

Background

For more than 54 years, Wisconsin Hospital Association has honored individuals who have served the health care community. WHA's annual awards have recognized a broad array of health care executives, public officials, health care trustees, auxiliaries, clergy, educators, and physicians for their extensive service in support of health care.

Awards are traditionally presented at the WHA convention each fall, although arrangements have been made to present awards at other opportunities throughout the year that may be more convenient to the award recipient.

The Nomination Process

Nominations for award winners should be received no later than July 17, 2009. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Trustee Award should be submitted to WHA's Nominating and Awards Committee, which will consider them at its summer meeting. Nominations for the ACHE Young Healthcare Executive Award are submitted to the College's Regents Advisory Council Award Committee, which will consider them in late summer.

Distinguished Service Award

This award honors senior health care executives who have made an exemplary commitment to WHA and the communities they serve. Since its establishment, this award has recognized a number of distinguished health care leaders throughout Wisconsin.

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ Leadership in WHA
- ◆ Leadership in other statewide organizations
- ◆ Leadership in meeting and understanding broad-based community health needs
- ◆ Participation in national activities through associations and societies
- ◆ Leadership growth in the individual's own facility system
- ◆ Recognition shown by others in commitments to broad-based health care activities

"Faye provided leadership that pushed her hospital to ever higher quality accomplishments, beginning an excellence journey using the national Malcolm Baldrige criteria, and winning the Wisconsin Forward Award (Mastery Level) in the hospital's first application."

-From Faye L. Deich's nomination for the Distinguished Service Award in 2008

Trustee Award

This award honors trustees of WHA-member organizations who have made an exemplary commitment to their hospital and to the community they serve. Since its establishment, this award has recognized a number of distinguished health care leaders throughout Wisconsin.

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ Long-term service on a health care governing board
- ◆ Leadership in meeting and understanding broad-based community health needs
- ◆ Participation in local, state or national activities through associations and societies
- ◆ Leadership growth in the individual's own facility system
- ◆ Recognition shown by others in commitments to broad-based health care activities

"His tremendous leadership skills and strong commitment to the community have allowed the organization to grow and more importantly expand services available to the families in the region."

- From Patrick J. Caine's nomination for the Trustee Award in 2008

ACHE Awards

Each year the ACHE Regent for Wisconsin has the opportunity to recognize outstanding healthcare executives. Regent Awards are presented to ACHE members, one to an early careerist, and the other to a senior level healthcare executive. Individuals are nominated by colleagues from throughout Wisconsin, based on the criteria presented below.

Early Career Healthcare Executive Award

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ An affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives
- ◆ Demonstration of leadership ability
- ◆ Demonstration of innovative and creative management
- ◆ Executive capability in developing his/her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community
- ◆ Participation in local or state hospital and health association activities
- ◆ Participation in civic/community activities and projects
- ◆ Demonstration of participation in ACHE activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving objectives

Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ A Fellow of ACHE
- ◆ A CEO, COO, or other senior – level executive within the organization
- ◆ Demonstration of leadership ability
- ◆ Demonstration of innovative and creative management
- ◆ Executive capability in developing his/her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community
- ◆ Contributions to the development of others in the healthcare profession
- ◆ Demonstration of leadership in local or state hospital and health association activities
- ◆ Participation in civic/community activities and projects
- ◆ Demonstration of participation in ACHE activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives

Award Nomination Checklist

As you prepare your award nomination, please be sure the following information about the nominee is included at the top of your letter:

- ◆ Distinguished Service Award
Nominee's name and title
Nominee's health care organization

Send your information to:

WHA Nominating and Awards Committee
P.O. Box 259038
Madison, WI 53725-9038

- ◆ Trustee Award
Nominee's name
Nominee's health care organization
Nominee's role on the Board
(e.g., Board chair, Board secretary, Board member, etc.)
Nominee's home address and phone number

Send your information to:

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- ◆ Early Career Healthcare Executive Award
- ◆ Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award
Nominee's name and title
Nominee's health care organization
Nominee's ACHE membership status

Send your information to:

Mary Hansen, FACHE
Vice President, Acute Care
ACHE Awards
Community Health Network
225 Memorial Drive
Berlin, WI 54923

Individuals submitting nominations are asked to restrict letters of nomination to two pages or less and provide sufficient background information for the decision-making body to understand the rationale for the nomination.

For More Information

Individuals who would like more information about the awards nomination process should contact WHA President Steve Brenton, 608-274-1820 or sbrenton@wha.org.

Inquiries about the ACHE Award should be made to Mary Hansen, FACHE, Vice President, Acute Care, Community Health Network, 920-361-5501 or mary.hansen@chnwi.org.



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