



Great Lakes Chapter
of the American College of
Healthcare Executives

President's Report

An important ACHE vote is coming up!

In Michigan, believe it or not, we have another opportunity to vote besides the November 2 election. **From September 24 through October 15 we can cast a vote for the ACHE Regent to represent Michigan.** If you've ever thought it doesn't really matter to vote, ask Michigan Republican Senator Jason Allen from the Traverse City area. The night of the recent primary election, it looked like he had lost by one vote. Turns out that Republican Dr. Dan Benishek won that race by just 15 votes. Yes, votes do matter.

This fall, **Tina Freese**, one of our Great Lakes ACHE Past Presidents, is running for ACHE Regent. Here's why I encourage you to make your vote matter by voting for Tina:

Tina is currently Vice President for Strategic Planning and Development and the Executive Director for the Regional Network at Spectrum Health. She represents a large health system known for delivering high quality services. During Tina's tenure as our Great Lakes Chapter President we enjoyed many successes such as the Chapter Merit Award and we won a grant to expand our membership reach.

When we see these achievements, the work behind the scenes is often not highlighted. Truth be told, Tina involved the board members and wrote a strategic plan for the chapter. She skillfully executed our shared vision – the strategic plan. This is one small example of how she demonstrated leadership. Those who have worked with Tina can attest to their own experience. Also, we often work collaboratively with other chapters. For example, she reached out to our neighboring chapter, MHEGA (Midwest Healthcare Executive Group and Associates) and shared our plan. They used it as a template for their strategic plan. Tina has represented our Chapter well, and I know she will represent our region equally as well. Please consider voting for Tina Freese for ACHE Regent any time between September 24 and October 15. The ballot will be sent via e-mail and you can vote electronically or complete the ballot and send back to us by fax.

Don't miss our annual meeting on **Wednesday, October 13 at the University Club, MSU in Lansing.** We have a dynamite panel lined up to discuss the upcoming November election. I'm certain we'll all discover something new from their insights.

Mary Kay VanDriel
GLACHE President
President, Value Health Partners

History

- The Great Lakes Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives exists to provide educational and networking opportunities for healthcare leaders in Western, Northern and Central Michigan.
- The Great Lakes Chapter was historically known as the West Michigan Healthcare Executives Group (WMHEG), which was established in 1988, with approximately 50 members. In March 2004, WMHEG was revitalized as a chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), based in Chicago. Also in 2004, ACHE affiliates in the Central and Northern portions of Michigan agreed to combine efforts as The Great Lakes Chapter.

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Regent's Report



Dear Michigan and Northwest Ohio ACHE Members:

Op-ed

We work in perhaps the only industry for which consumer demand remains insatiable. Payment for the services we provide is another story. Yet, it is clear that the current trend in healthcare expenditures is not sustainable. This is where healthcare reform comes in, and as we continue to prepare for it, we know that the structure and level of payments for healthcare will change and payors will have a much more active role in the purchasing process. We also know that we have a mission of healing and caring for others every day and the cost of doing this has been high in spite of our continuing efforts at increased efficiency, quality improvement and cost reduction. So, I encourage all ACHE members to stay focused on your mission while supporting efforts toward positive change, both in the way we deliver healthcare and the way it gets paid.

Regent's Awards 2010

I was pleased to be able to recognize our 2010 awardees at the June MHA meeting on Mackinac Island along with Major General David A. Rubenstein. A podcast link to our chapter websites of MG Rubenstein's talk at this event will be available soon.

Congratulations to the following 2010 Regent's Award winners:

- Marie Baloga, FACHE
- Mason Dixon, FACHE
- John Fick, EdD, FACHE
- Gene Michalski, FACHE
- Andrea Price, FACHE

ACHE Fall Chapter Leaders' Conference

On September 20 – 21, I will attend the Chapter Leaders' Conference along with some of our GLACHE and MHEGA chapter leaders and will participate as a panelist for a Regents' session on "Forward Thinking Boards". This will be a pleasure, since our chapter boards have led the way in recent years with innovation, engagement with students, and continuing education and networking for membership.

ACHE Higher Education Network

I will be visiting our HEN university programs in healthcare administration this fall. These are programs at the graduate and/or undergraduate level that are accredited by a body recognized by ACHE and that encourage student membership and involvement with ACHE. Our Chapters now include the following seven university programs in Healthcare Administration that are part of our network:

"The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority."

Kenneth Blanchard

Regent's Report Continued...

Central Michigan University
Easter Michigan University
Oakland University
Siena Heights University
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
University of Michigan -- Flint

New Regent to be Elected: September 24 – October 15

My triennial term as Regent will conclude next March and the election for a new Regent will commence soon. We have excellent candidates and I ask that you review their statements of interest when they are posted on the ACHE website later this month and then vote during the election time-frame.

Have a Great Fall Season

The good news is that our outdoor colors will begin changing and usher in what is many people's favorite season. Take some time to enjoy it this year. We certainly need to pause, reflect and enjoy Life, and what better time than during the fall season.

Best regards,

**Joseph M. Tasse, FACHE
Regent for Michigan and NW Ohio
President, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital**

Education Report

The Great Lakes Chapter of ACHE is hosting 2 education sessions in October. For further details and to register please visit, <http://greatlakes.ache.org/x14.xml>.

October 7th - Advancement to Fellow

Interested in advancing to Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives? GLACHE is offering an Advancement Information Session on Thursday, October 7, 2010. This session will start @ 1:00 pm.

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

The session will discuss the Board of Governor's Exam as well as address the additional criteria for advancement including requirements related to academic preparation, tenure as an ACHE Member, experience in health-care management, continuing education, references, and professional and community/civic involvement.



**“Men make history,
and not the other way
around. In periods
where there is no
leadership, society
stands still. Progress
occurs when
courageous, skillful
leaders seize the
opportunity to change
things for the better.”**

Harry Truman



Education Report

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

The session will be presented by:

Ellie Heinrich, FACHE
President, Heinrich, Casey & Associates

John W. Fick, EdD, FACHE
Siena Heights University

Location:

Coaches Corner – Michigan Athletic Club
2900 Hannah Boulevard
Lansing, MI 48823

Fee: \$20.

October 13th – HealthCare Reform (Up to 3 Category 1 credits)

On Wednesday, October 13, in Lansing the Great Lakes Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives is hosting a presentation focused on healthcare reform. We'll be discussing the anticipated impact of healthcare reform on organizations in Michigan and what the upcoming November elections may mean to legislation.

GLACHE will also be hosting a networking breakfast (8:00am - 9:00am) and their annual meeting (9:00am -9:30am) prior to the Healthcare Reform presentation. There is no cost to attend the Breakfast Networking and Annual Board Meeting but you must indicate on the registration site that you'll be attending.

Location:

University Club - Michigan State University
3435 Forest Road
Lansing, MI 48910

Time: 9:30am -11:30am

Fee: Students \$5, Members \$10, Non-Members \$15.

Education ideas for 2011

The Education Committee of the GLACHE is always looking for new ideas for educational sessions that we can bring to the Healthcare leaders in Michigan. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email Scott Newell at scott.newell@spectrum-health.org.

Scott Newell
Education Chair

“Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones who deliver more than they promise, not the ones who promise more than they can deliver.”

Mark Clement

ACHE's 2010 Premier Corporate Partners

ACHE's Twelve 2009 Premier Corporate Partners Recommit in 2010
 ACHE would like to recognize our 2010 Premier Corporate Partners, whose year-round support helps ACHE further its mission and adds value to our membership. Our Premier Corporate Partners demonstrate their ongoing commitment to ACHE and its affiliates in various ways, including providing financial resources, hosting networking events and offering educational opportunities. We are proud to recognize the following twelve 2010 ACHE Premier Corporate Partners and appreciate their continuing support (see left side panel).



Become a Valued Sponsor

Your organization can support GLACHE by becoming a sponsor, giving you exposure to 100's of healthcare professionals. Your contribution helps to offset meeting costs and enables GLACHE to provide programs that enhance the professional development of healthcare executives. Several sponsorship categories are available and all donations are tax-deductible. For more details, please contact Dave DeSimone, FACHE, Chapter Vice President at davidde@mclaren.org or call (810) 342-4281. We would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support!



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Join our GLACHE LinkedIn group!

We will be using this group to communicate on upcoming educational seminars and other networking opportunities.





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Be the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

ACHE Mission Statement:

To advance our members and healthcare management excellence.

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**“Ability is what you're capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do. Attitude
determines how well you do it.”**

- Lou Holtz



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