



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Gene Michalski, Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer, Beaumont Hospital*

MHEGA's 2008 annual meeting will include an important new element – the discussion and hopefully ratification of a strategic plan. Our board believes this is an important step in solidifying MHEGA's purpose and value to our members.

A fundamental aspect of MHEGA's mission is education and career development on several levels. First, we work with and encourage a local chapter of health administration students, recognizing their special achievements with service and scholarship awards. In addition, each year, our chapter holds a very successful Job Shadow Day, a great chance for students to observe "a day in the life" of a healthcare administrator. Students are also invited to educational programs without a charge. They learn much and our members gain insights into the issues of concern to students – the future health care administrators.

For our professional members, education and career development events include topical presentations at regular

meetings, seminars, and continuous and varied learning opportunities. Educational materials, such as current articles and books, are available online through ACHE. The ACHE Fellowship Program enables health care executives at various stages of their careers to gain comprehensive expertise and professional recognition.

Healthcare administration is constantly evolving and we must stay up to date, whether we are just beginning in the field or have many years of experience.

MHEGA is here to help all of us increase our knowledge and skills – the foundation of career enhancement. I hope to see all of you at our September annual meeting – a time to review MHEGA's future plans and reconnect with friends and colleagues.

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## MHEGA's Annual Meeting and Golf Outing Are Set for September 26

MHEGA's 2008 Annual Meeting and Golf Outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 26 at St. John Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. This 7th annual event provides a great opportunity to network with fellow healthcare colleagues and raise funds for MHEGA scholarship and educational programs. Students are welcome at no charge.

Dave Finkbeiner, senior director, Legislative Issues, Michigan Health and Hospital Association, will present

*Michigan Healthcare: Political Update and Outlook*, an update on healthcare financing, legislative and regulatory challenges, and the upcoming elections. In addition, MHEGA's ACHE Service Award recipients will be announced.

Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by the meeting and guest speaker at 8 a.m. The Shotgun Start begins at 10:00 a.m. and all skill levels are welcome. A post-golf reception will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Registration and sponsorship forms are available on MHEGA's website at <http://mhega.ache.org> or by email, [mihealthcarexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mihealthcarexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com).

Current sponsors include: Accenture, Alliance Mobile Health, Hall Render, HHA Services, Klochko Equipment Rental Company (Mobile Medical Logistics Division), MedImage, Inc., MPRO and St. John Health; Beaumont and Botsford are print sponsors.

## Regent's Message

I'm happy to announce the 2008 Regent's Awards for excellence in healthcare, presented on June 26th as part of the MHA Annual Membership Meeting on Mackinac Island.

We had a number of very qualified nominees this year and the three who received the awards were:

### Early Career Health Executive Award:

Denise Brooks-Williams, Vice President, Operations,  
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital

### Senior Healthcare Executive Award:

Michael A. Slubowski, FACHE  
President, Hospital & Health Networks, Trinity Health

### Senior Healthcare Executive Award:

Regional Medical Center

Special thanks to the Regent's Advisory Council in identifying candidates and, in particular, to a subgroup that helped in the final selection process: Tina Freese-Decker, Dave Seaman and Gene Michalski.

Also, at the Annual State ACHE Membership Meeting and Breakfast on Mackinac on June 26th, Dr. Patricia Maryland delivered an address on "Hospital Transformation and Turnarounds" – a timely topic. Dr. Maryland is the new President and CEO of St. John Health and the Michigan Market Ministry Leader for Ascension Health. Tara Levin, our ACHE regional services director, also attended the meeting and interacted with several Michigan ACHE members.

As the fall approaches, I will be working with the RAC to plan visits to the graduate health administration programs in our region. I visited Eastern Michigan University students before the summer break. If any of you are interested in visiting a school to speak about the healthcare profession and ACHE, just let me know.

If you know of ACHE members who have received an award or recognition, ACHE's Healthcare Executive will publish the honor. Please pass along the information directly to Marilyn Mages, editor-in-chief, fax 312-424-0023. Best wishes for the remainder of the summer.

**Joe Tasse, FACHE Regent  
for Michigan and NW Ohio**



We welcome two new board members from Ohio: **Kimberly H. Bordenkircher**, B.S.N., M.B.A., and **Kevin C. Webb**, Ph.D., FACHE. Bordenkircher is chief executive officer of Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio. Webb is president of The Toledo Hospital and interim president of Toledo Children's Hospital. We welcome them to MHEGA's leadership team.

### Chapter Survey

The MHEGA chapter survey has been postponed until the new chapter name and logo are finalized. Watch for details in a future issue.

## MHEGA Members Will Receive Service Awards at Annual Meeting

Are you wondering which MHEGA members will receive ACHE's new national service awards? You can find out during MHEGA's annual meeting on Friday morning, September 26.

All active ACHE affiliates are eligible for the national ACHE Recognition Program, which has three levels:

- **Exemplary Service Award** – 125 points
- **Distinguished Service Award** – 75 points
- **Service Award** – 30 points

Members can earn points toward an award for a wide range of local and national activities – from writing a journal article to service in the Leadership Mentoring Network or on a MHEGA committee. Details are available on the ACHE website, [www.ache.org](http://www.ache.org).

The recently revised ACHE Recognition Program encourages affiliates to become active locally and nationally. The activities which are eligible for service award points help members' career development and advance both MHEGA and ACHE.

MHEGA's service award winners will receive one of three pins, designating their award level. The next MHEGA newsletter will list these honored individuals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 26, 2008**

***Annual Golf Outing and Membership Meeting***  
St. John Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth

MHEGA's 7th Annual Meeting and Golf Outing will feature David Finkbeiner, MHA, who will provide a legislative update, and the presentation of ACHE service awards to MHEGA members. Members interested in serving on the golf planning committee and those interested in sponsorships should contact John Green at [jgreen@aegis-sgroup.com](mailto:jgreen@aegis-sgroup.com) or (248) 344-1450.

**October 10, 2008**

***Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change***  
MSU University Club, Lansing, Michigan

Seminar leader: Carson F. Dye, FACHE  
Attendees will receive six Category I ACHE credits.  
Register online by Sept. 19 for a discounted fee.

**November, 2008**

***CAT I program: Future of Healthcare Financing***  
Holiday Inn, Southgate

Panelists: Doug Welday, CFO, Oakwood Healthcare  
Pat Murtha, president and CEO,  
St. Joseph's Hospital, Tawas City

Watch for more information.

**February 19, 2009**

***Executive Insight Series***

Presenter: Brian Connolly  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Oakwood Health System

## Students Receive Awards & Scholarships

One aspect of MHEGA's mission is to foster student interest in health care administration. This is accomplished through assistance to a student chapter at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and through annual service and scholarship awards to health service administration students.

The 2008 service awards were presented in April to three UDM students for their work on behalf of the student chapter. They include graduate student Kelly Brown (pictured below) and undergraduates Megan Doyle and Jennifer Butler.

Wallace Brown Scholarships were awarded to Ismail N. Haydin, a graduate student, for \$1,000, and to undergraduates Nicole Andras and George Aebari, \$500 each. The scholarship are funded in part by the MHEGA Golf Outing – another reason to participate in the September 26th event.



**Kelly Brown**



**Nicole Andras**



**George Aebari**

### About Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates (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 a major responsibility for healthcare management in southeastern Michigan – all while promoting the mission of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

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