

Chapter Newsletter
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Dear Members,

It is now almost four years since we transitioned from a provincial association to a CHIMA chapter. In that time, we have strengthened our profession by truly embodying a national association. HIM professionals across Canada are more united than ever and opportunities for education, networking, and communication now have no boundaries.

As chapter Chair for this time, I could not be prouder of the commitment, the effort, and the belief in themselves that our chapter members have demonstrated time and time again. From our initial struggle to get volunteers to now having 20+ for our chapter committee and sub-committees, with more applying - it reinforces that we are very proud of the HIM profession, our skill set, and our potential.

I believe our recent chapter education day was a great demonstration of how far we have come in the last few years and of how committed CHIMA, the chapters, and our members are to this profession. One hundred and twenty members from not just our chapter, but also from Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick came together to learn, to network, and to communicate with each other, with our national CHIMA staff, and our CHIMA Board of Directors. Nova Scotia Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Thomas Marrie, also attended to meet and speak to us. Truly a great day for everyone in attendance!

At the end of February, I will be stepping down as NSPE Chapter Chair. To my fellow chapter committee and subcommittee volunteers, I thank you for all of your time and commitment that you have given to our chapter and profession. Your willingness to volunteer, to commit to the chapter, is a true testament of your belief and pride in the HIM profession. To all of our chapter members, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent HIM professionals in our chapter for the last four years. It has truly been my honor, and I have enjoyed it immensely. I would encourage each and every member to consider becoming more involved with the chapter – as a member-driven organization, you are our greatest assets.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish you all happiness, health, and continued prosperity for the New Year.

All the best,
Jennifer

Chapter Committee Members
2019-2020

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| Jennifer Currie, Chair | Nova Scotia |
| Vice-Chair | Vacant |
| Amy McInnis, Secretary-Treasurer | Nova Scotia |
| Angie McCashion, Director | PEI |
| Julie Hurlburt, Director | Nova Scotia |
| Raven Wilson, Director | Nova Scotia |
| Director | Vacant |
| Director | Vacant |



Online Continuing Education Opportunities for HIM Professionals

Many people in the HIM profession know about CHA Learning's [HIM Program](#) or are alumni of the program. It is the longest running distance program in the country, with close to 70 years of history, and is also the largest HIM program in Canada with over 200 active students each year.

Our program underwent a complete transformation 5 years ago and proudly serves students all over the country, including rural and remote areas where there is no access to formal education. In addition, the CHA Learning program is intended for mature students, many of whom have already been working in the health system for some time. So, we are very unique in our mandate and structure and have some very successful graduates and exceptional faculty.

Did you know that CHA Learning offers a wide variety of other online, self-paced, and ongoing continuing education programs and courses? As a non-profit healthcare organization ourselves, we are entirely focused on supporting healthcare professionals' ongoing education and development. In addition to our [HIM Coding Specialist Program](#), we also offer [programs](#) to support professional development in leadership and management, quality improvement and patient safety, health research, people-centred care, among others. Our newly launched [Leadership Express](#) modules, for example, provide short, easily accessible, just-in-time learning that enhances front-line leadership capacity on current and highly applicable topics.

CHA Learning graduates also get 10% off any of our programs as an [alumni benefit](#).

And, if the organization you work for is a member of our parent organization, [HealthCareCAN](#), the organization is entitled to individual and group discounts as well as an annual scholarship.

For more information about any of our programs and services, reach out to our team anytime by contacting me personally or through our chalearning@healthcarecan.ca email.

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NSPE CHAPTER — VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a great opportunity to network with fellow HIM professionals across the chapter and nationally? Want to become more involved in your profession?

We currently have vacancies on our chapter committee and would love to hear from you!

<https://www.echima.ca/mpower/campaigner/mpower-survey.action?s=MTE5>