



## Great Lakes Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives

### 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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## President's Report

Welcome to the local ACHE chapter, Great Lakes. As of January 1, 2008, all members of ACHE living in the geographical area of the Great Lakes Chapter are automatically recognized as members of the local chapter. This brings our total membership to almost 500 people. The Great Lakes chapter serves 75 counties in Michigan, from the Indiana border to the Upper Peninsula, from Lake Michigan to the border counties of Detroit. As a volunteer board, we look forward to working with you to continue the mission and vision of ACHE at the local level.

We have electronically distributed a survey to you so that we can evaluate the services provided. Our goal is to meet your membership needs locally. We have a number of new education sessions planned for this year. We hope to see you at some of these events.

**Tina Freese, FACHE**  
Great Lakes Chapter President

## 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](mailto:davidde@mclaren.org) or call (810) 342-4281. We would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support!





**“Leadership is the special quality which enables people to stand up and pull the rest of us over the horizon.”**

**James L. Fisher**

## Education

The GLACHE calendar has many exciting opportunities. An email announcement with registration information will be distributed about 6 weeks in advance of the event.

### **Mar 28 Service Line Development**

11:00 - 12:30pm

Sparrow Hospital

1.5 Category I

Bronze Sponsor: Sparrow Health System

### **Apr 17 Annual Dinner: Community Benefits Reporting, Charity Care and Tax-Exempt Status Impact on Health Care Organizations**

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

MSU University Club

1.5 Category I

Bronze Sponsor: Sparrow Health System

### **May 1 Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

MSU University Club

6 Category I

Bronze Sponsor: GLACHE, MHEGA, HC Solutions

- The May 1 date is a collaborative event with our friends at the MHEGA chapter. This day event provides a fairly inexpensive way to obtain 6 credits with your colleagues. Join us!

### **Mary Kay Kempker-VanDriel EdD, RN Education Chair**

## National News

### **Don't Miss ACHE's Congress on Healthcare Leadership**

Join us in Chicago for the Congress on Healthcare Leadership, as ACHE continues its tradition of providing an unparalleled professional development event. The March 10–13 program offers sessions on the hottest topics, access to the top leaders in the field and opportunities to meet and learn from colleagues—while offering cutting-edge information and innovative strategies to overcome your greatest managerial challenges. If you are looking for ways to improve quality, increase operational efficiency and strengthen physician relations, Congress is for you.

Congress will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Access the Congress brochure and online registration at [ache.org](http://ache.org). If you need to request a printed copy of the Congress brochure, contact the Division of Education at (312) 424-9300.

## National News Continued...

### ACHE Call for Nominations for the 2009 Slate

ACHE's 2008-2009 Nominating Committee is calling for applications to serve for 2009. All affiliates are encouraged to participate in the nominating process. ACHE Fellows are eligible for any of the Governor and Chairman-Elect vacancies and for the Nominating Committee and Regent-at-Large vacancies within their district. Open positions on the slate include:

- Nominating Committee Member, District 2 (two-year term ending in 2011)
- Nominating Committee Member, District 3 (two-year term ending in 2011)
- Nominating Committee Member, District 6 (two-year term ending in 2011)
- Regent-at-Large, District 2 (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Regent-at-Large, District 4 (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Regent-at-Large, District 5 (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Governor (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Governor (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Governor (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Governor (three-year term ending in 2012) Chairman-Elect

Please refer to the following district designations for the open positions:

District 2: District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

District 3: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

District 4: Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

District 5: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii/Pacific, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

District 6: Air Force, Army, Navy (including the Coast Guard and Uniformed Members of the Public Health Service) and Veterans Affairs.

Candidates for Chairman-Elect and Governor should submit an application to serve, a copy of their resume and up to 10 letters of support. Candidates for Regent-at-Large and the Nominating Committee should only submit a letter of self-nomination and copy of their resume. Applications to serve and self-nominations are to be submitted by letter and postmarked between January 1 and July 15.

The first meeting of ACHE's 2008-2009 Nominating Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, during the Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. The committee will be in open session at 2:45 p.m.

During this time, there will be an orientation session conducted for potential candidates, giving them the opportunity to ask questions regarding the nominating process. Immediately following the orientation, an open forum will be provided for ACHE affiliates to present and discuss their views of ACHE leadership needs.

If needed, the committee will meet again on September 11, 2008, to determine which candidates for Chairman-Elect and Governor will be interviewed in person on Thursday, October 30, 2008. All candidates will be notified in writing of the committee's decision by September 30, 2008.

Please review the Candidate Guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Nolan at (312) 424-9367 or [jnolan@ache.org](mailto:jnolan@ache.org).

Mail applications to serve to: William C. Schoenhard, FACHE, Chairman, Nominating Committee, c/o Julie Nolan, American College of Healthcare Executives, 1 N. Franklin St., Ste. 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3424.



**“There can only be one maxim: full steam ahead.”**

**Winston Churchill**



**“There are no office hours for leaders”**

**Cardinal James Gibbons**

## ACHE Executive Programs

In 2008, ACHE will offer two distinctive executive level programs. The Senior Executive Program was developed for the upper level executive who is poised to move to the Chief Operating Officer or Chief Executive Officer's role. It consists of three, two and one-half day sessions. The new Executive Program, consisting of three, two-day sessions was developed for the mid-level manager with aspirations of a position with broader management responsibilities and authority.

Both programs are designed to help healthcare leaders refine their knowledge, management competencies and leadership skills. Participants will have the opportunity to learn, share and grow together over the three sessions. Topics for both programs (with different emphases) include Appraisal of Personal Leadership, Patient Safety, Talent Development, Board Relationships, Measuring Financial Success, Physician Integration and Conflict Management.

The programs will be held in Chicago, San Diego and Orlando. For more information, contact Graham Phelps in the Division of Education at (312) 424-9300.

### **Changes to the Board of Governors Exam**

Beginning with Congress 2008, the Board of Governors will consist of 250 multiple choice questions—200 scored and 50 pretest—and run for six hours. This particular Exam will be taken by pencil and paper. The computerized version of the Exam will begin August 2008. The current Exam consists of 170 questions. The increase in exami-

nation questions is the result of a job analysis survey conducted in 2007, which is distributed to a large sample of ACHE affiliates every 5 years.

A candidate's score is based on the number of scored questions on the Examination. The pretest questions do not affect a candidate's score. The purpose for the pretest questions is to evaluate each for potential use as scored questions on future examinations. These questions are placed throughout the Exam and cannot be identified. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Membership at (312) 424-9400.

### **Special Interest Area Survey**

The ACHE survey of Special Interest Area members is scheduled for December 2007. The Division of Research and Development will administer the survey by e-mail invitation. Results of the survey will be used in program development. If you receive an invitation, please voice your opinions and complete the survey. If you have any questions, contact the Division of Research and Development at (312) 424-9440.

## ACHE's 2008 Corporate Partners

ACHE would like to recognize our 2008 Corporate Partners whose year-round support helps ACHE further its mission and adds value to our membership. Our Corporate Partners demonstrate their 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 2008 ACHE Corporate:

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**“It is impossible to win the race unless you venture to run, impossible to win the victory unless you dare to battle.”**

**Richard M. DeVos**



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**ACHE Vision Statement:**

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

**ACHE Mission Statement:**

To advance our members and healthcare management excellence.

## 2008 Board Members

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**“Life is no brief candle to me, it is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”**

**- George Bernard Shaw**

