



Message from Your ACHE Regent

Fall 2015

Welcome to Fall! I wanted to give you an update on the THA initiative started by past Regent Gary J. Meyn, FACHE and Eugene F. Deutscher, FACHE. The initiative involves Texas ACHE chapters offering face-to-face panel discussions at selected THA meetings around the state. John G. Allen, FACHE, ACHE Regent for Texas - Northern, has worked with the THA staff to schedule two face-to-face panel discussions at the THA Annual Meeting in Dallas on January 21 and 22, 2016. One panel discussion will be held Thursday afternoon and the other will be held Friday morning after the Horace Cardwell ACHE affiliates breakfast. You can register for the panels through the ACHE North Texas website and you can register for the breakfast through the THA website as an add-on to your THA meeting registration. And plans are already underway for the Central Texas Chapter to host a face-to-face panel discussion at the 2017 THA annual meeting in Austin on January 26 and 27, 2017.

Chapter leaders from both the South Texas and Central Texas chapters of ACHE and I attended the Chapter Leaders Conference in Chicago on October 12 and 13. National ACHE provided updates on the Governance Task Force and the strategic plan. I met with the other Regents in District 4 to share what's working well and what's not. All of us went to break-out sessions designed to give us solutions to common problems: getting CEOs more involved at the chapter level, improving chapter communications including website design, etc. Hopefully we brought back ideas to improve chapter services.

Please remember and try to attend these upcoming meetings: the Coastal Bend LPC meeting in Corpus Christi the evening of November 12; the Central Texas Chapter and the South Texas Chapter joint meeting in San Marcos the afternoon of November 13; and the South Texas ACHE and the South Texas HFMA joint meeting, Healthcare Landscapes, in San Antonio on January 29. Please see chapter websites for registration information.

Also please remember that I will be accepting nominations for the Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Award and the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award. Last year's award winners were Katherine Henderson and Amjed S. Baghdadi, FACHE. I would like the nominations by December 1.

Have a great holiday season and I hope to see you at the above referenced meetings.



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