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Liza Cameron**

January 16, 2020 was New England HIMSS last in-person educational event that took place before the COVID-19 pandemic changed our world. That event celebrated Women in Health IT so it was only fitting to return, over 2 years later, to in-person educational events on April 7, 2022, with a Women in Health IT event. With over 100 registered attendees we hung ourselves on every word that Beth Downie, CIO of Newton Wellesley Hospital, Kara Backman, CIO of McLean Hospital, Renee Fosberg, VP & CIO of Emerson Hospital, Heather Shea, Information Security Officer of Brigham Health, Lee Williams, VP, Associate Chief Nurse, Clinical Education & Informatics, Quality and Practice, and CNIO Boston Children's Hospital and Dr. Hannah Galvin, Chief Medical Information Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine as they discussed their rise to the C-Suite. I want to thank them and our sponsors for ensuring our return to in-person events was successful!



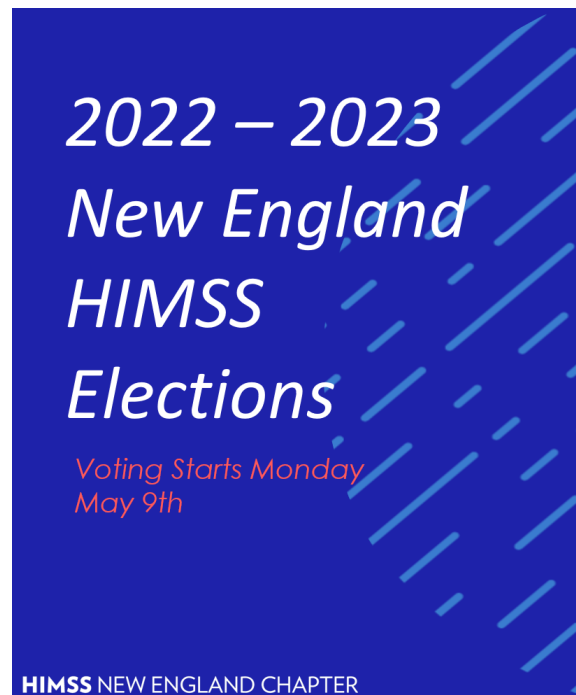
With only 2 more months in our 2021-2022 season there is still so much more to come! This year we will be holding our annual spring conference at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting time for us, with a great line up of speakers, an opening and closing keynote along with 8 sessions to choose from. We will also be offering 6 Continuing Education Credits for Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Pharmacists along with CPHIMS credits as well. Our 3 student poster finalists will be presenting their projects to our judges and the winner will be announced at the end of the conference along with this year's New England HIMSS E Ink Innovation Scholarship winner. An exhibit hall with 40 sponsors participating and a social reception to follow are also part of the program. Then to close out the season we will have 1 last in-person regional conference at the University of New England in Portland, Maine on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to these events and to seeing all our members in person again!

Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors that make these events possible!

Liza Cameron, President, New England HIMSS

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## NEW ENGLAND HIMSS LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2022-2023 NEHIMSS Executive Board Elections  
Begin Monday May 9th**

**2022 – 2023**  
***New England***  
***HIMSS***  
***Elections***

*Voting Starts Monday  
May 9th*

**HIMSS NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER**

For election process and timeline [click here!](#)



## Call for Volunteers

Interested in getting involved and active in New England HIMSS? Looking for an opportunity to network and expand your knowledge on Healthcare IT? Look no further! Sign up to be an NEHIMSS board member volunteer.

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 @ [ne.info@himsschapter.org](mailto:ne.info@himsschapter.org)!

## HIMSS22 GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE



New England HIMSS was well represented at this year's HIMSS22 Global Health Conference in Orlando, FL. It was great to be back in person to network and mingle with colleagues and friends since the last conference in Las Vegas. Amy Chacko, Immediate Past President (2020-2021) and Mary Griskewicz, Advocacy chair were honored for their awards. NEHIMSS had a great turn out for the chapter social at Howl at the Moon. Check out the pictures below to get a recap of the conference.

## HIMSS22 Global Health Conference Awards



Amy Chacko, Past President  
(Chapter year 2020-2021)

**Chapter Leader of the  
Year**

[Press Release](#)



Mary Griskewicz, Advocacy  
Chair

**2022 HIMSS Most  
Influential Women in  
Health IT Awards**

[Press Release](#)



## HIMSS22 Conference Pictures! Enjoy!

Congratulations Amy and Mary!



New England HIMSS Chapter  
Social at Howl at the Moon



**Most Influential Women in  
HIT Panel with our own  
Mary Griskewicz**

**Amy Chacko, Past President  
accepting Chapter Leader of  
the Year Award from Hal  
Wolf, CEO HIMSS**







**New England HIMSS at Universal Studios Island of Adventures**

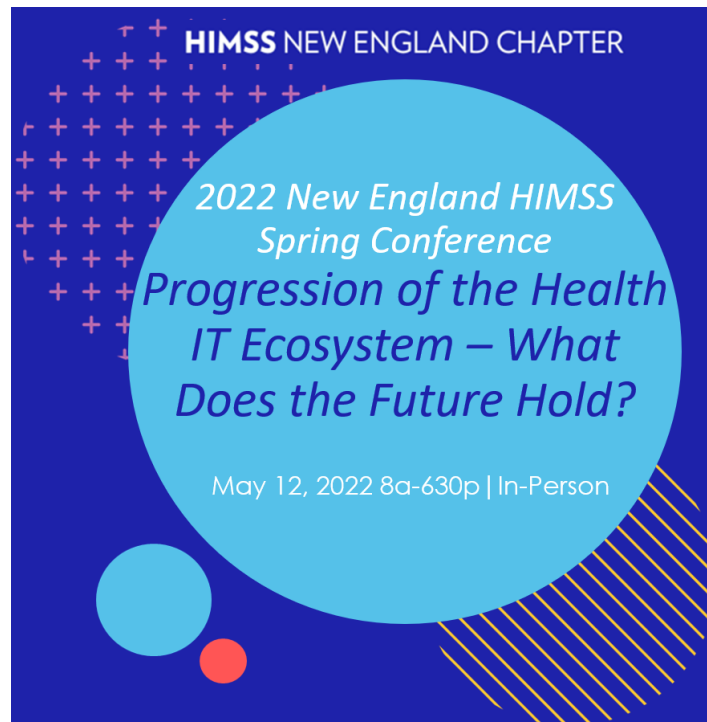
**REMEMBERING JOE HEYMAN, OUR DEAR FRIEND**

1942-2022

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of New England HIMSS Treasurer Joe Heyman, M.D. He was a wonderful colleague and friend to us at NEHIMSS. We will miss him greatly.

[JOSEPH HEYMAN Obituary \(1942-2022\) West Newbury, MA - Boston Globe\(Legacy.com\)](#)



**2022 NEW ENGLAND HIMSS SPRING CONFERENCE****Progression of the Health IT Ecosystem – What Does the Future Hold?**

May 12, 8:00am – 6:30pm

In Person

Conference with social reception immediately following!

[Four Points by Sheraton Norwood](#)

1125 Boston Providence Turnpike

Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 USA

Tiffany Ballroom

The Covid-19 pandemic created unprecedented healthcare system challenges and transformative change. We saw rapid acceleration of the technology we use, changes to the way in which we deliver care and to the policies that govern healthcare. New England HIMSS is happy to be back in person for our annual spring conference. Join us to explore The Progression of the Health IT Ecosystem - What does the Future Hold?

The New England HIMSS annual spring conference will take place in Norwood, MA on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, with a networking reception immediately to follow.

Our day will start with our opening keynote panel, From Talk to Collective Action – Building a Foundation for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Followed by two conference tracks and 8 sessions to choose from and we will round out our day with a closing keynote and a networking reception immediately to follow. Continuing Education Credits for Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Pharmacists will be offered along with CPHIMS credits.

New England HIMSS aims to provide our student members with knowledge and resources to expand their leadership skills. During our annual spring conference, we will be hosting a student poster contest providing our student members an opportunity to showcase their research to our past president's club. We will also be announcing the winner of our 2021-2022 New England HIMSS E Ink Innovation Scholarship at the event.

### Clinical Informatics Track

**Jointly provided by Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and HIMSS – New England Chapter**



#### Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of providers, nurses, pharmacists and allied healthcare professionals and will seek to identify mechanisms to address and mitigate the need for innovative, state-of-the-art digital healthcare equity technology solutions via discussion of DE&I strategy, initiatives, and personal and organizational experience as related to the pandemic, health equity, and SDOH along with identification of interoperability standards that may contribute to the advancement for the representation of data for SDOH as well as outcomes tracking analysis through real-world case examples.

#### Educational Objectives

*After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:*

- Define and discuss DE&I strategy, initiatives, and personal and organizational experience as related to the pandemic, health equity, and SDOH
- Discuss and identify mechanisms to address and mitigate the need for innovative, state-of-the-art digital healthcare equity technology solutions
- Explore and evaluate how interoperability standards and non-proprietary technologies can contribute to EHR optimization, efficiency, and interprofessional communication and collaboration, which is essential to quality, patient-centered care.
- Integrate and intervene upon post-pandemic vulnerabilities

## Conference Agenda & Schedule

### Speaker List & Bios

#### Prices:

**Non-member Price:** \$150.00

**Member Price:** \$130.00

**Student Price:** \$20.00

Reserve your ticket [here](#)



**UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**

## **Data Governance Community of Practice Season 2 – Maturing Your Data Governance Program**

May 11, 5:00pm – 6:00pm , EST

Virtual Meeting

Session 3 - How do I get impactful Metadata Management?

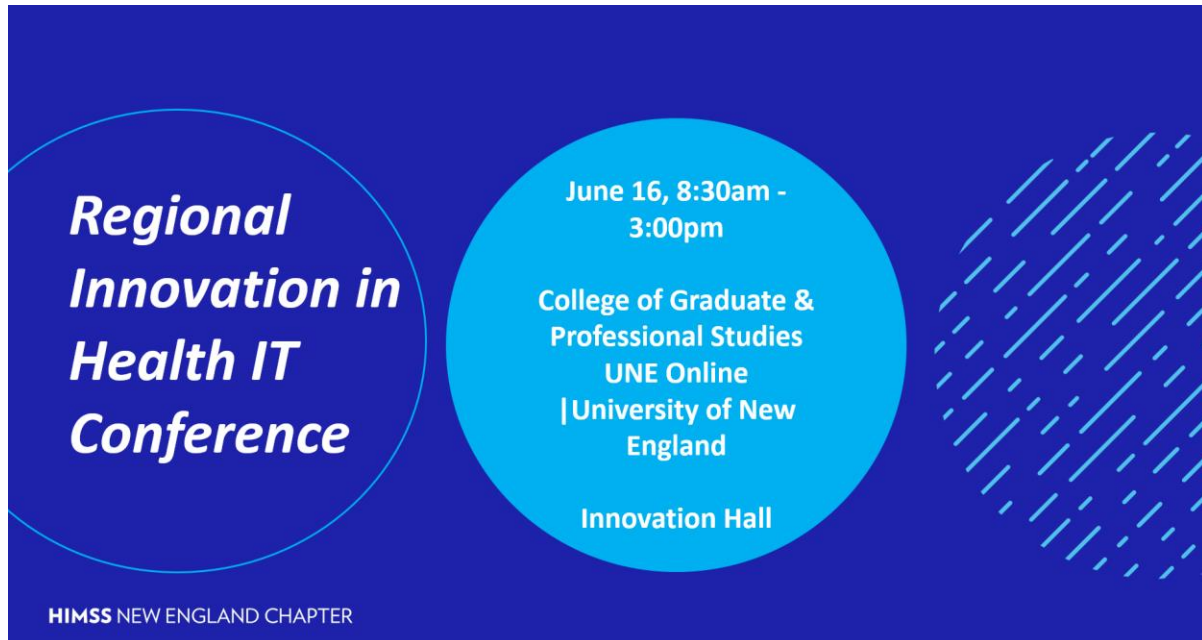


**Moderated by Ron M'Sadoques**

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**Session 4** - *How do my data policies affect data access and risk? How do I ensure quality data?* will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

## Regional Innovation in Health IT Conference



June 16, 8:30am – 3:00pm

In-Person

**College of Graduate & Professional Studies**

**UNE Online | University of New England**

716 Stevens Ave.  
Portland, ME 04103  
Innovation Hall

Parking in relation to the building: [Map](#)  
Free shuttles are available from the parking to Innovation Hall

Speakers

**Chad MacLeod**, Director of Product & Communication, HealthInfoNet  
**Ralph Johnson**, Vice President of Informatics and Technology, The Leapfrog Group  
**Kristin Kostka, MPH**, Director, OHDSI Center, The Roux Institute, Northeastern University

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**KUDOS CORNER****Congratulations Renee Broadbent, NEHIMSS Secretary!**

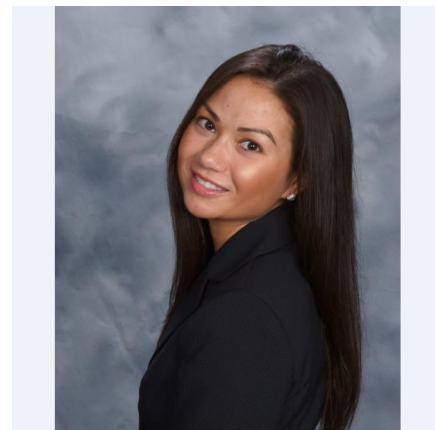
Renee Broadbent has recently been promoted to Chief Information Officer of SoNE.

Please join us in congratulating her on her achievements!

**Congratulations to Monique Czulewicz, SHIMSS (Senior Member of HIMSS)**

The designation SHIMSS (Senior Member of HIMSS) is bestowed in recognition of her service, professional participation, job experience, publications, and presentations.

Monique currently serves Student Activities Chair for the New England HIMSS Chapter. For three consecutive terms, 2019-2021, she pursued the NEHIMSS Treasury role and has previously volunteered with the NEHIMSS Programs Committee. She has over 11 years of experience in the Financial Services and Healthcare IT industry. Monique holds a M.S. in Health Informatics and a B.S. in Business Management & Management Information Systems (MIS) from Northeastern University.





**MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT****Introducing Steve Earle, member of the Past President's Club****Introductory questions:**

- **Name:** Steve Earle
- **Occupation/ Formal Job Title:** Senior Project Manager with HCH Enterprises
- **Credentials:** BA, FHIMSS, PMP
- **Years as a HIMSS member:** 23
- **Years as a New England HIMSS Chapter member:** 30
- **Volunteer/ Leadership positions held in the Chapter:** Membership Chair, Communications Chair, Advocacy Chair, Chapter State Advocate for Rhode Island, Program Organizer, Vice-President, President, and Past President

**Interview questions:**

1. **Superpower:** I'd like to think that I'm an empathetic listener who sincerely enjoys helping people and organizations to solve problems and make things better.
2. **Elevator pitch:** I've spent most of my career in healthcare IT, starting out as a programmer, then a systems analyst, project manager, and management engineer, and I've been fortunate to work with some great mentors along the way who have allowed me to learn from a variety of disciplines. I try to bring the insights I've gained from those different roles.
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?** Of course, in a perfect world, we'd probably all like to make sure that universal access to top quality healthcare was guaranteed everywhere as a basic human right. However, on a more practical level within our area of

expertise, I'd like to see a federally mandated, standardized patient health information record that every EMR/EHR vendor needed to be able to communicate with.

4. **What is your favorite quote, mantra, motto, or catchphrase? And why?** “If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and 5 minutes thinking about solutions.” – Albert Einstein. I believe that if a problem can be stated clearly, correctly, and completely, it's half-solved already. Unfortunately, many of us (especially those of us with a technical background), often try to envision a solution before we truly, completely understand the problem, and before we fully comprehend the customer's needs, wants, fears, and hopes.
5. **What is something that your HIMSS colleagues don't know about you?** I am a member of the New England Santa Society and the International Brotherhood of Real Bearded Santa's (IBRBS).



6. **What brought you to join HIMSS and what have you benefited from being a member?** I was introduced to HIMSS by a “Non-IS” colleague back in the 1990's. At that time, HIMSS was primarily a group of management engineers and improvement specialists, and the “propeller hat” IT people were clearly in the minority. I think that as a professional society we've evolved into a much broader group that includes people from a wide spectrum of clinical, business, and technical backgrounds. I've been blessed to meet many wonderful people from disciplines other than mine, with wisdom and experience far beyond my limited viewpoints, which have helped me to grow personally and professionally. I've also been gifted with many

strong friendships that have formed over the years through HIMSS and our New England Chapter, for which I am truly thankful.



## SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### 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.

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