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MHEGA President's Message

by

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MHEGA to implement ACHE combined membership structure

This year brings great changes to MHEGA – changes that could make us stronger and more effective as an organization.

As you may have heard, the ACHE Board of Governors has called for a completely unified ACHE/Chapter membership structure. Under this structure, all ACHE Affiliates will automatically be members of the local chapter members. At the same time, local chapters will no longer have the option to have members who are not ACHE Affiliates, although MHEGA programs and events will continue to be available to affiliates of our organization.

At its meeting earlier this month, the MHEGA Board authorized me to enter into a new ACHE Chapter Agreement to implement the combined membership structure. The new structure offers an opportunity for us to become a more unified group while making membership more attractive by enabling MHEGA and ACHE to more closely partner to promote healthcare leadership. At our annual membership meeting on November 14, we will be asking the membership to approve changes to MHEGA's Bylaws to comply with the new Chapter Agreement. If in the meantime you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Also, I would like to recognize MHEGA members Bill Scheuber and Jim Fitzgerald. Both were presented with the ACHE Regents Award for Senior Executives at the MHA Annual Meeting on Mackinac Island recently. Congratulations on your accomplishment and for representing MHEGA!

My thanks to all MHEGA members for your continued support of our educational programs and committee work. We'll look forward to seeing you at our Membership Meeting and Golf Outing this year!

New ACHE Regent to be elected

On another note, ACHE has determined that beginning January 1, 2008, Michigan will have only one ACHE Regent. The terms for both Mike Slubowski, who has been MHEGA's board chair and Regent for Eastern Michigan, and Tom Lemon, Regent for Western Michigan, end on December 31.

At its September 7 meeting, the MHEGA Board had a full discussion of the change in ACHE Regent structure, moving to a single Regent for Michigan. The discussion affirmed the importance of nominating and electing a new Regent with a history of leadership within MHEGA and demonstrated support for our Chapter. The Board asked the Executive Committee to identify a candidate who meets the above criteria and is willing to take on this leadership position within ACHE.

Based on that request, the Executive Committee felt that Joe Tasse would make an ideal candidate for Michigan Regent, and Joe has agreed to run for that position. As you all know, Joe is the Past-President of MHEGA, serves on the Executive Committee/RAC and is the President of St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. Joe was last year's recipient of the ACHE Regent's Award and is well-known and respected among healthcare executives in Southeast Michigan.

Mike Slubowski and I, along with your officers and Executive Committee, urge those of you who are ACHE Affiliates to support Joe's candidacy for Michigan Regent. The ballots will go out around October 1.

HOT NEWS:

Hit the links September 28 with MHEGA!

Fall is almost here, so you won't have many more chances to drive, chip and putt away your day. Now, MHEGA offers a great opportunity to get away for some learning and links.

That's right, there's still time to join the 6th Annual MHEGA Fall Meeting and Golf Outing on Friday, September 28. Once again this year, we'll be at the beautiful St. John Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

The day begins with breakfast and our special guest Dave Finkbeiner, Senior Director, Legislative Issues for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHS), with an in-depth presentation, "Michigan Healthcare: Political Update and Outlook." Dave takes a look at the

issues that affect current decision-making including healthcare financing, legislative and regulatory challenges, and the upcoming elections.

If you haven't registered yet, call today to reserve your spot. This important MHEGA event is packed with education and information – not to mention a great time on this beautiful course! The format is scramble, so beginners and even non-golfers can enjoy the fun.

To register, email Deb Ellis at mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com today. Don't miss it!

Is your company a Golf Outing sponsor yet?

We appreciate the generous companies and individuals who are sponsoring MHEGA's 6th Annual Fall Meeting and Golf Outing on September 28. And if your firm hasn't yet signed up, there's still time to participate!

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the 2007 sponsors already committed as of September 8:

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Consider supporting this year's MHEGA Fall Meeting and Golf Outing. Email Deb Ellis at mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com to make sure your firm is represented as a sponsor.

LOCAL NEWS

MHEGA plans Oct. 25 credentialing Advancement Session

The ACHE Board of Governors has revised the credential system and approved combining the Diplomate and Fellow credential into a single FACHE credential, effective Jan. 1, 2007.

Remember, passing the Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management remains a key standard for becoming board certified and earning the FACHE credential.

Learn more about advancing to the Fellow level by attending an Advancement Session sponsored by MHEGA on Thursday, Oct. 25. The two-hour program begins at 1 p.m. at Henry Ford Health System, 1 Ford Place in Detroit. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.

The session will focus primarily on The Board of Governors' Exam but will also address the additional criteria for advancement including:

- Requirements related to academic preparation
- Tenure as an ACHE member
- Experience in healthcare management
- Continuing education
- References
- Professional and community/civic involvement

The program cost is \$20. Register early to ensure printed materials are available.

Advancing to Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives demonstrates your professional and personal commitment to leadership and management excellence. Take this important first step by joining the Oct. 25 Advancement Session.

Email Deb Ellis at mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com today to register, or contact Ellie Heinrich, FACHE, at 313-640-9940 or by email ellie@heinrichsearch.com for more information.

Welcome to our new members!

The last few months has seen tremendous growth in MHEGA membership! Please be sure to welcome our newest members:

Denise Allar, Henry Ford Hospital

Apryl Brown, Detroit Medical Reserve Corps.

Anny Cao, Foote Health System

Michael DiSalvo, Trane

Jessica L. Dixon, MHSA, Administrative Fellow, Corporate Administration, St. John Health

Karen Emler, Detroit Medical Center

Dr. Mary Jo Ference, Detroit Medical Center

Amanda First, Henry Ford Health System

Toni Grant, Detroit Medical Center

Carmen Holcomb, Graduate Student, Siena Heights University

Alex Kerns, William Beaumont Hospital, Troy

Jamie Kittle, William Beaumont Hospital

Elihu Ledesma, Forest Health Services

David Livingston, Trinity Health

Cheryl Lloyd, William Beaumont Hospital

Georgia Mattingly, RN, Detroit Medical Center – Sinai Grace

Quentin Moore, Trinity Health

Arnettie Morton, DMC – Harper Hutzell Hospital

Laura L. Napiewocki, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman

Lisa Ovenden, TalentTrack

Brian Peltz, Rx Specialties, Inc.

Nancy Puskorius, Student

Juanita Reid, DMC – Detroit Receiving Hospital

Chris Saltz, AQUIS

Gregory Schultz, Schultz & Rowley, Inc.

Suzanne Songer, Eastern Michigan University

Renuka Sundaresan, University of Michigan

Dave Tear, Imperial Marketing, Inc.

Patrick Tierney, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital

Marie Webber, William Beaumont Hospital

Robert Whitty, Henry Ford Health System

Rebecca Wozniak, Detroit Medical Center – Sinai Grace

Rowchelle Yates, Detroit Medical Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 14:
“Moral and Cultural Leadership in a Changing Society”
Joe Swedish
6 p.m., Embassy Suites**

As President and CEO of Trinity Health, Joe Swedish brings both a local and unique approach to the current moral and cultural leadership issues faced by healthcare executives.

Joe joined Trinity Health, the nation’s third-largest Catholic health system, in January 2005 as President and CEO. Before this, he served as President and CEO of Centura Health, the largest health care provider in Colorado. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has served on the boards of the Colorado Hospital Association as its Chairman, American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board - Region 8, Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council, the Public Education and Business Coalition as its Chairman, Metro Denver Boy Scouts, Colorado Forum, and Colorado Concern.

Joe was awarded the University Medal by the Board of Regents for the University of Colorado. In addition, he was recognized as the 2003 E & Y Entrepreneur of the Year – Rocky Mountain Region and recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives Colorado Career Achievement Award.

Don't miss this excellent presentation, and if you're not a member of MHEGA, take advantage of the special member price by joining today.

Please email your registration form to
mihealthcarexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com
or fax to the MHEGA office at 586 218-4443.

If you have registration questions, please call (586) 218-4442.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Job Board available

Need a solid healthcare professional for an opening within your organization? Looking for a new career challenge within healthcare? Start your search at no charge on the MHEGA Job Board.

Submit your open positions by the 25th of each month to Michelle Whittaker-McCracken, CPC, SPHR, managing healthcare partner with The Whittaker Group in Birmingham. Job openings will be listed on the website (<http://mhega.ache.org>) and also sent directly to MHEGA members as part of the monthly email broadcast.

Contact Michelle at mwhittaker@wgsearch.com or (248) 489-3900. Resubmit your open positions each month, even if they were previously listed, to ensure the job listing is both accurate and updated.

2007 Committees – Your Chance to Get Involved

You've joined MHEGA, the first step toward a commitment to networking and professional involvement. Now, ready to make a difference? Consider supporting MHEGA with your time and talent. It's easy. Just contact one of the officers and committee chairs below and ask about the many opportunities to get involved within MHEGA.

Officers:

Robert Yellan, President 2006-2007
President, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Gene Michalski, President-Elect 2008-2009
Executive Vice President & COO, Beaumont Hospitals

Stanley D. Sleight, Treasurer/Secretary 2007
Partner, Accenture

Joe Tasse, Past President, 2003-2005
President, St. John Macomb Hospital

Committee & Chairs:

Bylaws Committee
Don Potter, Consultant

Career Development Committee
Ellie Heinrich, President, Heinrich, Casey & Associates

Communications Committee
Leslie Fleming, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Golf Committee
John Green, President, The Aegis Group, Search Consultants

Membership Committee
John Green, President, The Aegis Group, Search Consultants

Nominating Committee
Robert Yellan, President, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Program Committee
William Scheuber, Admin. Prof./Support Services, Botsford General Hospital

Student Activities Committee
Mary O'Shaughnessey, Asst. Prof.; Proj. Dir. for the Greater Detroit Area Partnership for Training University of Detroit-Mercy

Regent:

Regent & Chair of MHEGA 2006
Mike Slubowski, President Hospital & Health Networks, Trinity Health

About MHEGA

MHEGA provides a local forum for the open exchange of information and viewpoints. In doing so, we help enhance the decision-making expertise and professional growth of the professionals with major responsibility for healthcare management in southeastern Michigan – all while promoting the mission of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). To contact MHEGA:

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