President's Message
Liza Cameron

Happy New Year!!!  2022 is already shaping up to be a good year. New England HIMSS kicked off the holidays and the new year with our first in person event, in almost 2 years, with a well-attended social evening of good food, great wine and long overdue networking! New England HIMSS is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will continue to adapt and adjust our plans as needed. We plan on bringing our members safe in-person events while also offering you many virtual options as well!

I would be remiss not to mention that everything we do would not be possible without our countless volunteers and sponsors. I want to personally thank them for their continued support. I was happy to recognize a few of these folks with an award presentation at our holiday social.

2021 Volunteers of the Year
Teja Baah - Chair Marketing and Communications
Monique Czulewicz - Chair Student Activities

Lifetime Recognition Award
Pat Rioux Sutton – Past Secretary, Current Programs and Sponsorship Committee Member

Sponsor of the Year Award
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One of my goals for this year was to bring back our scholarship program and I am happy to say with the generous support of our sponsor, E Ink we are offering a $5000.00 E Ink Innovation Scholarship to help support our student members. Applications are open through February 4th.  Make sure you join us at our Annual Spring Conference Thursday May 12th, at the Sheraton in Norwood, to see who the winner is!

We have so much more in store for 2022, you can sign up now for our in-person Women in IT evening event on Thursday April 7th, at Spinelli’s of Lynnfield! Make sure you stay tuned to our social media channels and website for all the latest and greatest!

Liza Cameron, President, New England HIMSS
NEW ENGLAND HIMSS LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing the New England HIMSS E Ink Innovation Scholarship!

Are you a graduate student living in New England, apply now!
New England HIMSS is proud to announce the E Ink Innovation Scholarship!
Please visit our website for eligibility information, deadlines and to apply!

For more information and to apply [click here](#)

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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
New England HIMSS had the honor of bringing back our favorite event of the year, the Annual Holiday Social. We hosted many of our board and chapter members on December 9th, 2021 at Boston Winery. We had an amazing turn out and not only celebrated gathering again and networking, but we announced a few awards as well. We asked guests to bring a pair of socks to donate to Socks for Soldiers and cannot thank you all enough for your generosity.

It was a great event celebrating the holiday season and seeing one another in person after 2 years! Congratulations to all our winners!
Health IT & Informatics – Strategic Tips to Boost your Resume & Brand Yourself in 2022

February 17, 5:30pm – 7:00pm, EST

Webinar

Our featured panelists will share tips to craft a strong resume to capture an employer’s attention

Does your resume read like everyone else’s? Is your resume Applicant Tracking System (ATS) ready with the right keywords? Could it use sprucing for 2022? Join New England HIMSS for an interactive webinar on Thursday, February 17! Our featured panelists will share tips to craft a strong resume to capture an employer’s attention. Learn how to highlight skills that are unique to you and position yourself as the right candidate for the job. Our Q&A session provides the opportunity to ask our speakers questions to enhance resumes. Check out this event to beat the competition and stand out from the crowd!

Already have questions? Please submit them when you register!

Confirmed Panelists:

- Renee Broadbent: Vice President, IT, SoNE Health
- Arthur Harvey: CTO, Boston Medical Center
- Carly Bamford: Human Resources Recruiter, InterSystems
- Smajl Cengic: Student Advisor, Northeastern University

To reserve your ticket, visit the event page.
HIMSS22: New England HIMSS Social - Howl at the Moon (Save the Date!)

March 15, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, EDT

New England HIMSS will be hosting our annual social at Orlando’s original rock ‘n’ roll dueling piano show, Howl at the Moon. Don’t miss out on joining us, as catch up with friends and colleagues and sing, clap, stomp, dance to this rock ‘n’ roll dueling piano show.

Howl at the Moon is conveniently located 2 blocks north of the Orange County Convention Center. We are in walking distance of the Rosen Hotels, Hyatt Grand Regency, Hilton Orlando and other Convention Center hotels.

_Howl at the Moon Orlando_
8815 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
Web: [www.howlatthemoon.com](http://www.howlatthemoon.com)

Stay tuned as we get closer to HIMSS22 for more information and registration details

Thank you to our Sponsors:
Women in HIT Event: Rise to the C-Suite – A Conversation on Inclusive Leadership (In Person)

April 7, 6:00pm, EDT - 9:00pm, EDT

Spinelli’s in Lynnfield

Calling all women and men, come join us for dinner, drinks and wonderful conversation with some fabulous Women In HIT!

**Moderator:**

Beth Downie, Chief Information Officer, Newton-Wellesley Hospital

**Panelists:**

Kara Backman, Chief Information Officer, McLean Hospital

Rebecca Mishuris, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Information Officer, Primary Care Physician, Boston Medical Center Health System (BMCHS)

Heather Shea, J.D, GLEG, Brigham Health Information Security Officer, Mass General Brigham

Lee Williams, PhD, MSN, NE-BC, NPD-BC, Senior Director, Clinical Education & Informatics, Quality and Practice, CNIO

To reserve your ticket, visit the [event page](#).
New England HIMSS 2022 Annual Spring Conference - In Person
(Save the Date)

May 12, 8:00am - 8:00pm, EDT

Join New England HIMSS in person for our 2022 Annual Spring Conference!
Conference with social reception immediately following!

Four Points by Sheraton Norwood
1125 Boston Providence Turnpike
Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 USA
Tiffany Ballroom
New England HIMSS would like to congratulate Mary Griskewicz, our Advocacy Committee Chair, on her new appointment with HIMSS!

Mary, Griskewicz, MS, FHIMSS will serve as the new chairperson for the HIMSS Public Policy Committee for 2022. The HIMSS Public Policy Committee convenes healthcare thought leaders across HIMSS membership, working closely with the HIMSS government relations team to advance global policy by collaborating with government officials around the world—including legislators, key national decision-makers, state and provincial leaders, and stakeholder organizations.

“For 2022, we will work on legislative and policy issues related to; interoperability, patient engagement, cybersecurity and value-based care domestically and globally. We will also have a focus to ensure that all of our work is inclusive and promotes health equity to ensure health IT can be harnessed to improve care for all. “ ~Mary Griskewicz
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Introducing Paul McCarthy, member of Clinical Informatics Committee

Introductory questions:

- **Name**: Paul McCarthy
- **Formal Job Title/Occupation**: Pharmacist
- **Credentials**: PharmD, RPh
- **Years as a HIMSS member**: 1
- **Years as a New England HIMSS Chapter member**: 1
- **Volunteer/Leadership positions held in the Chapter**: Current NEHIMSS Member

Interview questions:

1. **Superpower**: Radioactive – Spreads knowledge through close proximity. Don’t get too close, you might learn something or obtain a new skill you didn’t know existed!
2. **Elevator pitch - let us know who you are and what you do (pretend you have a minute to share you)**. I’m a pharmacist by trade who dabbles in everything! Learning and educating is my passion and as a result, I was promoted to the position of lead trainer at Salem Hospital Pharmacy to spearhead the effort to improve cohesion in the workplace. In addition to training at Salem Hospital, I am also a member of the adjunct faculty at MCPHS University in Boston, MA where we orient and guide the next generation of pharmacists.
3. **If you had all the resources you needed to fix one problem in the Healthcare space, what would it be, and what resources do you think would help?** Medication Errors – Too often, when an error occurs, individuals are instructed to “be more careful” when the true cause of the error was an underlying systems failure. Greater levels of automation in the healthcare setting have led to a reduction in errors. Further automation or computerization may positively affect this cause.

4. **What is your favorite quote, mantra, motto, or catchphrase? And why?** “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest” – Benjamin Franklin. Making an impact on someone else’s life through fulfilling an educational need is one of my greatest pleasures.

5. **What is something that your HIMSS colleagues don’t know about you?** Despite my love of education now, I was a lousy student in school!

6. **What brought you to join HIMSS and what have you benefited from being a member?** I was introduced to HIMSS by a colleague who told me about an organization centered in healthcare but with a focus on IT. This sounded like a fascinating group, so I applied to join NEHIMSS. After talking to the chapter President, and meeting some other members, I was impressed at how focused everyone was on education! It was after that first meeting that I knew this was a group with whom I wanted to work. In addition to the great educational benefits that come with NEHIMSS affiliation, this group has also been a great resource for networking.
Get to know our Premier & Corporate Sponsors!

New England HIMSS would like to recognize the sponsors who have supported us throughout the year. This chapter year, each newsletter will highlight a short list of our sponsors and share the recording to any webinars they recently presented.

Our full sponsor list can be found [here](#).

Check out our Sponsor Lunch and Learns on our [YouTube Channel](#).

**Premier Sponsors**

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