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Next Category I ACHE Event

Our next Category I ACHE event will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 9:00 am in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Kentucky Hospital Association. There will be a Regent hosted breakfast and networking event preceding the education event. Also, the Regent Awards will be presented at the Tuesday evening KHA gala. Registration for all of these events is done through the Kentucky Hospital Association. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE KENTUCKY ACHE CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

We are entering an exciting time for our Chapter. After being "Provisionally Chartered" for the past 3 years, we are now applying for permanent chapter status. Once that happens, chapter leaders will be able to spend less time on paperwork and more time on developing our programs.

During 2007, our chapter leaders will meet by conference call on the 4th Friday of each month. If you wish to participate in any of the phone calls or submit comments just let me know. These conference calls are made possible by the generosity of Solucient, a Thomson company.

During a recent board meeting we decided to seriously consider educational content with a greater emphasis on the topic and speaker and less emphasis on Category I credit. We believe we will have greater opportunity for programming and networking by looking beyond Category I programs. We pledge to continue to provide Category I programs but will supplement them with other outstanding events.

Our year end Membership Drive resulted in a gain of about 100 new members. If you are new to Kentucky ACHE we hope you will join us at an upcoming event soon.

Please remember to visit the Kentucky ACHE chapter website at www.kentucky.ache.org

New Website Addition

Toward the top of the chapter website homepage, Kentucky.ache.org, on the left side, you will find an icon of a key with the words Members Login. Once you click on that a page will open. At that page, by entering your national ACHE membership number and your last name, a list of all Kentucky Chapter ACHE members will appear. We hope you find that useful for networking and making contacts.

Want to get involved? We really need your help in suggesting ideas for events as well as helping plan the events. Contact any board member if you're interested.

FROM THE KENTUCKY REGENT:

Dear Friend and ACHE Colleague:

Please allow me to introduce myself. As some of you know, I was selected to serve the remaining one year term of the former Regent. For those of you who suggested me for the position, I want to say thanks (I think!).

To tell you a little bit about myself, I have been the President and CEO of St. Joseph HealthCare in Lexington for the past two years. Before my current position, I worked at the Washington Hospital Center in downtown D.C. and also served out the remaining term of the Regent-at-Large there when the former left the area.

During upcoming RAC meetings I would hope to lay out our collective goals and agenda for the next year. This would include visiting graduating students of graduate programs to promote conversion to Member status; developing an action plan to reflect College wide priorities; soliciting nominations for presentation of Regent Awards; etc. Most of all though, I will be listening to you to hear where you think the priorities lie and how I might be of support. Like all of you, I have a very busy day job, so I look forward to all of us working together to share the load.

When possible, I will be joining the Kentucky ACHE Board conference call on the 4th Friday of each month. I plan to create a successful working relationship between the Regent and the Chapter board.

In conclusion, I accepted this interim Regent role because I believe strongly that we in health care are in a truly honorable profession. And despite the significant challenges we face daily, we serve a noble cause.

I look forward to meeting each of you and working with you to continue doing good works to meet the health care needs of our communities.

Gene Woods, FACHE
President & CEO
St. Joseph HealthCare