

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

2018 ACHE Congress

It is with enthusiasm that I assume the 3-year term for ACHE Regent for Massachusetts. I want to extend my thanks to Richard Corder, the outgoing Regent. During the pre-congress activity in Chicago in March it was evident that Richard had broad relationships at the national level and represented us well. Thanks to the large group who attended the Massachusetts dinner on Monday evening of Congress; of note in the room was the diversity of the group embracing age, ethnicity, culture, gender, and continuum of care. As your Regent and bridge between ACHE and the local chapter I can bring resources to focus on strategic issues such as growing the diversity and inclusion of healthcare leaders.

ACHE of MA Spring Conference

On May 4th the Chapter hosted its annual Spring Conference. "The New Healthcare Paradigm and Organizations that are Shaping it" at the Doubletree by Hilton in Westborough. Attendees were impressed with the speakers and accelerated speed of change happening in the provider market. Many thanks to John Christoforo, program committee chair and the chapter program committee for putting on such a high caliber of program. Please refer to the chapter webpage www.massache.org for a number of upcoming events.

The meeting also included a special luncheon presentation by Michael Scrozynski, Vice President of Government Advocacy for the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association on the **Nurse Staffing Ratio Ballot question** headed for the November election. An updated analysis hot off the press demonstrates that the first-year impact of an "at all times" fixed ratio to be over \$1.3 billion dollars. The topic is clearly on member's minds as during the panel discussion a question was raised regarding the impact of such a government mandate in light of oversight for lowering healthcare costs and improving quality and access.

At the annual meeting of Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association on June 6-8, 2018, we recognized this year's recipients of the Senior Healthcare Executive and Early Careerist of the Year awards. Please join me in congratulating **Maureen Bisognano** and **Zach Pepper-Cunningham** on their well-deserved recognition!

Member survey

ACHE member surveys were sent out last week; your feedback is taken seriously and utilized directly to inform the strategic plan and annual goals by the chapter board.

Thank you for your leadership; I've used a tag line to remind us that "Leadership Matters" but I think I'll change that to "leadership is essential". There are many patients, families and staff that are counting on us to be courageous in our vision and actions. Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can assist you as your regent.

Best Regards,

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