

Message from Your ACHE Regent – Fall 2016

Fall is in the air with promises of cooler temperatures and football. For some it means back to school. For those of you not in school, remember the sense of accomplishment you had by doing well on an exam? You can capture that sense of accomplishment again by passing the Board of Governors Exam—board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow in ACHE. It may be easier than you thought. In order to submit a Fellow application, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Member of ACHE
- Hold a Master's or other advanced degree
- Hold a healthcare management position and have a minimum of two years of healthcare management experience
- Ask three current Fellows for a reference (one of which must be a structured interview)
- Provide a copy of your current job description, organizational chart, and resume



In order to complete the Fellow requirements, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Member of ACHE for three years
- Have a minimum of five years of healthcare management experience
- Document 36 hours of healthcare management continuing education credit earned during the three years preceding becoming a Fellow: 12 hours must be ACHE Face-to-Face education
- Participate in two healthcare related and two community/civic activities during the three years preceding becoming a Fellow
- Pass the Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management

If you have been out of school for a few years, taking an exam might make you a bit anxious. Knowing that, ACHE has several ways you can prepare for the exam: the *ACHE Reference Manual* (tells you what the exam covers), the Online Tutorial, the Board of Governors Exam Study Set (three books sold by Health Administration Press at a considerable discount—the three books cover much of the exam's content), and the Board of Governors Exam Review Course (the two-and-a-half day on-site course gives you detailed information on each of the exams 10 core knowledge areas as well as 19 ACHE Face-to-Face credits. ACHE schedules the course two times a year and the next offerings are October 17-19 in Scottsdale and April 19-21 in Chicago. If you take this course and then take the exam within 6 months, ACHE will waive the \$200 exam fee). I hope some of you make the commitment to start the certification process this year!

Upcoming events include a Central Texas ACHE Social Event on September 14 from 5–7 p.m. at St. Genevieve at the Domain, a Temple LPC Social Event on September 22 from 5–7 p.m. at Dead Fish Grill in Belton, a South Texas Education Event on September 23 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (location to be announced), a South Texas Education Event on October 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (location to be announced), the Fall Collaborative on November 4 from 1–5 p.m. with a reception to follow on the Texas State University campus.

Have a great Fall and I hope your team wins more than it loses!

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