The President’s Message

Hello to all GASHE members,

Spring is here! Don’t forget to mark your calendar for the GASHE quarterly meeting this week!

The Board is very excited to host the Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) Preparation Workshop during this meeting. This workshop is FREE to all current 2016 GASHE members. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful training opportunity!

During the meeting, we will also be cooking out, networking and enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery at Lake Blackshear Resort.

I was amazed at the support we received at our Annual GASHE Tradeshow and Conference back in March. We had more than 80 Exhibitors and over 325 people in attendance. We all had a wonderful time, great food, networking and education. I am excited to see how our organization continues to strengthen and grow. At the Annual Meeting, we also recognized our recipients for Engineer & Business Partner of the year, as well as, other Business Partners that have supported the Society for several years.

John Ware from Coffee Medical Center is your new President. I know he has some thoughts on how to broaden the membership of the Society and provide the most up to date training possible for all attendees. The Board members and I are eager to assist John in bringing these new ideas to the group and in building a stronger bond with all the members of the Society.

It has been a privilege to serve as the GASHE President over the past 2 years and I am very proud of the Society and its accomplishments. I would not have been successful in helping the Society grow without the strong support of all of our members. I speak for all of the Board when I say thank you for your support, dedication and participation for the Georgia Society for Healthcare Engineers.

Zack Holt
GASHE President
GASHE is pleased to offer the Certified Health Care Constructor (CHC) Exam Review Course at its June Quarterly Meeting. This course is offered to all 2016 GASHE members free of charge. We are excited about this opportunity for our members to have access to this educational opportunity.

Our meeting is being held at Lake Blackshear in Cordele, GA. Alternate education programming is being offered by MetroPower for participants not attending the CHC Exam Review Course. We will also have networking, dinner and a business meeting during our two days.

We look forward to an excellent summer meeting!

**Agenda**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Registration & Check In  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch - Lawn  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - CHC Workshop - Ballroom  
  • Preparing for the CHC Exam  
  • Healthcare Fundamentals  
  • PDC Process  
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Dinner - Group Shelter, Networking & Entertainment - Cypress Grill

**Friday, June 10, 2016**

7:00 am - 8:00 am - Breakfast - Cordele's Restaurant  
8:15 am - 12:15 pm - CHC Workshop - Ballroom  
  • PDC Process (continued)  
  • Safety  
  • Financial Stewardship  
9:15 am - 12:15 pm - Alternate Education Opportunities (3 CEUS)  
  • Most Frequent Safety Incidents in Hospitals & General Safety, Larry Parker, MetroPower  
  • Hospital Critical Systems Safety, Andy Bell, MetroPower  
  • Low Voltage Systems and Managing Safety and Liability, Andy Boyette, MetroPower  
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - GASHE Business Meeting  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Lunch - Lawn
2016 Annual Meeting Re-Cap

March 9-11, 2016

GASHE hosted its annual meeting and tradeshow March 9-11, 2016. The new venue, Lake Blackshear, was a great fit for the growing organization. There were 86 Tradeshow Sponsors, over 70 Healthcare Engineers and more than 280 Business Partners.

Parrish Construction hosted the golf tournemant, Mayberry Electric hosted the first annual fishing event and DPR Construction hosted a Shortline SAM Train Ride. We had two days of education, an excellent tradeshow and a lot of opportunities for networking and learning from one another.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ESSAY WINNER! John Storey will attend the ASHE National Conference in Denver, CO, July 10-13, all expenses paid!

John Storey, Monroe County Hospital, Director Plant/ Facilities & Safety Officer

My career in the Healthcare Industry began 9 years ago. That said, I still was all in, carrying my tool belt around with me all day, having coworkers look at me like I was crazy, trying to work myself out of a job. I remember thinking “there is not going to be enough to do around here to keep me busy”. Boy was I wrong! I knew there were building codes, and codes for this and that, but had never heard of NFPA or Joint Commission Codes. I was a little intimidated, but thought I was up to the challenge! I asked my Supervisor “how do you figure all this out”? He said that he didn’t. He does the best he can, and if he can’t figure it out, the answer would only be a phone call away.

I’d never heard of GASHE, but knew that Tim went to the meetings on a quarterly basis and would be gone for a night or two, three if he was lucky. Tim would bring back bags of stuff that he would pass out around the hospital. That is what GASHE was to me. Over the years, Tim would come back to the hospital and tell the team about the Educational Classes, and what he learned while he was there. He’d describe new products, or ways to do things that he had gotten from business partners. The more involved with GASHE Tim got, the more I learned about it. Unfortunately, the first time I got to go to a meeting was when Tim was leaving. I had a good time the few hours we were there for him to say his goodbyes. On the way back, he told me that if I ever had a question to come up, any one of the people in that room would be more than willing to help out. Just call them, and if they didn’t know the answer, they most likely knew someone who did.

I decided to go to the next meeting. I learned a lot from the Education Classes and the Crosstalk session. I am not much of a talker, so I was not too involved, but took a lot of notes and took a lot of information back with me.

I never realized how much I did not know. The education classes have helped me more than anything in my new management position. With a group of people the size of GASHE, someone has most likely been through what you are going through, and they are willing to help. That is priceless.

I have only been to a handful of meetings, but have used the relationships formed through those meetings a number of times over the last year. I’ve had questions from O.R. replacement air handlers, to simple things like door openings. Just as Tim had said, help was only a phone call away. I hope that one day I will be able to return the favor and be able to help someone who has a question. It is great that the members of this Society have formed lifelong friendships in addition to business relationships. The members do not get paid for the help they offer to others; They do it because they want to see our profession provide the best facilities we can for our patients and their families. That is what I think of now when I see the GASHE logo. My goal is to make my facility the best it can be for our patients, their families, and my coworkers. I believe being a member of GASHE will help me get there.
Interested in joining GASHE?
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