

# Board Update

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THRIVE! The week of April 18<sup>th</sup> was an especially busy one for a number of AZ HFMA's board members. Prior to the fantastic spring conference in Scottsdale that began on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, seven board members spent a few days in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida at the HFMA Leadership Training Conference (LTC). LTC attracts more than 400 chapter volunteer leaders from across HFMA's 68 chapters. LTC is an annual conference which every chapter is invited to send seven representatives to gain value leadership skills as well as a practical working knowledge of the role they will play in their chapter during the upcoming chapter year. LTC includes a number of hands-on workshops broken down into various learning tracks such as programming, membership, communications, treasurer and president. The opportunity to share best practices and ideas with our peers from around the country is invaluable to bringing the best experience to the members of Arizona HFMA.

One of the key highlights of every LTC conference is the opportunity to hear from the incoming chair of HFMA National's board of directors on their vision for the upcoming year. This year's message was delivered by incoming chairperson Mary Mirabelli and struck a chord with me as we move into the next year in Arizona. Mary shared with the audience her personal story of loss of close family members since the time she was a young child. Throughout the loss, Mary and her family continued to thrive due to the love and support of one another. Fittingly, "thrive" is the theme which Mary has laid out for HFMA's upcoming year.

Thriving is exactly what we will do in Arizona this year as well! Healthcare providers are faced with the many challenges of the ACA, MACRA, payment reform, consolidation....and the list goes on and on. AZ HFMA will bring its members the educational and networking opportunities necessary to learn and grow to meet these challenges. Together, we can ensure that the healthcare providers of Arizona thrive and rise to meet the needs of our communities.

It's my pleasure to introduce your 2016/2017 AZ HFMA Board:

**Ryan Reiff**, President

**Matt Cox**, Sponsorship Chair

**Chuck Ribbe**, President-Elect

**Samantha Brodt**, Membership Chair

**Jason Metcalf**, Secretary

**Jeff Buehrle**, Director

**Leslie Flake**, Program Chair

**Liz Ricafort**, Director

**Alan Newberg**, Treasurer

**Kathie Kirkland**, Director

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**Pam Miller**, Director