

Code THEF

Message from the President

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Greetings!

The warm weather marks the beginning of the summer, which for me marks the end of my term as President of THEF. What a wonderful year we have had. I have included a summary of this year's events (amended from a letter we sent to our sponsors recapping the year) and as you can see, we have been very busy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being THEF president and have met so many wonderful people along the way. I would like to especially thank the THEF board for their service this year. I am so proud of everything we accomplished and the successful year is due to all of their hard work. If you happen to know a board member, please make sure to thank them for their service.

Serving in a leadership capacity with THEF really taught me what it means to be committed to ACHE and the local healthcare community. I would encourage you all to become more involved next year. I am pleased to announce the THEF leadership next year in this newsletter, and beside each name is the corresponding contact info. If you would like to begin your service on a committee, please let them know.

While the THEF year is officially on break until the fall, the board members for next year will not be resting. Instead, this summer they will be focused on planning even more networking and educational events so we can hit the ground running in the fall. Stay tuned for the first event in a few months.

Thanks again for a wonderful year!

THEF Year in Review

We began the THEF year in August 2007 with a networking event in Brier Creek that drew over 40 individuals together, allowing everyone to get to know each other and share stories about their role in the industry. Lots of contacts were made and we knew it was going to be a good year.

Over the past few years we have found breakfast-and-learn sessions very successful, as it seems to be a great time of day for people to get together. In addition, as part of our strategy to get out into the local healthcare community, we have made an effort to rotate event's locations. In November, Duke Hospital hosted a breakfast-and-learn session with a focus on how local organizations are deploying Performance Improvement initiatives in the workplace. A presentation was made by Duke Hospital that discussed the role of Six Sigma in their organization, and the UNC Physicians and Associates group presented a case study of the work they are doing to improve outpatient access.

January 1st brought the roll-out of our new combined membership model. Along with the rest of the local American College of Healthcare Executives chapters throughout the country, we voted to adopt a new membership model tying national and local membership. Now, to be a THEF member one must also be an ACHE member. This helps us to further align our goals with a premiere national organization and strengthens our commitment to bring ACHE goals to a local level. As of today, we have 408 national/local members in our chapter, but have a mailing list of over 1,000 people who receive our newsletters, come to our events, etc. And, as of January 1st, we are more formally tied to an organization with over 32,000 national members.

In February we hosted Brigadier General David Rubenstein, the incoming Chairman of ACHE. We had almost 100 people come out to that event to hear about the future of healthcare leadership, with a little twist as he told us about his "Perspectives from the Foxhole." This amazing speaker made our hallmark event of the year one that will not soon be forgotten.

THEF is strongly committed to supporting the student chapters in the area and investing in the development of future healthcare leaders. We have very close relationships with the local graduate programs at Duke and UNC and help them both out with many of their yearly events, and we have a budding relationship with the ECU undergraduate student organization. This past year we sent speakers to panels at Duke and ECU, and in April we once again co-sponsored UNC's annual dinner, with Jack Bovender as the guest speaker.

Our goals for next year will include much of the same: growing our membership, supporting the local student chapters, and providing a forum for healthcare executives around the state to learn, grow and develop personally and professionally. Next year we look forward to offering the same caliber of educational events and are planning to take it one step further by engaging other local healthcare professional organizations to make one of our events next year an all-encompassing professional event.

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Board of Governors Examination Review Course

To help prepare applicants for the Exam, ACHE will offer the Board of Governors Examination Review Course October 13-15 in San Diego. Passing the Exam is one step on the path to earning the distinction of board certification as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). The Exam currently consists of 170 questions testing 10 core knowledge areas. In August the number of questions will increase to approximately 250 questions. This review course provides information on all 10 areas, as well as testing strategies, sample questions and a better understanding of the examination's content, structure and scoring. To register, go to the Education area of ache.org or contact the Division of Education at (312) 424-9300. For more information about becoming a Fellow, contact the Division of Membership at (312) 424-9400 or go to the Credentialing area on ache.org.

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 (two-year term ending in 2011)
- Regent-at-Large, (three-year term ending in 2012)
- Governor (three-year term ending in 2012)
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- Chairman-Elect

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 can be submitted by U.S. mail and postmarked between Jan. 1 and July 15. 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 60606-3529. Materials can also be sent via e-mail to jnolan@ache.org or faxed to (312) 424-2828 by the July 15 deadline.

Following the July 15 submission deadline, the committee will meet 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 at ACHE.org. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Nolan at (312) 424-9367 or jnolan@ache.org.

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