



President's Letter

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NVMGMA 2018 year brought changes galore. It wouldn't be an exciting time if we didn't make sure to shake things up a bit. Let's take a moment to review 2018 in all its glory...

The year started off with bringing on KCA, an association management company, to help support the board with the many tasks it takes to run our state organization. Cathy Herring, Jessica Painter, and Skye Young have been instrumental in assisting us this past year. They have rolled out a new [Facebook page](#) and are continuously updating the content. If you haven't already, make sure to check it out and "like us". Thanks to KCA, our marketing materials have been updated with the new MGMA logo and the Annual State Conference was a success thanks to their help. Currently, KCA is in the process of putting together a membership committee for 2019. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, or any committee for that matter, please reach out to any board member, committee member, or [Cathy](#), [Jessica](#), and [Skye](#) directly. It is a great way to get involved in your association.

NVMGMA continued on collaborations with ACHE, HFMA, HIMSS and NvHiMA. The relationship has grown and will continue to grow in 2019. Through this collaboration, we have been able to put on events such as the **Women's Leadership Breakfast** that has turned into an annual event. You may remember in April when we all came together to learn "**How Documentation and Workflow Impact your Revenue Cycle.**" Our very own Terri Mahannah, a NVMGMA member and Past President, was part of that panel. Not to mention the **Nevada Healthcare Forum** in October where our own National MGMA President Dr. Hailee Fischer presented and the **Holiday Mixer** in December. If you have not had a chance to attend one of these events I encourage you to do so. They are a great time to network with your fellow NVMGMA members and with other association members while getting informed on topics you face daily within your practices.

2018 brought on our first newsletter thanks to Doug Boulton, KCA, and all the members who sent content or contributed to our first newsletter. This is another way to keep members informed and up to date. Make sure to look for the newsletter in your inbox quarterly.

ACMPE had big changes this year and Jackie Shoupe has done a great job of keeping everyone who is certified, looking to become certified or a current fellow informed. Jackie also implemented a training library for members looking to become certified through the college. If you are interested in learning more, becoming certified, or getting your fellowship Jackie is the person to see. You can also [visit our website](#) for the most up to date information.

Legislation plays a large part in NVMGMA and Karen Massey is instrumental in chairing the Legislative Affairs committee. Between her and Jeff Snyder, they represent NVMGMA and spend hours watching, advocating, and attending the legislative session in Carson City on our behalf. They are the voice of our practices and do an exceptional job. Some legislative hot topics affecting our state in 2018 were AB474 that took effect 1/1/2018, balanced billing, antibiotics authorizations, to name only a few. Karen works closely with Nevada State Medical

Association Executive Director Catherine O'Mara who presents to our groups annually on some of the proposed laws or laws that have passed and educates our members on how this will impact our physicians. Catherine recently presented at our January at our Northern Nevada member meeting and will again as a follow up at the end of the legislative session. The board is grateful to Karen and Jeff for all of their time and effort.

The Southern Nevada Steering Committee works hard to bring education to the southern part of the state and to set up and arrange the events that take place. They also focus on member engagement in the south and have recruited 15 new members just this past year. The committee is made up of Kim Grana, Mario Moya, Ricki Greenspon, Bonnie Barnett, Jennifer Hussein and Leonard Hamer. If you are one of our members who lives in the southern part of the state and are interested in getting involved this is another great committee opportunity. At the next meeting seek out one of the above individuals and they will gladly assist you.

The Education Committee works hard to bring great speakers and events monthly that the state, as a whole, can learn from. They work closely with the Southern Nevada Steering Committee, the At-Large members, and the Board to make sure we are touching on subjects that are impactful to our members. If you have an idea on a topic that you would like to suggest please see one of our committee members; Leonard Hamer, Flora Gallegos, Mario Moya, Kim Grana, Chris Greenman, or myself. We are here to provide content that you will learn and grow from. Any and all input is appreciated as this is your association.

2018 had the board transitioning this past year when the President-Elect spot became vacant. Mario Moya was quick to step in and take on this roll leaving his spot as Secretary open. The board went on the hunt for a new board member to fill that position. We found that person in Crystal Brownson who joined the board in December 2018. The board is appreciative to both Mario and Crystal for volunteering for these positions and know they will do a great job for the organization in 2019 and moving forward.

In closing I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our committees and board members who have worked hard this past year to make 2018 such a success. Every one of you volunteer your time, your energy, and your efforts to make NVMGMA a success, this could not be done without you.

Cheers and here is to a wonderful and successful 2019!