

The Distinguished Member award identifies and honors outstanding members of the Minnesota Health Information Management Association (MHIMA) whose record of contributions to our field is truly exceptional. Candidates must have been an active member for five (5) years or longer and have made an outstanding contribution to the profession. The MHIMA Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2019 MHIMA Distinguished Member:



Diana M. Warner, MS, RHIA, CHPS, CPHI, FAHIMA

Diana has contributed prolifically to the profession for 29 years and counting, sharing both her lived experience and knowledge with HIM professionals in Illinois and Minnesota, nationally and internationally through her writing, presentations, and mentorship of HIM professionals. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration from the University of Alabama and a Master of Science in Public Administration from Columbus State University. Diana's past professional positions include Director of Health Information Management at the University of Minnesota Physicians, AHIMA's Director of Standards, and AHIMA's Director of Informatics/Information Governance & Standards. She currently serves as the Director of Client Relations and Account Management for MRO.

Prior to her employment at AHIMA, Diana was already serving, writing and presenting about the topics that form the backbone of health information management: how to manage it, how to protect it, how to secure it, and how to lay the foundation for an interoperable paradigm. In 2010, she was granted fellowship to AHIMA, in recognition of her *"significant and sustained contribution to the advancement of the health information management (HIM) discipline, through service, excellence in professional practice and advancement of the profession through innovation and knowledge sharing."* ([AHIMA 2018](#)).

Besides serving as President and Director for ILHIMA while a resident there, Diana has also previously served on the MHIMA Board of Directors as a Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past President, as well as volunteered her time on a number of MHIMA committees throughout the years.

Diana is a truly distinguished member within our Association. The passion she carries for the HIM profession and her dedication to advancing the national vision for healthcare information standards and interoperability makes her an exceptional recipient. She exemplifies many of the characteristics that make one a natural born leader and that represent the hallmark of what it means to be distinguished. She has been an exceptional leader for nearly three decades and is a resounding voice for the future of the profession.

In recognition of this and all she has given to our Association, MHIMA proudly confers on **Diana Warner** its 2019 Distinguished Member award. Please join us in celebrating the recognition of this outstanding HIM professional at our [2019 Annual Meeting](#). Diana will be honored on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019.

Warm regards,

Christina Snaza, MS, RHIA
Past President, MHIMA