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**GAHE
WEEK**

VIRTUAL | MARCH 7-10

FREE WEBINARS

12:00-12:45 PM ET EACH DAY

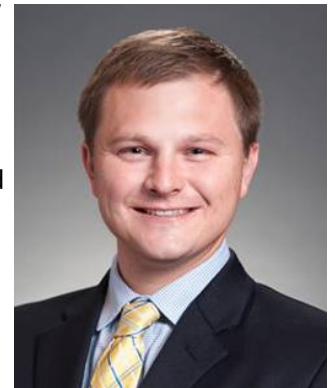
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President's Letter

Dear GAHE Membership,

For those who I have not gotten to meet, my name is John Kueven, and I am honored to serve as your new GAHE President. I have big shoes to fill coming in behind Trent Lind who served a two-year term as we navigated COVID. Trent has done an amazing job, so from the entire GAHE Board we want to give a big THANK YOU to Trent! I also want to thank Sonja McLendon, Ty Bozkurt, and Mary Germann. Sonja has served as Career Development Subcommittee Chair, Ty has served as our Treasurer, and Mary served as Board Advisor -- all three are rotating off the board this year. Thank you for your service. I am excited about the year to come for GAHE and very appreciative of our [current board](#) and all the excitement for GAHE's future.



*John Kueven, FACHE
GAHE President*

This year GAHE will focus on continuing to provide high-quality programming in a variety of venues based on current COVID trends and ensuring the safety of our members. We will also continue to build our Diversity and Inclusion Committee, supporting this very important work. We have also formed a new Scholarship Subcommittee that will be working to help provide an equitable means of support for programming and membership through funded scholarships (more on page 3).

As we enter this Holiday Season and a potential new wave of COVID, I hope that everyone can find time to take a breath and recenter as we all continue our work through an incredibly stressful time. Whatever it is that brings you joy, I hope you find time to embrace that and remember the things that are truly important.

Warmest Regards,

John Kueven, FACHE

President of the Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives

Virtual New Member Orientation Highlights Member Benefits and Services

Our December 10 virtual new member orientation session featured GAHE Board members and committee chairs sharing tips with new members on how to make the most of ACHE/GAHE membership and how to get more involved. It was a fun session with a high level of engagement from everyone on the call.

For new members who weren't able to attend, or anyone who wants to learn more about member benefits, a video is available at <https://youtu.be/olUJtv0T7o4>.

Here are some resources and materials from the session:

- [Session slide deck](#)
- [GAHE New Member Welcome Center](#)
- [Committee Info and Application Page](#)
- [GAHE New Member Survey](#)
- [Information on Fellowship and Application](#)
- [Webinar Submission Form](#)
- [GAHE Sponsorship Information](#)
- [Job Board](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)

Thank you to the GAHE Membership Growth and Satisfaction Committee and GAHE's Committee Chairs and Board members for presenting the program.



Click the image above to view the session video.

Call for Webinar Proposals

Do you have an idea for a webinar that would be appropriate for educating GAHE's membership? If so, GAHE's Webinar Subcommittee invites you to contribute to our [Call for Webinar Proposals](#).

The Webinar Subcommittee is planning webinars for next year. To get things started, please complete our online [Webinar Submission Form](#) at least eight weeks in advance of your proposed webinar date.



Programs Committee Holds Annual Planning Event

GAHE's Programs Committee gathered on December 14 to plan 2022 events and programs. Incoming Programs Committee Chair Nicole Denham said, "We had a great time planning out the networking and educational events for 2022. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help make healthcare better in Georgia."

Many thanks to Angela Henry, FACHE, for her service as Programs Committee Chair as she takes on her new role as GAHE Vice President. "So great to get back to our annual planning event," Angela



Programs Committee Chair Nicole Denham and Communications Committee Chair Sepi Browning.

said. "I have enjoyed chairing the Programs Committee for the past few years and cannot wait to see all the big plans Nicole Denham and the Committee are making for all of our members and across the region. Congratulations, Nicole!"

The Programs Committee is always looking for more volunteers. Please visit [GAHE's Committee page](#) to complete an application to join the committee.



GAHE's Programs Committee gathers for 2022 planning session.



GAHE Webinar Subcommittee Co-Chair Marion Spears Karr and Programs Committee Chair Nicole Denham.

Scholarship Subcommittee Announces ACHE Congress Scholarship Program

by Chet Bhasin, FACHE

We are thrilled to announce that GAHE is offering scholarship dollars for up to two graduate students to attend ACHE Congress, March 28-31, 2022, in Chicago. GAHE will issue two scholarships of \$1,500 each for students to attend Congress, and the funds may be applied toward registration (\$449 student registration), travel, meals, and lodging.

GAHE/ACHE graduate student members are invited to submit an [online scholarship application](#) by January 14, 2022, to be considered for the scholarship. Please read the criteria carefully to see if you qualify and please share this message with anyone you think does qualify.

The goal of GAHE is to foster lifelong learning and this is another example of how our chapter intends to fulfill that. Later in 2022 you will see information being released on additional scholarships GAHE is supporting for healthcare administration students.

All of this could not be possible without the tremendous support of our membership, sponsors, and board members. Thank you to all of you; I feel blessed to share this message but it is the hard work of many that made this happen. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday celebration.



*Chet Bhasin, FACHE
GAHE Scholarship
Subcommittee Chair*

Upcoming Events

January 20 Virtual F2F Lunch and Learn Looks at "Improving the Health Status of Your Community"

GAHE's [January 20 virtual lunch and learn](#) offers 1.5 hours of ACHE Face-to-Face credit and is limited to 90 registrants. A recording option offering 1 hour of Qualified credit is also available.

The program topic is "Improving the Health Status of Your Community." [Join us](#) as our panelists look at how provider organizations can increase both their awareness of and responsiveness to the health status and disease states that are most prevalent in their communities .

Agenda:

- Noon to 1:30 pm ET: Education program and Q&A discussion
- 1:30 pm ET: Conclude

[More Details](#) and [Registration](#)

Panelists Will Discuss:

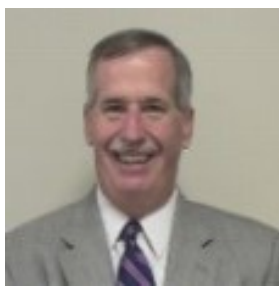
- Organizational alignment to community health needs
- Strategic and operational planning concerning community health
- Measuring quality within community health
- Understanding federal, state, and local community benefit regulations and reporting
- Financing and providing charity care

Moderator:



[Marion Spears Karr, MA, FACHE](#)
Managing Director - Healthcare & Life Sciences Practice
Comhar Partners

Panelists:



[Christopher M. Kane](#)
Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer
Phoebe Putney Health System



[Kelly H. Meigs, MBA](#)
Vice President
Marketing Strategy and Planning
Tanner Health System



[Kurt Stuenkel](#)
President & CEO
Atrium Health Floyd

Calendar



Register for All GAHE Events at:

<https://gahe.org/events>

- [January 20, 2022, GAHE Monthly Virtual F2F Lunch and Learn](#), Noon to 1:00 PM ET. "Improving the Health Status of Your Community," 1.5 hours of F2F credit (registration limited to 90).
- **February 17, 2022, GAHE Monthly Virtual F2F Lunch and Learn**, Noon to 1:00 PM. Mark Your Calendar!
- **March 7-10, GAHE Week**, more details to be announced soon.
- [ACHE's 2022 Congress on Healthcare Leadership](#), in-person March 28-31 in Chicago. Virtual Leadership Symposium, April 11-12. Details and registration.

Mark your 2022 calendar for face-to-face programs on the third Thursday of each month. Events will continue to be virtual for now. Also watch for announcements on new webinars and Clubhouse events.

Fellows Recognition and New Members

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:

- A. Adebayo, MD, MBA, MPH, FACHE
- Alejandro M. Almanza, MBA, FACHE
- Katy Hedge, MBA, FACHE
- Jacqueline Herd, DNP, RN, FACHE
- Amanda G. Mewborn, FACHE

GAHE is pleased to announce that 19 GAHE members achieved their FACHE credential in 2020. If you are interested in learning how to become an ACHE Fellow, [click here](#) to view information on ACHE's website.

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

Carrie C. Bennett, FACHE	Jane P. Gray, CPA, FACHE	Jack R. Sauls, FACHE
Mark C. Bowen, Jr., FACHE	LTC Frank W. Grover, III, FACHE	Ninfa M. Saunders, DHA, LFACHE
Taylan Bozkurt, FACHE	Matthew S. Hasbrouck, FACHE	Carol Schmekel, RN, FACHE(R)
Charisse A. Braxton, RN, FACHE	Joseph F. John, DSc, FACHE	Jane Snecinski, LFACHE
Michelle M. Breitfelder, RN, FACHE	MAJ Mark C. Jones, FACHE	Elizabeth K. Sobczyk, FACHE
R. Jeff Brown, FACHE	Ellen S. King, PharmD, FACHE	Jerry Tillery, FACHE
Brian Church, FACHE	Richard T. Lind, FACHE Snellville	Stephanie Troncalli, FACHE
Benjamin D. Ernst, Sr., FACHE	Robert Lubitz, MD, FACHE	
Cynthia S. Flournoy, FACHE	Bradley S. Rustan, FACHE	

The GAHE Chapter welcomes the following new ACHE members and members who have transferred to the chapter since November 1. We hope to meet you soon.

Katherine Alexander	Karl L. Gyden	Rashidatu T. Olorunsola
Kamal O. Alshareef, BS	Duston Harper	Kevin Phipps
Anne Arwood	HM3 Nicole D. Jackson, MS	Debra P. Pittman
Sam H. Bailey	Carolyn Kiser Whitt	Lee Powell
Nancy J. Beale, MS, RN	Nicholas Lavieri	Christi Rich
Julie Blodgett	Justin J. McDonald, MHA/HCP, CHAM, CRCR	Christopher Ruiz
Kevin Cunningham	Felicia Bolden Mobley, PhD, FACHE	Angie Scott
Alireza Danaie	Jillian L. Morales, MHA	Sushil K. Sikha, MD
Alvin J. D'Angelo, FACHE	Anindita Mukherjee	Neha Sikha, MD
Todd Finch	Jeannie Newton-Riner	Emerson Woodham
Heather Goodall		1SG Glenford E. Wright, MS

ACHE 2022 Congress on Healthcare Leadership:

Learn From Top Thought Leaders During Hot Topic Sessions

ACHE's [2022 Congress on Healthcare Leadership](#) — March 28-31 in Chicago — will offer attendees several opportunities to learn from some of the best and brightest in healthcare and other fields during our popular Hot Topic sessions.

Join Ginny Clarke, former director of executive recruiting at Google, for “Recruiting and Retaining Key Talent in the New Age of Work.” Clarke will explore how to make better decisions based on the ever-changing needs of organizations and in the global workforce.

Dive into the intricate and shifting world of healthcare policy during “American Hospital Association Health Policy & Legislative Update” with Stacey Hughes, AHA’s executive vice president, Government Relations and Public Policy. Or, identify strategies for preventing cyberattacks from Rachel Wilson, managing director/head of cybersecurity of wealth management, Morgan Stanley, during “Driving Innovation for New Cybersecurity and Authentication Technology.”

To register and learn more about the Hot Topic sessions (all of which take place on Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30) at this year’s Congress on Healthcare Leadership, visit ache.org/Congress.



Forge New Connections Within the ACHE Community

ACHE’s growing and evolving membership represents a rich diversity that makes ACHE—and today’s changing leadership—so dynamic. That’s why we offer a variety of communities, forums and networks for our members with similar interests and career needs to communicate, collaborate and advance together.

Online communities: Our [online communities](#) allow members to connect peer-to-peer, in real time, about issues important to them and their organizations. We offer the following:

- The Asian Healthcare Leaders Community welcomes individuals interested in the distinct opportunities and issues of Asian American healthcare executives.
- The members of the LGBTQ Healthcare Leaders Community work to enhance quality care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.
- Physician leaders will find resources that complement their clinical expertise in the Physician Executives Community.
- CEO Circle members, ACHE Board of Governors and CEO Committee members can discuss solutions to issues they face within the exclusive CEO Circle Online Community.

ACHE Podcast: “Reigniting Employee Engagement”

Visit HealthcareExecutive.org/Podcast to listen and browse through 46 episodes recorded in 2021 and 2020. The podcast is also available by searching for “Healthcare Executive” in Apple Podcasts, iTunes or your podcast app of choice.

The current episode features industry expert and ACHE author Thomas A. Atchison, EdD, President, Atchison Consulting, who discusses one of the most pressing issues facing healthcare leaders today— employee engagement. Tom offers practical assessment and improvement strategies for employee engagement—a “sneak peek” into his [Boot Camp](#) at the [2022 Congress on Healthcare Leadership](#) this March.

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Interested in sponsoring one of GAHE's webinars? Here are the fees for webinar sponsorships:

- Educational Webinar — \$500 for event sponsorship
- Leadership Series Webinar — \$1,000 for event sponsorship

For more sponsorship information, please contact:



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- Twitter: @GAHEConnect -- twitter.com/GAHEConnect
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/GAHEConnect



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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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