Our Society was founded in 1958 and celebrated its 50th anniversary at the 2008 Fall Conference in New Haven, Conn. The Society grew out of informal meetings held by hospital engineers in the Boston area, who began meeting in the 1950s to network and find solutions to common problems.

The society’s first president was George Vera, and, today, I serve as the 55th president today. The first formal meeting was at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the first newsletter went out in 1960. In the April newsletter in 1961, the young organization held a contest to create a logo; the prizes were a bottle of scotch and a box of cigars. The contest ended in a tie, so there were two winners. The group’s archivist, John Duraes, maintains a history of the organization.

We are an affiliate of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), offered through the American Hospital Association (AHA). NEHES is actually two years older than ASHE.

As we embark through our 56th year of serving healthcare engineers and facility managers, I wanted to take a moment and honor our history. In this booklet, you will find a list with photos of past NEHES Presidents and many other groups that have brought us achievement and honor through the years.

Take a moment and reflect as we thank all those members who have served us well and taken us to great achievements.

Ed Lydon, SASHE, CHFM, MSHCM
2014 NEHES President
NEHES Presidents
1958 to 1989

Richard Stockwell
(1960)
Massachusetts General Hospital

Frederick Macinnis
(1970)
Cooley Dickinson Hospital MA

Ralph Henry
(1980)
Medical Center of Vermont

Joseph Degen
(1961)
Massachusetts General Hospital

Gilbert Nessolini
(1971)
Massachusetts General Hospital

Donald Kohler
(1981)
Bridgeport Hospital—CT

Edwin Chafee
(1962)
Rhode Island Hospital

Alexander Bender
(1972)
Massachusetts General Hospital

Paul Taylor
(1982)
Boston Hospital for Women

William Hamey
(1963)
St. Vincent’s Hospital MA

William White
(1973)
Framingham Union Hospital

Albert Jones
(1983)
Putnam Memorial—VT

Vincent Gardner
(1964)
Beth Israel Hospital

Bernard Dowd
(1974)
Lawrence Memorial MA

John Crowley,
CHFM, SASHE
(1984)
St. John’s Hospital—MA

Lewis Ely, Jr.
(1965)
Dartmouth-Hitchcock

James Hanlon
(1975)
Kent County Memorial

Percy Hanscom
(1985)
Regional Memorial Hospital ME

Warren Marbel
(1966)
Danbury Hospital—CT

Andrew Triano
(1976)
Newington Childrens Hospital- CT

David Hathaway
(1986)
Lawrence Memorial Hospital– MA

Charles Shields
(1967)
The Memorial Hospital MA

James Lawson
(1977)
Medical Center Hospital-VT

Richard Popham
(1987)
University of Connecticut Health Center

Everett Benoit
(1968)
Rhode Island Hospital

Raymond Kowalski
(1978)
Memorial Hospital—RI

Theron Manning
(1988)
Gifford Memorial—VT

William Doherty
(1969)
St. Francis Hospital CT

James Gleason
(1979)
Robert B. Brigham Hospital MA

Edward Boyer
(1989)
Charlton Memorial Hospital-MA
Since 1958, NEHES has been the premiere association representing the interests of healthcare engineers and facility managers in the Northeast. We salute the 55 members who have served as President.

Of note: John Crowley served twice in 1984 and 2005, Mark English served twice in 1999 and 2003. Dawn LeBaron was the first female President in 2004.
New England will be well represented on the national stage as Dave Dagenais, CHSP, CHFM, FASHE, became the President Elect of the American Society for Healthcare Engineers (ASHE) in the recent nationwide election.

Dagenais will serve as president-elect in 2014 and will assume the role of ASHE president in 2015. He currently serves as Director of Plant Operations and Security at Wentworth-Douglas Hospital in Dover, New Hampshire and has been a longstanding member of NEHES. He has helped lead ASHE’s advocacy work and has been involved with code development organizations to improve the codes and standards regulating hospitals for several decades.

Robert L. Falaguerra, FASHE, CHFM served as the ASHE President in 1987, the first NEHES member to serve in this role. Falaguerra’s previous experience includes over 25 years of healthcare facilities management including assignments at Monefiore Hospital and Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital and Bronx Lebanon Hospital, all in New York City.

He is past President, Board Member, and Fellow of the American Society for Healthcare Engineering. He is currently Vice President of Facilities, Support Services and Construction at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT.

With more than 11,000 members, ASHE is the largest association devoted to optimizing the health care physical environment. As a trusted industry resource, ASHE is committed to our members, the facilities they build and maintain and the patient’s they serve.

ASHE’s governance structure exists to identify and fulfill the organizational mission, goals, and strategic plan. The ASHE board of directors, committees, and staff are all partners in the governance team.

Bob Loranger, Director of Facilities at New England Medical Center (Boston) and ASHE president-elect, will become ASHE’s president on January 1.

Currently NEHES secretary, Bob will also move ahead to the position of NEHES president-elect. In the year 2000, he'll be president of NEHES.

Bob will spend one-third of the coming year away from Boston, but he'll do so without regrets. “You could never repeat this valuable experience again in your career,” he said.
Honoring Engineer of The Year & Region 1 Emerging Leaders

Engineer of the Year

In 1996 the New England Healthcare Engineers’ Society created the Engineer of the Year award. Recipients are honored for their service to their institution, their chapter, fellow engineers, and the Society as a whole.

The award consists of a plaque, a cash award, waiver of the Fall Seminar registration and spousal fees, publication of a news release, and a letter to the CEO at the awardees' place of employment.

1996 - Mark Cappello
1997 - Tom O’Sullivan
1998 - Jack Gosselin, FASHE, CHFM
1999 - Steve Cutter, SASHE, CHFM, MBA, HFDP
2000 - Joe Mona
2001 - Mark English, CCE, SASHE, CHFM
2002 - Don Garrison, FASHE, CHFM
2003 - Gene Cable, P.E., MSFPE
2004 - Ron Vachon, SASHE, CHFM
2005 - Joe Mona
2006 - Bob Lord
2007 - Steve Jalowiec, P.E., CHFM
2008 - Fred Leffingwell, CHFM
2009 - Dave Dagenais, FASHE, CHFM, CHSP
2010 - Ed Lydon, SASHE, CHFM, MSHCM
2011 - Jona Roberts, SASHE, CHFM
2012 – Milt Dudley, CPE, CHFM, CHEC

ASHE Region 1 Emerging Leaders

This prominent award recognizes 10 exceptional individuals, one from each ASHE region, for their exemplary leadership skills and their commitment to the field of health care facility management through their local and/or national involvement with ASHE.

Here are NEHES members who have achieved this honor.

2002
Ron Vachon, CHFM, SASHE

2003
Dawn LeBaron

2005
Kevin J. Keating

2006
Joseph C Mona

2007
Dave Dagenais, SASHE, CHFM, CHSP

2009
Steve Jalowiec, P.E., CHFM

2011
Ed Lydon, SASHE, CHFM, MSHCM

2012
Jona Roberts, SASHE, CHFM
Senior Status ASHE

Senior status (SASHE) is granted to an ASHE active member demonstrating a commitment to the healthcare facilities management profession and recognizes their contribution to the industry through leadership, education and publishing.

1984 - John Crowley, SASHE
1994 - Mark English, SASHE
2002 - Jack Gosselin, SASHE, CHFM
2003 - James D. Gilmore, SASHE
2005 - Don Garrison, SASHE, CHFM
2006 - Ron D. Vachon, SASHE, CHFM
2009 - Dave Dagenais, SASHE, CHFM, CHSP
2012 - Ed Lydon, SASHE, CHFM, MSHCM
2013 - Edward Browne, MS, CHFM, CHC, SASHE, FACHE
2013 - Jona Roberts, SASHE, CHFM

Fellow Status ASHE

Fellow status (FASHE) is granted to ASHE active members who have achieved Senior status and continue to demonstrate commitment to the healthcare facilities management profession.

2005 - Jack Gosselin, FASHE, CHFM
2009 - Don Garrison, FASHE, CHFM
2012 - Dave Dagenais, FASHE, CHFM, CHSP

ASHE Founders

1963 - Vince Gardner, Boston, MA
   ASHE’s First President-Elect
1964 - Vince Gardner, ASHE President

NEHES Members as ASHE Region 1 Directors

(Regional elections began in 1973)

1974-1975 Frederick J. McInnis—MA
1976 Alexander Bender —CT
1977-1980 William White— MA
1981-1984 James Lawson—VT
1985-1986 Dave Elliott —CT
1987-1988 Vince Gardner —MA
1989-1992 John Crowley—MA
1993-1996 Robert Loranger—MA
1997-2000 Jack Gosselin —CT
2001-2004 Donald Garrison—CT
2005-2008 Ron Vachon—ME
2009-2010 Fred Leffingwell—CT
2011-2013 David Dagenais—NH
The Certified Healthcare Facility Manager status provides both internal and external rewards. CHFMs enjoy the pride of recognition of being among the elite in a critical field of healthcare. CHFM is a premier credential based on a sound assessment that provides distinction in a competitive marketplace.

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"The room was hot and so was the subject — OSHA."

SHOULD YOU COMPUTERIZE YOUR HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

Fred Leffingwell holds the Platinum Levels of Affiliation award given to NEHES at the Chapter Leadership Luncheon during the ASHE Annual Conference. ASHE President John R. Wood, CHFM, SASHE (left), of Mercy Medical Center, Roseburg, OR, presented the awards. NEHES also received the Platinum award last year.

Jack Gosselin
ASHE Region 1 Director
2000

Ron Vachon, new Region 1 Director

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