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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SAMMY BLEDSOE



Time is a funny thing. As a child a week seems like an eternity, however as we grow older an entire year flies by in the blink of an eye. We spent months planning for the March Conference/Tradeshow, and just like the March winds swiftly blowing by the March Meeting already come and gone. What a great event it was this year! We continue to have record breaking Engineer attendance and we retained lifelong Business Partners while welcoming new companies to the fold. In addition to some interesting and informative topics, this year we also were honored to have Jeff Hogan, the new State Fire Marshal and Mark Singletary, our new ASHE Region 4 Director join us at Lake Blackshear. It speaks volumes for our organization that these two gentlemen took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting and give us insight into up and coming initiatives.

Using their industry expertise, Sonny Connor, Ken Gregory, Kelly Proctor, Jut Carnes and Amy Walker all gave us useful information during their presentations which we can share with our teams and use when we go back to our facilities. Our education sessions continue to impress me and I'm excited for what's coming up at the June meeting!

During the awards dinner, Doug Hall presented me with a beautiful Gavel Award for my time as President. I've been honored to represent GASHE as the President on two separate occasions. This will be my last formal role within GASHE as Doug will formally become the new President at the June 2019 meeting. You never realize what you have until it's usually too late, but today I can stand back and look at the GASHE Membership and truly call you all my family. There's a special bond that you create with people when you see them on a quarterly basis year after year.

I encourage you to take the time to talk to your old acquaintances and really listen/learn from them, but also welcome new faces and make them feel part of our GASHE family as well. You never know who you might meet or how they can be an advocate for you or what affect you may have on their lives. I truly believe people are put in our paths at the right time for a reason, and if we take the time to focus on each relationship, we will find greater support in all areas of our life.

We are all in such a hurry these days that we take for granted the rare opportunity that we have at GASHE where we get to get away once a quarter to a serene location such as Lake Blackshear and share in the fellowship of other Engineers and our Business Partners. Let's make the most of it.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the time we've had together building GASHE to the great organization that it is today. I will still be around, but soon I will join the great company of Charles Price, Wendell White and others as an honorary 'retired' member. Where's my fishing pole?

Sammy



GASHE GOSSIP

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that our long time member Ron Jordan lost his wife of 44 years in April. Our sincere condolences go out to Ron and we will continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.



We'd like to thank Comfort Systems USA for being a Diamond Sponsor for the year and hosting Casino Night at the March Meeting. The event was a great success!



Golf Outing - Lake Blackshear Resort
Thursday, June 13, 2019
Registration 11AM – Tee Time 12PM
Engineers Free – Register on
GASHE Website or use Link below
Business Partners – Register on
YanceyPower.com/golf
lunch for golfers will be provided at the
Group Shelter

If you'd like a job posted, please send to
gashesecretary@gmail.com. We think this is a great
tool for our healthcare engineer members to utilize
for job openings within their facilities.

August 2018

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We are now accepting new
nominations for the GASHE
Board. Please send
nominees to Sammy
Bledsoe.

Who is DNV-GL and what do they do?

DNV-GL is one of the largest certifying companies in the world. DNV-GL has been certifying ships, automotive, energy, food and aviation for over 150 years. The company is based in Norway with the United States office being based in Katy, Texas and their healthcare division based just outside Cincinnati, Ohio. They have been performing hospital accreditation since 2008 and currently have over 500 hospitals that are accredited by them.

DNV-GL performs hospital accreditation based on the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO) standards and requires all their clients to become ISO 9001 2015 compliant or certified within 3 years of accreditation. They also offer numerous certifications such as Hip and Knee, Orthopedic, VAD and Stroke.

DNV-GL takes a little different approach to hospital accreditation than other accreditation organizations do. Some of the differences include but are not limited to:

Annual Surveys – DNV-GL surveys its client hospitals annually (accreditation is good for 3 years just like all other accreditation organizations). The annual survey process forces hospitals to continually improve and reduces the risk of back sliding on compliance.

A process approach to healthcare accreditation – DNV-GL allows more flexibility for hospitals to establish their own processes to meeting federal and state requirements including the NIAHO and ISO requirements.

Implementation of ISO 9001:2015 – ISO 9001:2015 is a Quality Management System that forces those who apply it to think about risks, document control, continual improvement and quality management.

Non-Prescriptive requirements – DNV-GL is for the most part non-prescriptive. DNV-GL allows the organization to determine how they will meet requirements as long as they are safe, effective and legal.

Non-punitive approach – DNV-GL does not get overly concerned about the number of non-conformities that a hospital receives during an accreditation survey. DNV-GL expects its client hospitals to establish an effective Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for each non-conformity identified during a survey. Once the hospital's CAP is approved by DNV-GL the hospital gets to work on the implementation of the CAP and DNV-GL will follow up on the next annual survey.

No tipping point – DNV-GL is not focused on the number of non-conformities a hospital receives during a survey process. The focus is on the CAP that the hospital establishes and that the hospital follows up on the CAP and ensures the CAP is effective and sustainable.

DNV-GL is growing rapidly and is has been a pleasant addition to the hospital accreditation process. Clients who contract with DNV-GL have stated the survey process is collaborative and enjoyable while being very thorough and in depth. Clients like the annual surveys. They feel like it keeps them in check with continual survey readiness, and helps build a very strong quality management system.

GASHE's DNV-GL contact is Kelly Proctor and we are fortunate to have Kelly as a new member! Kelly resides in Acworth Georgia and has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare field. He is currently employed as a Physical Environment Sector Leader and a Lead Surveyor for DNV-GL Healthcare. Kelly has performed over 500 surveys for DNV-GL and has surveyed hospitals all over the United States, South America, Europe and Asia for DNV-GL. He holds a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager and a Certified Healthcare Safety Manager as well as a Certified Healthcare Operations Professional. Kelly is also a certified Lead Auditor for ISO 9001 and 14001 and a certified NIAHO Lead Surveyor. We know the value Kelly will add to our Organization and look forward to learning about DNV from him!



Engineer Spotlight: TIM SIZEMORE

Tim Sizemore, Director of Facility Operations and Safety Officer for Colquitt Regional, was the recipient of the 2018 Georgia Society for Healthcare Engineers Engineer of the Year award.

Each year, the GASHE Board Members review a pool of more than 140 engineers and vote on who they think is the member within the society who exemplifies leadership within the organization and their place of work.

The Board takes numerous characteristics into consideration when choosing the Engineer of the Year. Among those characteristics are engineers who: provide educational opportunities, facilitate activities to develop healthcare engineering skills, lead forums on healthcare issues, and serve as conduits between the society and other organizations.

Tim has been Director of Facility Operations at Colquitt Regional since 2015 and joined GASHE the same year. In 2017, Tim was nominated to serve on the GASHE Board of Directors. He currently holds the position of Secretary, but will take over as President-Elect of the society in June 2019.

We are honored to have Tim as Engineer of the Year and look forward to his growth and contributions to our Society!



Business Partner Spotlight: GA POWER

Meet the Georgia Power Team:

Cassandra Cox, Glenda Draper, Greg Rushing and Alethia Zadach are Georgia Power Key Account Managers that work with Hospitals throughout Georgia.

Cassandra Cox lives in Forsyth, has 27 years with the company. She is a UGA graduate. She and her husband have three sons and enjoy following their activities, including football and baseball.

Glenda Draper lives in Jonesboro and has 33 years with the company. She is a Troy State University graduate. She and her husband live in Jonesboro with their three fur babies. Glenda enjoys golf, cooking and travel.

Greg Rushing graduated from Georgia Southern. He has worked with Georgia Power 36 years. He is a long-time, avid tennis player, as well as a golfer.

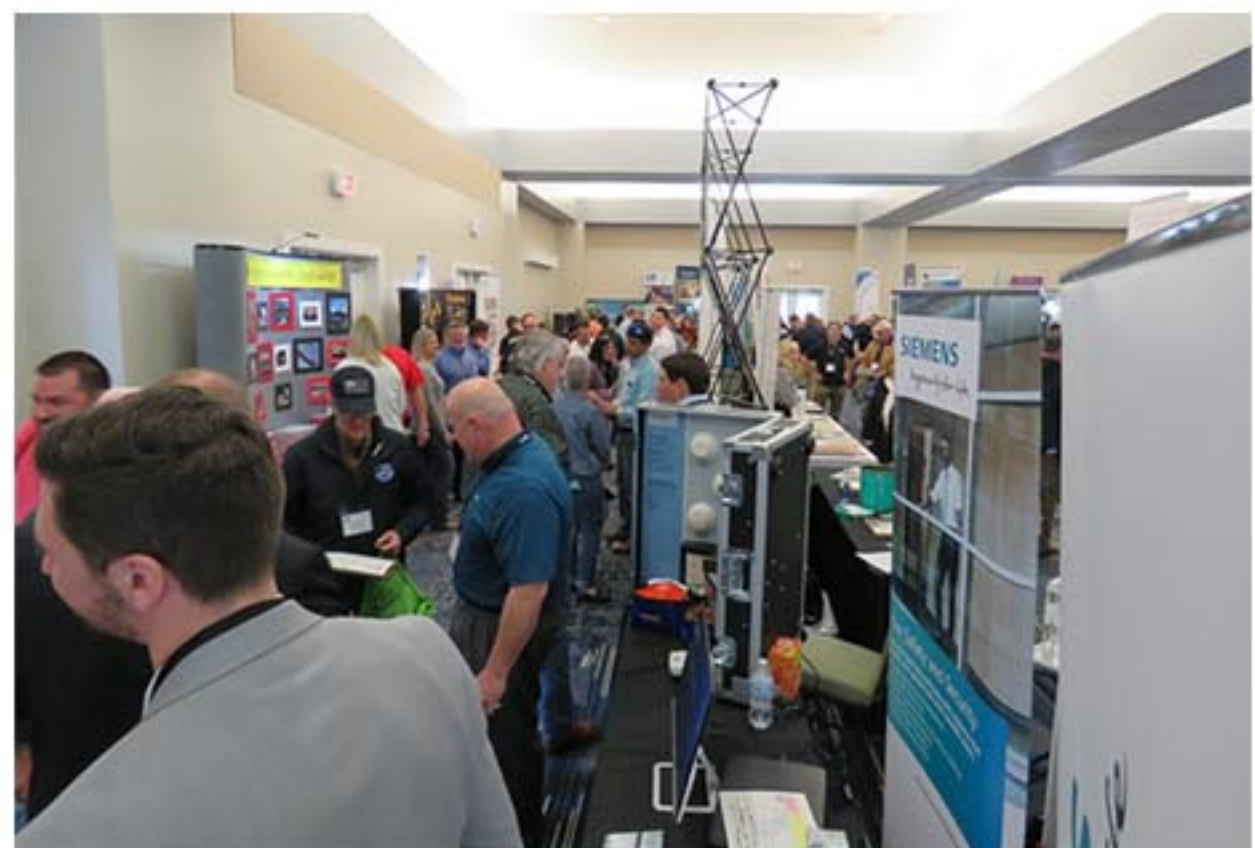
Alethia Zadach lives in Savannah, graduated from Georgia Tech and has worked with Georgia Power 23 years. She and her husband enjoy spending time with family, including their two dogs, and travelling.

Georgia Power Company has a long history with GASHE and its members. Just so you know, as Key Account Managers, we are liasons between you (our customers) and Georgia Power. We offer rate, energy and power quality audits. We can provide turn key solutions to help you save money and have reliable equipment throughout your campus. We can help with Electric Vehicles and chargers, provide outdoor security lighting and security cameras. A lot has changed in our industry, as it has in yours. We have a growing list of Products & Services and Programs that can help you.

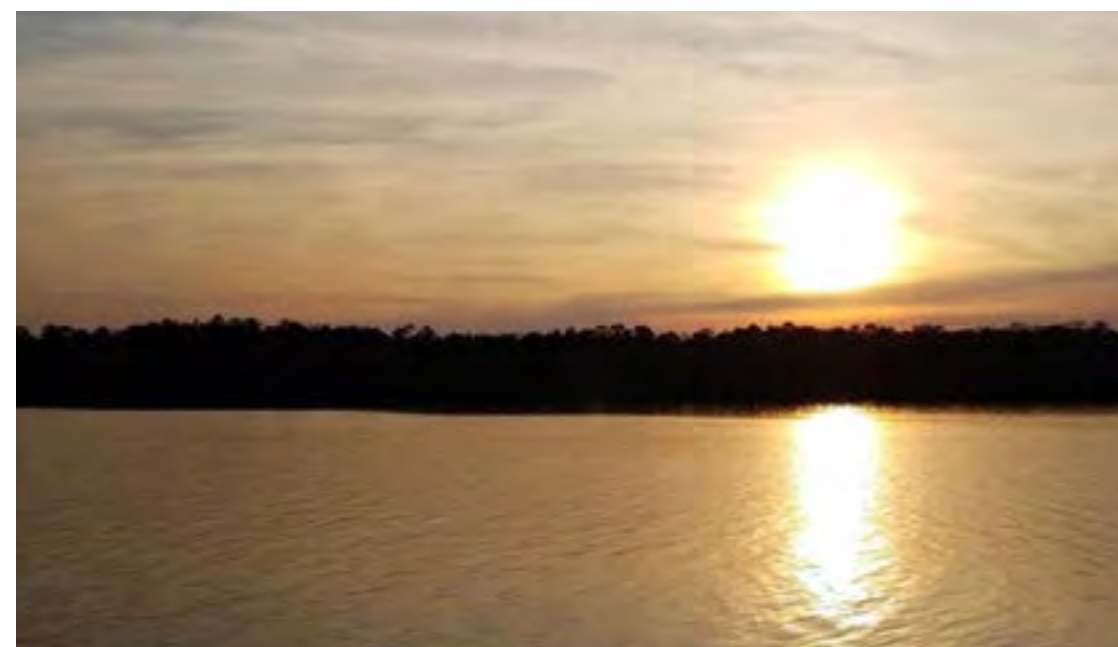
Visit our website <https://www.georgiapower.com/business/industry-services.html>. We look forward to getting to know the GASHE community and working with everyone in the future! A big thank you for all who participated and enjoyed our Karaoke Event at the March Annual Meeting! We are excited about getting more involved in the association!



GASHE at a GLANCE



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