

## Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Leaders FY 2021-2022



***Ian Slade – Chair; Southern California Chapter***

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Ian Slade started his healthcare journey as a trauma nurse when he was 19 y/o. He went on to study MA Psychology and MBA. In the past 20 years Ian has served as a HIT consultant in more than 30 hospitals in the US, Canada and the UK. His passion to help the underserved and underprivileged led him to help standardized Anesthesia care for VA patients throughout the country. He joined HIMSS Southern California Advocacy group in 2013 and has been on the Chapter's Executive Board since 2014. He was selected to serve as the HIMSS National Western Vice Chair for Advocacy in 2015. In 2017 he was elected Chapter President. As chapter President, he promoted female and minority board members. He also paved the way for three consecutive female presidents to succeed him. He grew the chapter from 2k to 3k+ members and unified Northern and Southern California Advocacy efforts. Throughout the years, Ian has advocated for patients, healthcare technology and hospitals in the halls of Sacramento and the corridors of Capitol Hill. He advocated heavily for improved Cybersecurity and Interoperability legislation. He has lectured nationally and internationally in the areas of Healthcare project management and Healthcare advocacy. Last year, he was selected by the International Forum on Advancement in Healthcare (IFAH) as one of the Top Global Healthcare Leaders. This year his consulting company, ITCG, was voted top 10 in healthcare IT in the US by Healthcare Tech Outlook Magazine. He resides in Irvine California.



***Amanda Bergamo – Vice Chair, Western Region; New Mexico Chapter***

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Amanda Bergamo leads the UnityBPO patient and provider experience and engagement program to create frictionless pathways and optimal experiences. She also oversees the consultative and strategic support services for the acute vertical portfolio inclusive of hospitals and integrated health systems. Before joining UnityBPO in 2019, Amanda was a member of the Chief Experience Office at Presbyterian Healthcare Services, a \$3 billion integrative health system in New Mexico. Amanda was instrumental in the maturation of the Experience and

Quality/Safety Programs, leading initiatives and projects across the system to leverage digital technology and improve processes for patients, providers, clinicians and other workforce members.

Prior to this, Amanda held senior positions in both healthcare venture philanthropy and technology focused organizations as Executive Director, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and President, Beehive Technology, leveraging the use of technology in business to improve performance. Most recently Amanda has been the Board Chairman of TEDxABQ, founder and co-curator of the TEDxABQ “Future of Healthcare” salon series, Advocacy Chair of the NM Chapter of Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, as well founder and mentor of Global Shapers New Mexico for the World Economic Forum.



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Ed Grogan serves as Senior Director of Information Technology for Sibley Memorial Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine, in Washington D.C. In this role, he has oversight of Sibley’s technology portfolio and services, interacts with various Innovation Centers throughout the Johns Hopkins enterprise, and collaborates with colleagues on enterprise initiatives. Ed has been involved with HIMMS for twenty years and currently serves on the Board of the Maryland Chapter of HIMSS and as Chair of the Advocacy Committee. His interest is engaging in public policy advocacy at the state and federal levels for the adoption of health information technology to drive care transformation to improve quality, patient safety and engagement, and value. He also currently serves on the Technical Advisory Board for the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), the health information exchange serving Maryland, D.C., and surrounding jurisdictions. He previously helped to establish Maryland eCare for the provision of telemedicine services in the state.



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Jim Kamp is a Manager of Client Relationships and Business Development at Altarum Institute, a Michigan-based nonprofit focused on improving the health of vulnerable populations. In his role, Jim assists Altarum’s Center for Connected Health in helping clients plan for and implement interoperability goals based on policy and legislative updates. Prior to joining Altarum in 2018, Jim spent six years in operations and business development positions helping a small healthcare analytics company grow its military health portfolio. Before moving into healthcare, Jim spent over twenty years in reference database publishing in a variety of editorial and technology program management roles, including serving as Vice President of Program

Management for Gale Research and Cengage Learning until 2011. Jim is a recovering English major who earned degrees from Oakland University and Wayne State University before wising up and getting his MBA from Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in 2002.



***Nasim Rezanejad – Vice Chair, Southern Region; Houston, Texas Chapter***

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Dr. Rezanejad is currently working with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston as the Physician Engagement Analyst utilizing her medical and technical background as a liaison between the physicians and the Epic group in developing milestones, mapping and delivering information for the Epic implementation in 153 ambulatory clinics and the Harris County Psychiatric Center. She is involved in evaluating, diagnosing, supporting and resolving of problems reported by physicians during implementations, upgrades and optimizations. Since 2017 Dr. Rezanejad has been certified in EpicCare Ambulatory through the Houston Methodist Hospital, where she worked as an Application Analyst on Epic Go-Live projects for the ambulatory clinics; through documentation, implementation, end user training and optimizations with the Physician Initiative team. She has worked with several startup companies as a Clinical Data Analyst consultant in medical informatics, data analysis, developing data modeling, data analytics in research, creating clinical data sets for different specialties and writing protocols.

Dr. Rezanejad has been a member of Houston HIMSS since 2013. Her core focus has been creating state health policy roadmaps to support health information technology initiatives and communicating with her colleagues and other leaders in advocacy to influence state legislation, policies and regulatory issues. Dr. Rezanejad was chosen to represent “Calling All the Changemakers - Be Part of What’s Next for Health” for HIMSS20 Global Health Conference.