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Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates

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## **MHEGA President's Message**

by

*Robert Yellan*

*President, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital*

### **“Parting Shots”**

For the past two years, I have been honored to serve as president of MHEGA. That role has been made easier by the support from the other officers, the Board and the committees of the chapter. Those individuals have made a true commitment of their time and energy to make MHEGA the vibrant membership organization that it is today.

These two years have been ones of challenge and accomplishment. Let me mention just a few:

Our relationship with ACHE has taken a number of twists and turns – first with ACHE's proposed Chapter Choice Model, followed by the Combined Membership Structure. With the implementation of the Combined Membership Structure, the membership (and dues) of ACHE and MHEGA will be unified – ACHE membership in our area will determine MHEGA membership. No local chapter dues will be required.

As a result of the new structure, MHEGA successfully entered into a new Chapter Agreement with ACHE and, at our Annual Membership meeting last month, approved new chapter Bylaws.

We successfully “recruited” Stan Sleight to succeed Don McKay as our Treasurer/Secretary. For the first time in a long time, an independent financial review was conducted, which gave the board confidence that our financial statements accurately reflected our financial position.

Through our fundraising and event fee structure, we strengthened the financial position of MHEGA. This will serve us well as we expand our services to meet the needs of a growing membership base.

I also want to thank Mike Slubowski, who, as our ACHE Regent for the past three years, also has served as the chair of the MHEGA board. Mike's service as Regent will end in March 2008. He has been a dedicated supporter of MHEGA and ACHE and we have all benefited from his guidance and wisdom.

As I pass the baton to Gene Michalski, let me thank all of the membership and associates of MHEGA for the opportunity to preside and the pleasure of serving with you.

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## **Joe Tasse elected ACHE Regent**

We are pleased to announce that Joe Tasse has been elected ACHE Regent for the State of Michigan.

As you know, ACHE determined that Michigan would have only one ACHE Regent beginning in 2008. The terms for both Mike Slubowski, who has been MHEGA's board chair and Regent for Eastern Michigan, and Tom Lemon, Western Michigan Regent, end in March, 2008.

With his history of leadership within MHEGA and demonstrated support for our Chapter, Joe certainly surpasses the criteria for Regent. He is the Past-President of MHEGA, serves on the Executive Committee/RAC and is the President of St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. In addition, Joe was last year's recipient of the ACHE Regent's Award. He is well-known and respected among healthcare executives in Southeast Michigan, and we are pleased to welcome him as the new ACHE Regent.

*If you are not a current ACHE affiliate, we encourage you to join by visiting [ache.org](http://ache.org).*

## **Unified MHEGA, ACHE memberships takes effect January 1, 2008**

Effective January 1, 2008, all ACHE affiliates located within MHEGA's assigned geographic territory are automatically members of the chapter as a benefit of being an ACHE affiliate. Only ACHE affiliates are eligible to hold membership in the chapter and your ACHE dues will cover both the national membership and local chapter.

If you are not a current ACHE affiliate, we encourage you to join by visiting [ache.org](http://ache.org). Non-members are welcome to attend chapter events. If you would like to be added to the chapter's non-member mailing list to be notified of future programs and events, please send an email to [mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com).

## **Meet Stan Sleight, MHEGA treasurer/secretary**

Earlier this year, Stan Sleight graciously accepted the role of treasurer/secretary for MHEGA. We appreciate Stan's commitment to the chapter, so take just a moment to get acquainted.

Stan serves as Senior Executive in Accenture's Healthcare Consulting services for Michigan and Ohio. He has more than 30 years of consulting experience with hospitals and other healthcare organizations, including the healthcare practices of Ernst & Young, Capgemini and Accenture. Stan became a partner in 1986 and has led healthcare consulting engagements including acquisitions, valuations, mergers, joint ventures, new business planning, rate setting, revenue cycle improvement, capital financing, and negotiations with payers and providers.

An active community member, Stan serves on the board of the Southeast Michigan American Red Cross as well as serving as past chapter president and member of several committees for the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA).

He and his wife, Nancy, have two adult sons, Steve and Jonathan. Please give a warm welcome to MHEGA's new treasurer/secretary, Stan Sleight.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***Thursday, February 21:***

***“Re-Inventing Customer Service in Healthcare”***

***Embassy Suites, Southfield***

Join MHEGA on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at the Embassy Suites, Southfield, for the educational session, “Re-inventing Customer Service in Healthcare.” Category I credit will be awarded.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. The Embassy Suites is located at 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield (visit [www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com) for a map). Serving as panelists for this important program are:

Moderator:

**Rob Casalou**, President, Providence Park Hospital

Panel Guests:

**Gerard VanGrinsven**, President, Henry Ford-West Bloomfield  
**Ann Lofgren**, Zingtrain Consulting

***April 2008 (date/location to be announced):***

***“Providing Healthcare in a Non-CON Environment”***

Join Patricia Maryland, Dr.P.H., President and CEO of St. John Health, for this interesting look at how to provide healthcare in today's challenging, non-CON environment. Watch the MHEGA newsletter or the website for more details.

***Thursday, May 1:***

***“Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change”***

***University Club, Lansing***

Carson Dye, FACHE, will present this exciting program, “Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change.” Category I credits will be awarded during this ACHE on-location program, co-hosted with the Great Lakes Chapter (Grand Rapids). The program will take place at the University Club, 3425 Forest Road, Lansing.

Please email your registration form or questions to

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or fax to the MHEGA office at (586) 218-4443

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

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

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### **Job Shadow planned for Feb. 4-8**

Groundhog Day is right around the corner, and so is the 2008 MHEGA Shadow Day. This year's event will be spread across an entire week, February 4-8, to allow more executives to participate.

Thirty graduate students in health services administration have already signed up for the annual event, representing Sienna Heights University, University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan. Now, we're looking for MHEGA executives to volunteer to be matched with the students for a day.

The event is ideal for executives ranging from directors to presidents. It's a tremendous opportunity to expose these hard-working students to life in the health care management arena.

If you or someone on your staff would like to volunteer, please email Deb Ellis at [mihealthcarexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mihealthcarexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com).

### **Credentialing Advancement Session a success; Another session planned for spring 2008**

More than a dozen MHEGA turned out for a successful Credentialing Advancement Session in October, reports Ellie Heinrich, chair of the Career Development Committee.

"The college is currently revising the Board of Governor's exam, and questions will be added next summer, so this is an opportune time to take the exam," she says.

The advancement session focused primarily on the Board of Governors' exam while addressing additional criteria including requirements related to academic preparation; tenure as an ACHE member; experience in healthcare management; continuing education; references; and professional and community/civic involvement.

"The advancement session provided a good review of the exam and our members showed great interest, asking a lot of questions," she adds. "The session went very well."

The ACHE Board of Governors revised the credential system and approved combining the Diplomate and Fellow credential into a single FACHE credential, effective Jan. 1, 2007. Passing the Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management remains a key standard for becoming board certified and earning the FACHE credential.

Advancing to Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives also demonstrates your professional and personal commitment to leadership and management excellence.

MHEGA will offer another advancement session in spring 2008. Details will follow in upcoming issues of the newsletter. You may also contact Ellie Heinrich, FACHE, at (313) 640-9940 or by email [ellie@heinrichsearch.com](mailto:ellie@heinrichsearch.com) for more information.

## ***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.

Just submit your open positions by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to Deb Ellis. 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.

Email Deb Ellis at [mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mihealthcareexecgroupandassoc@gmail.com) and be sure to resubmit your open positions each month, even if they were previously listed, to ensure the job listing is both accurate and updated.

### **MHEGA Committees – Your chance to get involved!**

Ready to make a difference? Support MHEGA with your time and talent! Just contact one of the officers and committee chairs below and ask about the many opportunities to get involved within MHEGA.

#### **Officers for 2008-09**

Gene Michalski, President

Executive Vice President & COO, Beaumont Hospitals

Bill Scheuber, President-Elect

VP Operations, Admin. Prof./Support Services Botsford Hospital

Stan Sleight, Treasurer/Secretary

Sr. Executive, Accenture's Healthcare Consulting Services

Robert Yellan, Past President

President, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Communications Committee

Marie Baloga, Director Public Relations, Beaumont Hospitals

Golf Committee

John Green, President, Aegis Group, Search Consultants

Membership Committee

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Nominating Committee

Gene Michalski, Executive Vice President & COO, Beaumont Hospitals

Program Committee

Brian Madison, Vice President, HC Solutions

Student Activities Committee

Mary O'Shaughnessy, Chair, Asst. Professor, Health Services

Administration, University of Detroit - Mercy

#### **Committee & Chairs**

Bylaws Committee

Don Potter, Consultant

Career Development Committee

Ellie Heinrich, President, Heinrich Casey & Associates

### **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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