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President's Letter:

Dear GAHE Membership,

As healthcare leaders, this is an extraordinary time in our history. Today, more than any other time, our patients need us and our communities are relying on us. We are all facing a variety of challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result, we are finding unique and creative solutions to these newfound challenges. At Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives (GAHE), we too are identifying extraordinary solutions in these extraordinary times.

GAHE's mission is to educate, engage and inspire our members as they lead and serve hospitals, healthcare organizations and systems across our great state of Georgia. In the midst of this pandemic, I am pleased to announce that on April 16 GAHE will be hosting our first ever virtual luncheon, "Cyber Security in the Age of the Coronavirus." Better yet, considering this will be our pilot virtual luncheon, the registration for the program will be complimentary! If you have not yet registered, please [sign up now](#).



*Trent Lind, FACHE
GAHE President*

GAHE also strives to share critical information to support you during this critical time. I encourage you to frequently access [ACHE's website](#) for timely information on how ACHE is helping healthcare organizations and professionals to tackle the challenges associated with COVID-19. We understand and support the need for healthcare organizations, our members and other leaders to respond effectively to patient and community concerns around this pandemic. Here is a link to a list of resources that may be helpful during this unprecedented event: <https://www.ache.org/about-ache/resources-and-links/covid-19-resource-center>

I would like to personally thank you for your ongoing commitment to your patients, colleagues and communities. Never before have we been presented with a crisis like COVID-19 ... and never before have we been presented with an opportunity like this to prove our leadership abilities.

Sincerely,

Trent Lind, FACHE
President of Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives



New! April 16:

***Cyber Security in the
Age of the Coronavirus***

1.5 Hours of Qualified Education Credit

Our first virtual lunch and learn is free! Registration is required. For details visit: <https://gahe.org/event/april-16-virtual>

Callie Andrews Named Regent for Georgia

Callie Andrews, FACHE, MBA, MSHA, has been appointed to the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Callie, who took office in March, will represent ACHE's membership in Georgia. She is well known to Georgia members, having served GAHE in several positions including 2019 President. Callie is Senior Vice President and President, WellStar Cobb Hospital.

The Council of Regents serves as the vital link between ACHE and members by approving governance and membership regulations as well as promoting ACHE programs, services, and activities within their respective areas.

GAHE thanks **Mary Germann**, FACHE, for her service to ACHE and the Georgia chapter as Interim ACHE Regent for the past year.



Callie Andrews, FACHE

Membership Committee Update:

Team GAHE, as we all know this is truly a trying time to be a healthcare leader. We are operating in a VUCA world that is changing by the minute. It doesn't matter if you are trying to operate within a resource-challenged health system, a physician practice navigating the virtual world, or function as a vendor partner working to add value to your customers via non-traditional means, the ACHE is here for you.

GAHE and the ACHE national chapter have resources available to help. It is during times like these that we learn how valuable our membership and organized voice are.

This is also the time to leverage all the relationships you have built through your membership. Reach out to your professional network, ask for help, and offer your assistance where you can. We are in this together, we are GAHE!

Below are links to the ACHE Covid 19 Toolkit and information on GAHE's April 16 virtual lunch and learn meeting:

- ACHE Covid 19 Toolkit:
<https://www.ache.org/about-ache/resources-and-links/covid-19-resource-center>
- April 16 Virtual Lunch and Learn:
<https://gahe.org/event/april-16-virtual>



Doug Gregory, FACHE

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Membership Chair

Recent Events Recap



GAHE's February 20 luncheon at Maggiano's focused on "Burnout, Resilience, and Wellness of Providers." The session was moderated by Angela Henry, FACHE, The Medicus Firm (at right). Panelists included (from left to right) Dr. Vivek Gurudutt, WellStar Health System; Tim Cunningham, RN, DrPH, FAAN, Emory Healthcare; Dr. Michael Kirk Lipscomb, ApolloMD; and John Kueven, FACHE, WellStar Paulding Hospital and Vice President, GAHE.

Upcoming Events

Due to the Coronavirus, GAHE's upcoming in-person events have either been canceled, postponed, or are in a wait-and-see state with dates to be determined. Get the most current details and register for all GAHE events on the Events page at <http://www.gahe.org/events>



Thursday, April 16 — GAHE Virtual Lunch and Learn

"Cyber Security in the Age of the Coronavirus"

12:00-1:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting

1.5 hours of ACHE Qualified Education Credit

No charge to attend. Registration is required.

Thursday, May 21 — GAHE Virtual Lunch and Learn

"Consumer-Focused Healthcare"

12:00-1:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting

More details to be announced.

Membership Report (January 1—April 10, 2020)

Congratulations to these GAHE members who achieved their **Fellow of ACHE (FACHE)** credential. Please take a moment to congratulate your colleagues for their commitment to advancing their healthcare careers:

- **Sepi Browning, FACHE**
- **Karim Godamunne, MD, FACHE**
- **Jason Lesandrini, FACHE**
- **Jonathan Turner, PhD, FACHE**



GAHE President Trent Lind presents FACHE pin to Sepi Browning at the February luncheon.

We recognize the following **members who recently recertified their Fellow status:**

Martha Jan M. Bennett, FACHE	Patricia A. Lavelly, FACHE	Craig J. Tindall, FACHE
Audra H. Cabiness, FACHE	Lorry Lewis, FACHE	Brian Unell, FACHE
Audrey Collins-Mack, RN, FACHE	Brandi L. Lunneborg, FACHE	Jeani Van Someren, FACHE
Christopher Dorman, FACHE	Rosalyn R. McLeod, FACHE	Douglas B. Welch, FACHE
Laura Drew, FACHE	Paul S. Penn, III, FACHE	Judith E. White, FACHE
Kellie A. Foss, FACHE	James Proctor, FACHE	Leslie B. Wiggins, FACHE
Terrence A. Johnson, FACHE	Melody A. Thompson, FACHE	
James Laterza, FACHE	Samuel S. Thrower, MBA, MHA, FACHE	

We welcome the following **new members of ACHE** in the Georgia chapter and hope to meet you soon:

Brent Addison	Kevin L. Dover	Mark E. Lovell
Jerry Alcindor	Ateela Duffy, MHA	John W. Merry, III
Kailey A. Balconi	Derrick L. Ellis	Angela K. Mallory
Monitra Beidleman	Anne Ervin	Ami Patel
Cynthia Bellamy	Cortney M. Gobern	Kinli Ramsay
Jessica Black	Brian Graham	Harman Randhawa, MHA
Grant Burguillos	Casey Hall, MD	Taylor Rawson
Christian Lopez Casanova	Nakisha N. Hall	Charles A. Rice, MBA
Venus Chapman	LeTorsha Hom	KMarie Reid, MD, MBA
Venkat Ram Chaturvedi, MHA	Brittainy L. Horne	Tracy Schenk
Nicolle Connor	LaToya Hunt	Nirmali Shah
Constance Crawford, MBA	Kristi M. Hutcheson	Lydia Smith
David Curry	Sr. Felix Soto Izaguirre, MBA	Christy Soutter
Shehnaz Daredia, BS, MHA	Susan Jackson	Erin Swendsen
Phillip J. Davenport, II	Amber Jefferson	Neil A. Trabel
William Davis, BS	Col LaGaunda Jones, DNP, MHA, RN	Amy E. Valdez, MHA
Michael Dawson	Kelli Kindred	Alexis G. Villegas, Jr.
Hannah Day	Paula Walker King, MD, MPH	William Watkins, MD
Eric J. Diersen	Holly Kouts	Yolanda H. Wimberly, MD

HealthcareExecutive Podcasts

If you like to listen to podcasts, check out the HealthcareExecutive podcast in Apple podcasts or at <http://www.healthcareexecutive.org/podcast>. In the current interview, “COVID-19: Applying Leadership in a Crisis,” Georges C. Benjamin, MD, executive director of the American Public Health Association, discusses the healthcare field’s most prevalent leadership concerns about COVID-19.

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>.

**New GAHE
Member Service!**



In Our Changing World We Are Also Changing

Help us test run our new digital platform for our April 16 virtual lunch/learn and receive a special complimentary opportunity to obtain 1.5 ACHE qualified credit hours!

Topic: Cyber Security in the Age of Coronavirus

When: April 16, 12:00 - 1:30 pm; No Registration Fee

Register at <https://gahe.org/event/april-16-virtual>



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