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#### President's Letter:

Dear GAHE Member,

As the Georgia Association of Healthcare Executive's President, I could not be prouder of the tremendous accomplishments of the past and of the vision of our future. GAHE is one of ACHE's largest chapters both geographically and in total membership, which requires a tremendous commitment from our volunteer army of board members, committee members and student members. This commitment is in full alignment with ACHE as we strive **"to educate, engage and inspire our members as they lead and serve hospitals, healthcare organizations and systems"** across our great state of Georgia.



*Trent Lind, FACHE  
GAHE President*

We have many accomplishments to celebrate from 2019 and many exciting events, programs and other educational/networking ahead in 2020. Here are some of the highlights of 2019:

- On an annual basis, we survey our membership engagement and satisfaction on the quality of our GAHE programs and other activities. Member satisfaction met goal with a total score of 4.1 out of 5.0. Great job!
- We track our annual level of member participation in educational and networking events throughout the year by way of an "Indexed Attendee Hour." GAHE nearly doubled our goal target in the total number of Indexed Attendee Hours through more offerings of qualified hours and greater geographic offerings across Georgia (for example our Macon Mini Cluster). Congratulations!
- GAHE strives to grow our membership year over year. I am happy to announce that we grew total membership in 2019 by 2.3%!
- Last, GAHE tracks annually the number of members who advance to ACHE Fellow status. I am proud to announce that in 2019 GAHE had 15 members who passed the Board of Governors Exam and became Fellows in the American College of Healthcare Executives!

In today's rapidly changing healthcare environment, GAHE remains more committed than ever to being the preeminent professional society leaders can count on to help them gain valuable knowledge to improve health for their patients and their communities. As we look ahead to 2020, GAHE is engaged in a multitude of ways to offer qualified hours to our membership through a variety of educational and networking events across a broader landscape than ever.

From our monthly luncheons, to our regional events, to our early careerist activities, to our student member events, and our community volunteer opportunities ...GAHE strives to reach a greater number of our membership with an ultimate goal of continued growth of our membership. With the efforts put forth by our Board of Directors and Committees, I ask that you as our membership remain active participants in GAHE and help us to spread the good word about the events we plan to host throughout 2020.

Sincerely,

Trent Lind, FACHE  
President of Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives

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## **Membership:**

### **GAHE Members, This is Your Call to Action**

ACHE membership is your connection to 48,000 like-minded peers from across the spectrum of healthcare. Each year the Georgia chapter offers lunch programs, senior executive events, physician executive programs, mentorship, social events, and a chance to give back at charitable events.



*Doug Gregory*

Our chapter partners with local institutions of higher learning to engage and mold the leaders of tomorrow. All of this content comes together to form the biggest peer network available to healthcare leaders across the nation.

As a chapter it is our goal to make all members past and present aware of the benefits of chapter membership.

My call to action in this brand-new decade is this:

- Make sure your membership is current.
- Reach out to a past member with an offer to re-join.
- Touch base with those new colleagues moving here from out of state and encourage them to change their address within the ACHE website so they get the local content.
- Have a conversation with that up-and-coming leader we all know you mentor and share with them the benefits you yourself have experienced as a member.
- Have that side-bar conversation with a peer who has been on the fence and bring them to an event.

Doug Gregory

Growth and Membership Chair  
Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives

## RECENT EVENTS RECAP

*We had a great turn out for the January 16 Luncheon and Meeting at Maggiano's in Buckhead. The topic of the meeting was "Building the Hospital of Tomorrow." The session was moderated by David Benson, BDR. Panelists included Rebecca Baron, HKS Architects; Jen Borden, Northeast Georgia Health System; Mindy Goodroe, HKS Architects; and Rob Gross, WellStar Health System.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Get the most current details and register for all GAHE events on the Events page at <http://www.gahe.org/events> (information below accurate as of 2/5/2020):

### **Thursday, February 20 - GAHE February Luncheon**

*"Burnout, Resilience, & Wellness of Providers"*

Maggiano's Little Italy @ 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Atlanta/Buckhead

CEUs: 1.5 hours ACHE Face-to-Face Education; 1.5 hours Continuing Nursing Education



### **Thursday, March 19 – Senior Executive Breakfast with Dr. Michael Shabot**

7:00-9:00 am, 103 West, Buckhead, by Invitation Only

### **Thursday, March 19 - GAHE March Luncheon**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Shabot

Maggiano's Little Italy @ 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Atlanta/Buckhead

CEUs: 1.5 hours Qualified Education Hours



### **March 23-26 – Congress on Healthcare Leadership**

ACHE's Congress on Healthcare Leadership gathers more than 4,200 leaders from the healthcare leadership community for this annual premier education and networking event.

Find out more at <https://www.ache.org/>



### **Giving Back to Our Community – Community Service/Civic Engagement with GAHE**

GAHE holds monthly community opportunities to gather for volunteering and networking. November's project was at the facilities of MedShare in Decatur, Georgia. GAHE members who attend our volunteering days receive a free GAHE "Be The Change" t-shirt!

Next event:

- Saturday, March 14, 1:00-4:00 pm.

## **ACHE NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Invite Your Colleagues to ACHE**

When you help grow ACHE, you make a strong statement about your professionalism and leadership in the healthcare field and also strengthen the organization. Information and application is online at <https://www.ache.org/about-ache/join-ache> . Remember that when you share the value of ACHE membership with your colleagues, you can earn points in the ACHE Leader To Leader program for rewards such as gift certificates toward ACHE education programs, shirts, backpacks and other items, and even a chance to be entered into a raffle for a free Congress registration when three or more are sponsored. For more information on Leader To Leader, go to <https://www.ache.org/membership/leader-to-leader-program> .

### **HealthcareExecutive Podcasts**

If you like to listen to podcasts, check out the HealthcareExecutive podcast in Apple podcasts or at <http://www.healthcareexecutive.org/podcast>. Recent interviews include M. Michael Shabot, MD, founding partner, Relia Healthcare Advisors. A former general trauma surgeon and surgical intensivist, Dr. Shabot describes his quest to make zero harm the goal in healthcare, mirroring the industries of commercial aviation, nuclear power, and the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Shabot will be the guest speaker at the March 19 Senior Executive Breakfast and the March 19 GAHE monthly Luncheon and Meeting.

### **GAHE Sponsor Highlight:**

GAHE would like to recognize and thank our new 2020 Platinum Sponsor **Stegenga + Partners** for their support.

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## CALL FOR CONTENT

Content submissions to the GAHE newsletter are for reviewed for appropriateness by the Communications Committee. Please send your contributions, including articles, news, member accomplishments and photos to [bruce.lloyd@gahe.org](mailto:bruce.lloyd@gahe.org), no later than close of business by the 20th day of the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, December). Approved submissions made after this date will be placed into the next newsletter.

Please note that GAHE reserves the right to reject submissions that are not consistent with the goals and purposes of the organization. Articles that endorse or appear to endorse specific products, businesses, services, and are self-promotional or advertorial will not be accepted. Subjects that are appropriate deal with healthcare industry news (national and local), career management, leadership, mentoring, diversity and other professional topics. If you are not sure, please ask.

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