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Register Now for the 2014 Congress on Healthcare Leadership

ACHE’s Congress on Healthcare Leadership brings you the best in professional development, exceptional opportunities to network with and learn from peers, and the latest information to enhance your career and address your organization’s challenges in innovative ways. The 2014 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, “Where Knowledge, Ideas and Solutions Connect,” will be held March 24–27 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and registration is now open at ache.org/Congress.

Join us and be part of the dynamic, energizing event that draws world-class speakers and more than 4,000 healthcare leaders from across the nation and around the world.

This premier healthcare leadership event provides:

- Education on current and emerging issues
- More than 140 sessions of practical learning from healthcare’s top leaders
- Opportunities to connect with your peers
- Career-enhancement workshops

Call for Innovations for the 2014 Management Innovations Poster Session

ACHE would like to invite authors to submit abstracts of their posters for consideration for the 30th Annual Management Innovations Poster Session to be held at the 2014 Congress on Healthcare Leadership. We are interested in innovations on issues affecting your organization that might be helpful to others, including improving quality or efficiency, improving patient or physician satisfaction, implementation of EHRs, uses of new technology and similar topics. All accepted applicants will be expected to present their posters on Monday, March 24, 2014, between 7 and 8 a.m., and posters will remain on display at Congress from March 24 – 26.

The top innovations will also be published in the 2014 Management Innovations booklet placed
on ache.org. In addition, the participant presenting the innovation judged to be the most creative, broadly applicable and useful to the healthcare management field will receive a Health Administration Press book of his or her choice. Award winners will be announced at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon on Tuesday, March 25. Visit ache.org/CongressPosterSession for the selection criteria and to submit your one-page abstract by Jan. 21, 2014.

**Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program Scholars Selected**

Six scholars have been selected for the inaugural Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program from a pool of 85 applicants. The year-long program will help further prepare these mid- and senior-level careerists to advance to higher leadership roles. Scholars will benefit from specialized curriculum opportunities addressing barriers in career attainment and developing executive presence, one-on-one interaction with a specially selected mentor and participation in formal leadership education and career assessments. The scholars and their respective organizations are:

- **Leslie Burnside**, system director, network development & physician relations, UNC Health Care, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- **Jaquetta B. Clemons, DrPH**, system director, community health/benefit, CHRISTUS Health System, Irving, Texas
- **Heriberto “Eddie” Cruz**, vice president, operations, Access Community Health Network, Chicago
- **Gayathri S. Jith, FACHE**, senior vice president, strategy and operations, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.
- **Patrick Ramirez**, administrative director, UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco

“This is an impressive group of healthcare executives to compose our inaugural cohort,” says ACHE President and CEO Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE. “We are confident these scholars...
will not only benefit from the program offerings but will make strong contributions to healthcare as they advance in their careers.”

The Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program was established by the Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives to honor Dolan, who served as president and CEO of ACHE from 1991-2013, for his long-standing service to the profession of healthcare leadership and to further his strong commitment to achieving greater diversity among senior healthcare leaders. Scholars will receive tuition to attend ACHE’s most notable educational offerings, including the 2014 Senior Executive Program or Executive Program and ACHE’s 2014 Congress on Healthcare Leadership. Enhanced self-awareness, critical leadership skills and an expanded network of leaders will prepare scholars for their future roles.

“ACHE is pleased there has been tremendous interest in and support for the Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity program,” says Bowen. “We are thrilled to be able to expand our support to diversify the leadership ranks in healthcare, and we are enormously grateful to the community of ACHE leaders that supports this program and made this possible.”

For more information about the selected scholars and the Executive Diversity Program, visit ache.org/ExecutiveDiversity.

ACHE Nominating Committee 2014 Slate

The ACHE Nominating Committee has agreed on a slate to be presented to the Council of Regents on March 22, 2014, at the Council of Regents meeting in Chicago. All nominees have been notified and have agreed to serve if elected. All terms begin at the close of the Council meeting on March 22. The 2014 slate is as follows:

Nominating Committee Member, District 1 (two-year term ending in 2016)

Cheray T. Burnett, FACHE
Vice President
St. John’s Riverside Hospital
Yonkers, N.Y.

**Nominating Committee Member, District 4 (two-year term ending in 2016)**

Fred B. Hood, FACHE
Administrator
North Mississippi Medical Center-Pontotoc
Pontotoc, Miss.

**Nominating Committee Member, District 5 (two-year term ending in 2016)**

Ted W. Hirsch, FACHE
Senior Executive Officer
Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Kalispell, Mont.

**Governor (three-year term ending in 2017)**

James W. Connolly, FACHE
President and CEO
Ellis Medicine
Schenectady, N.Y.

**Governor (three-year term ending in 2017)**

David A. Olson, FACHE
Chief Strategy Officer
Froedtert Health
Milwaukee

**Governor (three-year term ending in 2017)**
Charles D. Stokes, FACHE
COO
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Houston

**Governor (three-year term ending in 2017)**

Christine C. Winn, FACHE
Executive Director
Cooper University Health Care
Camden, N.J.

**Chairman-Elect**

Richard D. Cordova, FACHE
President and CEO
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Los Angeles

Additional nominations for members of the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor at the annual Council of Regents meeting. Additional nominations for the offices of Chairman-Elect and Governor may be made in the following manner: Any Fellow may be nominated by written petition of at least 15 members of the Council of Regents. Nominations must be received in the ACHE headquarters office (American College of Healthcare Executives, 1 North Franklin Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3529) at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting of the Council of Regents. Regents shall be notified in writing of nominations at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the Council of Regents.

*Thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their contributions in this important assignment.*

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ACHE Call for Nominations for the 2015 Slate

ACHE’s 2014–2015 Nominating Committee is calling for applications for service beginning in 2015. All members are encouraged to participate in the nominating process. ACHE Fellows are eligible for any of the Governor and Chairman-Elect vacancies and are eligible for the Nominating Committee vacancies within their district. Open positions on the slate include:

- Nominating Committee Member, District 2 (two-year term ending in 2017)
- Nominating Committee Member, District 3 (two-year term ending in 2017)
- Nominating Committee Member, District 6 (two-year term ending in 2017)
- 4 Governors (three-year terms ending in 2018)
- 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, West Virginia.
- District 3: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.
- District 6: Uniformed Services/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 the Nominating Committee should only submit a letter of self-nomination and a copy of their resume.

Applications to serve and self-nominations must be submitted electronically to inolan@ache.org and must be received by July 15, 2014. All correspondence should be addressed to Gayle L. Capozzalo, FACHE, chairman, Nominating Committee, c/o Julie Nolan, American College of Healthcare Executives, 1 N. Franklin St., Ste. 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3529.

The first meeting of ACHE’s 2014–2015 Nominating Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, during the Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. The committee will be in open session at 2:45 p.m. During the meeting an orientation session will be 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 members to present and discuss their views of ACHE leadership needs.

Following the July 15 submission deadline, the committee will meet to determine which candidates for Chairman-Elect and Governor will be interviewed. All candidates will be notified in writing of the committee’s decision by Sept. 30, 2014, and candidates for Chairman-Elect and Governor will be interviewed in person on Oct. 30, 2014.

To review the Candidate Guidelines, visit ache.org/CandidateGuidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Nolan at (312) 424-9367 or inolan@ache.org.

**ACHE Call for Nominations for Regent-at-Large**

The ACHE Board of Governors is calling for applications to serve as Regent-at-Large in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 beginning in March 2015. ACHE Fellows are eligible for Regent-at-Large vacancies within their district.
District 2 consists of the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

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

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


The goal of the Board of Governors in appointing Regents-at-Large is for the Council of Regents to mirror the diversity of ACHE Members and Fellows. To that end, the Board seeks applicants who are female or persons of color as these groups are underrepresented on the Council of Regents. The responsibilities of the Regent-at-Large, including suggested knowledge, skills and experience, are included in the position description posted at ache.org/RegentAtLarge. Appointments will be made by the Board of Governors in November 2014. Candidates should not directly contact members of the Board of Governors to request letters of support.

Fellows from Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 may apply to serve by sending a letter (see specifications below) via U.S. mail postmarked between January 1 and July 15 to Thom D. Freyer, FACHE, CAE, American College of Healthcare Executives, 1 N. Franklin St., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3529. Materials can also be sent via email to tfreyer@ache.org or faxed to (312) 424-2836. All candidates will be listed in the Member Center of ache.org under the heading “Regent-at-Large Declared Candidates.” Any candidate not listed by July 31 should contact Thom D.
Freyer, FACHE, CAE, immediately. If prospective candidates have any questions about the application process, they should contact Thom Freyer.

**Application specifications:** To be considered, applications must include:

- A statement, in the form of a letter, by the candidate that addresses his or her qualifications for the position, including the characteristics identified by the Board of Governors that are noted above and
- A professional resume of education and work experience

Candidates may include up to two letters of support for their candidacy. Letters of support may not be solicited from current members of the ACHE Board of Governors.

**Thank You to 2013 Premier Corporate Partners**

ACHE would like to thank our 2013 Premier Corporate Partners who have all recommitted their support for 2014. Through their support, our Corporate Partners demonstrate commitment to the future of healthcare leadership and improving healthcare delivery. For more information, please visit [ache.org/CorporatePartners](http://ache.org/CorporatePartners).

- ARAMARK Healthcare Technologies
- Cardinal Health
- CareFusion
- Conifer Health Solutions
- Philips Healthcare
- Trane Global Healthcare Practice
Apply for a Tuition Waiver

To reduce the barriers to ACHE educational programming for ACHE members experiencing economic hardship, ACHE has established the Tuition Waiver Assistance Program.

ACHE makes available a limited number of tuition waivers to ACHE Members and Fellows whose organizations lack the resources to fund their tuition for education programs. Members and Fellows in career transition are also encouraged to apply. Tuition waivers are based on financial need and are available for the following ACHE education programs:

- Congress on Healthcare Leadership
- Cluster Seminars
- Self-Study Programs
- Online Education Programs
- Online Tutorial (Board of Governors Exam preparation)
- ACHE Board of Governors Exam Review Course

All requests are due no less than eight weeks before the program date, except for ACHE self-study courses; see quarterly application deadlines on the FAQ page of the tuition waiver application. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be notified of the waiver review panel's decision not less than six weeks before the program date. For ACHE self-study courses, applicants will be notified three weeks after the quarterly application deadline.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Teri Somrak, associate director, Division of Professional Development, at (312) 424-9354 or tsmrak@ache.org. For more information, visit ache.org/TuitionWaiver.