account Managers, our team of on-staff experts, and our efficient procurement websites. Additionally, the Company holds hundreds of premier certifications with top vendors and offers expertise across multiple technology areas, including Data Center, Networking and Collaboration, End-User Computing and Mobility, IT Security, Software, Digital Signage, and IT Lifecycle.

Check out their webinar for NEHIMSS: [Threat in Healthcare](#)
Dimensional Insight’s Diver Platform was named 2019 Best in KLAS in healthcare business intelligence and analytics, and the company is a six-time winner of the award. Thousands of healthcare champions across the globe use Diver for clinical, financial, and operational analytics and data governance to help improve patient care and outcomes and reduce costs.

To learn more about Dimensional Insight, please visit [http://www.dimins.com](http://www.dimins.com) or follow the company on Twitter @DI_tweet.

Be on the lookout for an upcoming webinar for NEHIMSS

Digital paper healthcare signs/whiteboard solution for patient experience and workflow efficiency upgrade, with significantly lower installation cost for hospital’s digital transformation. Enabled by E Ink ePaper technology and connected to EHR/EMR system, these digital displays provide always-on contents with low power consumption, no light pollution, and high readability. Digital paper hospital device loaner program available—contact us for details.

E Ink is the originator, pioneer, and commercial leader in ePaper technology. Based on technology from MIT’s Media Lab, E Ink’s low power products are ideal for IoT applications ranging from healthcare, retail, home, hospital, transportation and more, enabling customers to put digital displays in locations previously impossible.

Check out their webinar for NEHIMSS: [Advantages of Digital Paper for Clinical Information Exchange](http://www.dimins.com)
Healthcare Triangle, Inc. reinforces healthcare progress through breakthrough technology and extensive industry knowledge and expertise. We support healthcare providers including hospitals and health systems, payers and pharma/life sciences organizations in their effort to improve health outcomes. HTI enables the adoption of new technologies, data enlightenment, business agility and response to immediate business needs and competitive threats. The highly regulated healthcare and life sciences industries rely on HTI for expertise in digital transformation encompassing the cloud, security and compliance, data lifecycle management, healthcare interoperability and clinical and business performance optimization.

Check out their webinar for NEHIMSS: AI/ML/NLP – What Does this Alphabet Soup Mean to Healthcare (passcode =Ec%tfU0)

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is the global edge-to-cloud Platform-as-a-Service company that helps organizations accelerate outcomes by unlocking value from all of their data, everywhere. We are built on decades of reimagining the future through innovation and believe that technology’s greatest promise lies in its potential for positive change.

Check out their webinar for NEHIMSS: Hybrid Cloud How this is Becoming Real in Healthcare