



# December Newsletter

## UPCOMING NSHE EVENTS FOR 2017

- Annual Winter Telehealth  
Feb 10  
Location TBD
- Annual Trade Show  
May 4-5  
Kearney, NE
- Annual Golf Outing  
June 22-23  
Wildhorse Golf  
Gothenburg, NE
- Annual Fall Telehealth  
Sept 8  
Location TBD
- NSHE Fall Meeting /NHA Annual Conf  
LaVista  
Convention Ctr  
LaVista, NE

### GREETINGS!

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last newsletter as your NSHE president. I am privileged to have the honor of leading this great organization. Thank you all for allowing me to do so.

So much has happened in 2016.

- \* As usual, we were presented with some GREAT educational opportunities. Thanks to the education committee for their great work.
- \* We received our first ASHE Chapter Platinum Award. Thanks to the boards of the past and present for their vision and hard work in getting us to the Platinum Level. I am sure that boards of the future will keep going to greater heights!
- \* NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE 2012 was ADOPTED. This brings with it much work on everyone's part. Please reach out to NSHE and ASHE as you work to meet the many new requirements. Both organizations have a wealth of resources available to help you.
- \* NFPA 99 went from guidance to code. Again – use NSHE and ASHE!!

Your education committee met in November to plan for 2017. Committee members are Matt Ruhler (HDR), Richard Acuna (Thayer County Health Services), Michael Kemp (Professional Associates), Bob Black (CPM), Ryan Watzke (JE Dunn), Jim Quinn (CHI Health). It was great day of strategy and planning for our members and our chapter. We will continue to have our basic educational sessions consisting of two Telehealth conferences, the Spring Trade Show and Meeting, the Golf and Educational Outing and the Fall Meeting in conjunction with NHA. In addition, we will offer 4 webinars. Agendas and dates are being set. More information will follow soon.

The board also met in November to prepare for the upcoming year. Your 2017 NSHE Board is as follows:

Skanda Skandaverl (CHI Health) – President  
Mark Sears (Faith Regional) – President – Elect  
Carol McCormick (CHI Health) – Past President and Education Chair  
Don Sheets (Bryan Health) - Treasurer  
Kari Lawson (Thayer County Health) – Hospital Member  
Dave Kozak (CHI Health) – Hospital Member and ASHE Advocacy Liaison  
Jim Quinn (CHI Health) – Hospital Member and Education Committee  
Ken Witt (Fremont Health) – Hospital Member  
Amy Thompson (Leo A Daly) – Vendor Member and Membership Committee  
Pat Ryan (MMC) – Vendor Member

Please reach out to any of us with your thoughts, questions, concerns, ideas!

Lastly, I would like to thank Kim Hunting for her undying dedication to NSHE. We could not get ANYTHING done without Kim. She does a fantastic job keeping the board on track, maintaining open lines of communication, setting up meetings and webinars – I could go on and on. From the bottom of my heart Kim – thanks so much!!!

Please take some time this holiday season to slow down, enjoy family and friends and reflect on the many blessings that we each have. May you and yours feel the “peace” of the season.

Sincerely,

Carol J. McCormick, CHFM

*“No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude” Alfred North Whitehead*

## NSHE 2017 Annual Fall Meeting

Attendance this year was another success with 94 members in attendance.

Thank you to all of our speakers:

Sharon Sutherland, Hilti presented Trends and Compliance of Firestopping in the Healthcare Environment

Keynote Speaker Jonathon Flannery, ASHE Sr Associate of Advocacy presented NFPA 99 2012 Edition

The State Fire Marshall, Don Fritz presented Fire Safety Code Updates

Donna Kohlan, Farris Engineering and Nick McShannon, Ahern Fire Protection presented IBC and NFPA 101 Fire Protection Requirements

Andy Yosten, Rick Horeis, Brian Kolm and Tim Kock all from HDR presented CMS Adoption of the 2012 LS Code

## Keynote Speaker Sponsor



## NSHE Display Booth

Due to the efforts of our Membership Committee, we now have a NSHE Booth Display and was put to use at the NHA Convention. There was quite a bit of traffic and inquiries about what the NSHE is and how to join. Thank you to our volunteers who sat at the table during the conference:

Mark Sears, Faith Regional Health Services

Richard Acuna, Thayer County Health Services

Ken Pankow, Faith Regional Health Services

Tim Widhalm, Faith Regional Health Services

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## **In Conclusion...**

Please contact the Education Committee with suggestions for future education topics.

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