

HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE FORUM, INC.



Message from the President:

In my first issue as HEF President, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on all of the progress we have made as a chapter and to thank Warren S. Marcus, PhD, Immediate Past President for leaving me in a wonderful situation to take the helm. We are fortunate to have Betsy Wright, FACHE and CEO of WCA Hospital, as our Regent. I look around at our Board of Directors and Committees and I see continual progress. We are building a firm foundation for years to come. Sudha Bommidi, FACHE, Vice President of HEF and Senior Administrator of Patient Care and Perioperative Services at Roswell Park Cancer Institute successfully applied for and obtained an ACHE Innovation Grant for our chapter. Rachael Nees, Treasurer of HEF and Director of Grants for the Catholic Health System, is leading us as part of a national pilot on the Chapter Leadership Collaborative. Ashleigh Lamson, Secretary and Program Committee Chair of HEF and Clinical Research Associate II at Roswell, continues to successfully lead a fully developed and robust program calendar. Momba Chia, Membership Committee Co-chair of HEF and Vice President MSO Operations at GBUAHN and Warren Marcus, Membership Committee Co-chair of HEF, have been instrumental in helping us reach out to students throughout the area so they understand the benefits of belonging to ACHE.

We have one of the best chapters in the country! ACHE is bestowing the Board of Governors Award to our chapter. This means we have met all of the performance metrics from ACHE. We are one of only two chapters receiving this prestigious award. It has not been given since 2011. Great people working together can achieve anything! Our chapter may be small and yet, we are offering just as much as our larger counterparts.

You will get out of ACHE what you put into it. If you have a desire to get involved, please let any of the contact people on our website know. We are a chapter that believes in inclusion, diversity, and collaboration. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at one of our events!



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MESSAGE FROM THE REGENT: JANUARY 2014



Betsy Wright, FACHE, Regent, and CEO of WCA Hospital

This will be our last joint Regent's message but not the end of our joint association with our ACHE region. On March 22, 2014, Betsy will assume her new Regent role for the two combined upstate New York regions now renamed New York-Northern and Western. On that same date, Jim will be appointed to the ACHE Board of Trustees and has recently been designated a Board representative to our District 1. He and Betsy will continue to collaborate on bringing all the services and support of ACHE to our members.

We want to thank Warren S. Marcus, PhD for all of his leadership during the past few years as Chapter President. Healthcare Executive Forum, Inc. has enjoyed much success and growth under Warren's tenure. Warren passed the torch to Vi-Anne Antrum, RN, FACHE and has now assumed the role of Immediate Past President but will remain active with the chapter.

I hope you did not miss the networking event at Pearl St Brewery on January 29th at 5:30pm! This was an opportunity to get to know other members of your chapter and greet potential members. All were sure to find this event to be uplifting after the holiday season.

Did you know our chapter was selected for an ACHE Innovation grant again this year? We would like to thank Sudha Bommi for all of her hard work on this! Rachael Nees, Treasurer for HEF, has applied for a Leadership Collaborative Program with ACHE. We are pleased to announce we were one of the chapters selected.

Several programs are upcoming thanks to Ashleigh Lamson and the program committee. On March 5th, there will be a conversation with an executive featuring our very own Betsy Wright. Zebro Conference Room at Roswell Park will be the place for this exciting program. Once again, we are collaborating with Niagara University to bring a face to face program for 3.0 credits on May 2nd so save the date! More information will be coming soon. This is an excellent way to obtain face to face credits for certification or re-certification in a budget friendly manner. Why travel? Your local chapter is bringing value to you.



ACHE: Be a part of a dynamic team

To view the full Regent's message from January, please click the link below:

<http://hefwny.ache.org/>

January Networking Event

A great time was had by all who attended:

- At the January networking event, Ashleigh Lamson, Program Committee Chair and Momba Chia, Membership Committee Co-chair were the recipients of the ACHE Regents Award. This highly prestigious award signifies that Ashleigh and Momba have contributed to ACHE so richly that Betsy Wright, CEO of WCA Hospital and Empire Area Regent for New York State felt to bestow this award upon them both. On hand to present the award was Healthcare Executive Forum President and Assistant Director of Nursing at Erie County Medical Center, Vi-Anne Antrum, RN, FACHE. Congratulations to Ashleigh and Momba! Ask yourself what you're trying to accomplish and focus on that goal.
- We made some new friends at the networking event and got to renew friendships with familiar faces. Special thanks to Liz Penepent and Heather Cuenin for their hard work in making this event an absolute success!



Pictured from left to right above: Ashleigh Lamson, Program Committee Chair; Vi-Anne Antrum, RN, FACHE, President; Momba Chia, Membership Committee Co-chair



Program Committee Update: Ashleigh Lamson

- We just hosted a Conversation with an Executive featuring Betsy Wright on March 5th. Students and early careerists were able to get up close and have an intimate conversation with a C-Suite executive.
- We are working with Niagara University to do a program on May 2nd offering three face to face credits. We have an exciting line up of speakers for this program—you will NOT want to miss this one! Save the date now. Space will be limited to the first 85 responders. The Canadian chapter of ACHE and the Canadian College of Healthcare Leaders join us on this program. Timely and relevant topics include: Successfully Leading Change in Healthcare Organizations and Improving the Health Status of Your Community.

Congratulations to the following individuals!

Sudha Bommidi, FACHE advanced to Fellow
Gary C. Tucker, FACHE advanced to Fellow
Christopher J. Kalkhof, FACHE recertified as Fellow

Judith A. Maness, FACHE recertified as Fellow
Virginia Tyler-Smith, FACHE recertified as Fellow
Ju Yi Chen became a member of ACHE
Michael A. Corcimiglia became a member

Membership Committee Update

Warren S. Marcus, PhD and Momba Chia

The Membership Committee has started an outreach initiative with area colleges that have programs of focus areas related to healthcare management.

We have had an increase in the number of students attending early careerist and networking events. These students come from institutions such as the MBA and Nursing programs at Niagara University, healthcare management program at D'Youville and Robert Wesleyan Colleges, and the UB School of Management.

The Membership Committee is planning recruitment sessions at Niagara University and D'Youville College that are linked with HEF educational programming events at these respective institutions. In addition, we are planning a series of visitations at the Rochester Campus of Robert Wesleyan College.



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