

## **Message from your ACHE Regent Summer, 2015**

As always, as summer winds down our thoughts turn to education and I wanted to use this Regent's message to give you an update on an initiative with the Texas Hospital Association. Texas Regents John G. Allen, Jessie Tucker, and I met recently with Stacy Cantu, CAE, President/CEO of the Texas Hospital Association Foundation, and Shirley Robinson, CAE, Vice President of Education and Governance Programs for the Foundation, to discuss an initiative started by past-Regent Gary Meyn and Gene Deutscher who also attended the meeting. The initiative, still at the discussion stage, involves Texas ACHE chapters offering face-to-face panel discussions at selected THA meetings around the state. National ACHE allows each ACHE chapter to offer no more than 12 hours of face-to-face continuing education credit per year in the form of panel discussions on pre-approved topics. Each pre-approved panel discussion earns attendees 1.5 hours of face-to-face credit. Since National ACHE allows chapters to offer the same discussion topic at multiple locations and still counts the discussion topic as one offering, chapters could offer panel discussion at THA meetings in their area without losing the opportunity to offer the panel discussion at their own meetings. Another part of the initiative will explore possible sponsorship opportunities from THA to ACHE chapters.

Chapters are beginning to schedule meetings for the late summer and fall. Check the chapter website for the latest information on upcoming events. Also for the fifth year in a row the Central Texas Chapter and the South Texas Chapter are planning a joint meeting with a tentative date of November 13<sup>th</sup> at Texas State University in San Marcos. Each chapter will provide a panel discussion so attendees should receive 3.0 hours of face-to-face credit. And the South Texas Chapter, along with HFMA and other organizations, has scheduled their Healthcare Landscape meeting for January 29 in San Antonio.

Also this fall 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 Baghdadi. I would like the nominations by December 1.

Have a restful rest of the summer and see you in the fall at the above referenced educational meetings.

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