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## GAHE Has Adapted In-Person Meetings to Virtual in Response to COVID-19

In our changing world, GAHE is also changing. Due to COVID-19, our monthly in-person lunch and learn educational programs are now being delivered virtually. Since April, GAHE has had two virtual lunch and learns and a three-part "Job Search for Students" webinar series. Virtual lunch and learn topics have included:

- Cyber Security in the Age of the Coronavirus -- April 16
- Consumer-Focused Healthcare -- May 21

The job search for students series covered:

- Crafting the Best Resume — May 13
- Networking for Dummies — May 20
- How to Ace an Interview — May 27

Response to the virtual meetings has been very positive. The sessions have been well-attended and webinar attendees' evaluations of speakers, topics, and webinar technology have been outstanding.



## Upcoming Virtual Events in June

**Starting June 12 and Meeting Each Friday 12:00-1:30 pm for 12 Weeks:**  
**BOG Exam Tutorial Webinar Series — 19.5 Hours of ACHE Qualified Education Credit**

GAHE is offering a 12-week webinar series to help candidates prepare for the Board of Governor's Exam and advance to Fellow. More information and registration at <https://gahe.org/event/gahe-bog-exam-tutorial-12-week-webinar-series/2020-06-12/>.

**June 24, 6:00-7:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting:**

**Virtual Happy Hour and Networking with GAHE's Board June 24**

Join your friends and colleagues via Zoom for what's sure to be a fun virtual networking event. More Information and Registration at <https://gahe.org/event/virtual-happy-hour/>

JUNE 24, 6:00-7:30 PM

## GAHE VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Join us via Zoom for a fun virtual networking event hosted by GAHE's Board.

Details at:

<https://gahe.org/event/virtual-happy-hour/>



### Message From Your ACHE Regent — Spring 2020

Let me start by saying, it's an incredible honor to serve as your new Georgia Regent. As I began thinking about how I would step into this role in March of this year, I started thinking about how I would shape my first message. I looked forward to orientation at Congress and how the learning, conversations, and connections would shape my first few months and first message. Our world changed this past March.

Over the past several months, the strength of our hospital and healthcare systems has been tested as the COVID-19 pandemic has swept through our state and nation. Despite these challenges, healthcare systems and hospitals continue to fulfill their missions and purposes to provide safe and high-quality care to the communities they serve. I have never been prouder to serve in healthcare at this time and to support the heroic, dedicated, committed physicians, nurses, caregivers, and team members who are caring for all patients in need. As we continue the important work across our state and the nation to care for all patients, the support, collaboration, and community of both GAHE and ACHE are needed now more than ever.



*Callie Andrews, FACHE*

Healthcare and hospital systems have partnered together through forums, webinars, and communities through GAHE and ACHE to formulate plans to help Georgians affected by COVID-19. I am confident that, as more people are impacted, the Georgia healthcare community will continue to stand ready and willing to help. To do that, we will continue to remain dedicated to the health and safety of our hospitals and health systems so that we may care for our family, friends, and community members. We will continue to work together to encourage our communities to continue practicing social distancing while following all PPE guidelines and good hygiene practices.

Since early March, our healthcare community has made great strides in partnering with local, state, and federal officials to be proactive and strategic in responding to the pandemic. Georgia now has increased testing capacity and robust testing efforts that will lead to better identification and treatment of individuals with the virus. Thanks to more testing combined with the extension of federal funding of National Guard activity through August, I am optimistic that we will be able to continue to meet the needs of Georgia residents as we work together during this pandemic.

I look forward to the continued work of GAHE and ACHE during this time and how our members will shape the future of healthcare after COVID-19. There is a path forward, and our teams, organizations, and state will come out of this as a stronger, more resilient healthcare community, positioned to passionately serve for years ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you during this unprecedented time, and beyond.

Sincerely,

Catherine C. Andrews, FACHE  
Regent for Georgia

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## Membership Report (April 11 — June 1, 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:

- **Gina B. Keadle, FACHE**

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

Thomas A. Crawford, FACHE  
Rhonda T. Moore, RN, FACHE  
Marlene C. Sidon, FACHE

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

1Lt (MSC) Jonathan R. Balzer, MBA	Latavia Howard, DNP, MSN, RN	Olga Rivera
Ladina M. Alston	Tracey-Ann M. Jackson	Ferdinand Schafer, MD
Debra Amick	Ethan James	Kelsey Shull
Chantal Anderson	Bobbi Jazdzewski	William A. Smith, MSW, LCSW
Michael D. Brown	Tiffany Jeter	Chuck Taylor, MSHA
LaShon Campbell, MHA	Leslie G. Lamptey, MD	Rachel M. Taylor
Seth Csan	Ellen Light	Gina Tipton, RN, MBA
Roger Davis, MBA	Valerie Matrese	Veronica Turner
Lenora T. Fernandez, MBA	John C. McLean, III, MSHS	Kayla M. Waltman, MHA
Lindsey K. Floyd	Carla Mitchell, MHA, LPN	Tina Williams
Allison Gregory	Brandon Oluyede	Atiya Wilson
Travis J. Hamilton, DO	Laura Rackley	

## Call for Committee Volunteers

Do you have a particular interest in serving on a GAHE committee? Please let us know as we would love to have you join us. Current committees include Career Development, Communications, Fellow Advancement, Membership Growth & Satisfaction, Physician Executives Group, Programs, Sponsorship, and Senior Executives.

Be involved and a part of our GAHE Leadership team! (You must be a member in good standing of ACHE and GAHE to participate.) Submit your statement on your interest on our Committee Application Form at <https://gahe.org/georgia-association-of-healthcare-executives-committees/>

**Registration  
Deadline is June 11!**



### **GAHE's Virtual Board of Governors Exam Tutorial Series Starts June 12**

GAHE is offering a 12-week webinar series to help candidates prepare for the BOG Exam and advance to Fellow.

**When:** June 12-September 4; Fridays from 12:00 - 1:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$45 for GAHE Members; \$75 for Other ACHE Members  
**CEUs:** 19.5 hours of ACHE Qualified Education Credit  
Register at <https://gahe.org/event/>



### COVID-19 Resources

Thank you for the work you are doing in your healthcare organizations and communities to manage the impact of COVID-19 and take care of patients. We are well-aware these are extraordinary times for you as leaders.

Now more than ever, it is important to remain connected to your professional society and fellow healthcare leaders. Our [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) is updated regularly with perspectives from front-line leaders, documents, and downloadable webinars and podcasts. We are here to support you.

### ACHE Job Center

Recognizing that employment and hiring needs continue to evolve amidst the landscape of COVID-19, we encourage all ACHE members, associates, registered employers, and recruiters to leverage the [ACHE Job Center](#) in support of recruitment efforts and job search needs during these unprecedented and uncertain times.

### Save \$225 on the Exam Fee

Obtaining the prestigious FACHE® credential signifies hard work, dedication and commitment. To thank you for your efforts, the \$225 Board of Governors Exam fee will be waived for approved applications when you submit your completed application by July 31, 2020 (including the application fee and all supporting documents).

[Learn more about](#) the requirements to sit for the Exam and the resources available to help you prepare.

### Coming Soon: New and Improved ACHE Leadership Mentoring Network

Mentoring is one of ACHE's highest priorities. We believe no matter where you are in your career, mentoring is an integral part of professional growth and leadership development. We are currently working on launching a new digital mentoring platform designed to enhance the mentoring experience and broaden the reach for mentoring experiences and support overall. Watch for more information coming later this summer.

### Forum on Advances in Healthcare Management Research

We know this has been an unusual year with so many efforts directed toward responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation for ACHE's 2021 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, we are moving forward with the call for proposals for the Forum on Advances in Healthcare Management Research. ACHE is inviting authors to present their research at the 13th annual Forum on Advancement in Healthcare Management Research. This session will take place during the 2021 Congress, March 22–25. The lead presenter of each selected proposal will receive a complimentary registration to Congress. Please visit [ache.org/Congress/ForumRFP.cfm](https://ache.org/Congress/ForumRFP.cfm) for the selection criteria and submission instructions. Submit your up-to-400-word abstract by July 10, 2020.

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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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