

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members:

It gives me great pleasure to be opening our Society's thirty-first year, for one of if not the best hospital engineering societies in the country. I pledge to do my best to maintain the high standards set by those who have chaired this group before me.

I'd like to start by thanking of you who have agreed to work on the board for this coming year. If you've been here before then you know what lies ahead. If you're new to the Board you will find the work difficult and demanding but the benefits and self-satisfaction rewarding.

I am pleased to welcome back such "old faithfuls" as Theron Manning, last year's President from Gifford Memorial Hospital in Vermont and Paul Taylor from South Shore Hospital in So. Weymouth, Ma. who will be heading our Steering and By-Laws Committee. With these two men at the helm you may be certain we're headed in the right direction.

David Hathaway, Director of Engineering at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, Ma., has agreed to chair the Research Committee and John Crowley who was recently elected by Chapter One will be serving as our ASHE Liaison. These four past Presidents have served this Society for nearly seventy-five years collectively and are still going strong.

Through the progression system, our Treasurer last year, Jack Gosselin, Director of Facilities at North Country Hospital in Newport, Vt., will be our President-Elect this year. George Hawley, Director of Engineering at Hebrew Rehab. Center in Roslindale, Ma., who was last year's Secretary, will serve as Vice President this year. Both have just left demanding and time-consuming positions on the Board so we know they will continue in that same tradition in their new roles.

Our newly elected Secretary is Jack Berger, Director of Plant Operations at J.B. Thomas Hospital in Peabody, Ma. Jack is an articulate and knowledgeable engineer so you know our minutes will be clear and precise. Our new Treasurer will be Bernard Bolton, Director of Plant Operations at New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, Ma. Jack just jumped from the frying pan into the fire, or vice versa in this case.

Last year, Bernie was our Newsletter Editor. This year our Newsletter Editor will be Tom Shubuck from Connecticut who, in the past, has held positions on the Board including Vice-President, Secretary and State Representative. He has also done some outstanding work on committees and who could forget the Fall Seminar of 1984 in Connecticut which was chaired by Tom. As most members of the board will agree, this is perhaps the most demanding and time-consuming job on the Board. There is no doubt in my mind that with everyone's help Tom will do a superb job. I would especially like to ask all our members, not just those on our Board, to flood Tom with information and articles which he can use in our News-

letter. Search high and low and share with everyone the things you are doing at your various facilities. If for no other reason, take this opportunity to boast about something new going on at your facility. Have you recently installed a new C-T, M.R.I. or incinerator? If so, print it. You'll be surprised at how many calls you receive from your peers who would like to be able to talk with someone who's been down the road. Don't forget this Society's main objective is the sharing of knowledge and what better way of doing this than through our Newsletter.

Welcome aboard to our new State Representatives: for Connecticut: Gunether Ohler of Meriden Wallingford Hospital; for Massachusetts, Charles Feeney of Choate Memorial Hospital; the alternate for Massachusetts will be Thomas J. Galligan, the Director of Plant Operations at New England Sinai Hospital; and for New Hampshire, Mike Solak of Parkland Medical Center. A special thanks goes out to our State Representatives who are working a second term: for Maine, Bob Lord of Parkview Memorial Hospital; Bob's alternate for Maine will be Kurt Felix, Director of Plant Operations at Osteopathic Hospital; for Rhode Island, Ovid Bordeianu of Newport Hospital; Ovid's alternate will be Lee Kissinger, Plant Engineer at Woonsocket Hospital; and for Vermont, Joe Kaczmarek Of Central Vermont Medical Center.

One of the unsung heroes each year is our Membership Chairperson. This is a time-consuming job with very little thanks. Bob Campbell, Director of Facilities Services at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, has agreed to serve a second term. Bob knows what needs to be done and with the many financial constraints put on hospitals these days it doesn't make his job any easier.

Thomas J. Galligan, Director of Plant Operations at New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton, Ma, will be this year's Chairperson for Education and Career Development Committee. Tom is no stranger to our group having served as Massachusetts State Representative for several years and chaired a few seminars. This year's Spring Seminar Chairperson is a newcomer to our Society. It's Robert Bueter, Director of Engineering at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Ma. This year's Spring Seminar will be on Tuesday, March 21, 1989, at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston. As usual, this is the week that the New England Health Care Assembly is in town. Bob will have his hands full with this project but can count on a great deal of help from those who've done the Spring Seminar before him. Shortly you will be receiving updates on the time and the program to be presented.

Our Fall Seminar Chairperson is Bob Lord who is also our State Representative from Maine. Bob and his committee people from Maine have been working on the Fall Seminar for nearly a year now. The dates are October 18, 19 and 20th of 1989. The facility they have chosen, the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine, is outstanding and the educational program they have put together will be conducted by none other than Ode

Keil, Director of Plant and Technology Management for the J.C.A.H.O.

Regarding our Liaison persons: As previously mentioned, John Crowley is with ASHE and David Elliott, Director of Facilities with the Dept. of Mental Retardation, Connecticut and previously our Liaison with ASHE, is now our Liaison with NFPA. I am hoping Dave will have a close working relationship with NFPA and that our members will take advantage of this opportunity to solicit interpretations, etc. from NFPA via Dave. Joe Mona, Chief of Maintenance at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Ma., will return with NEHA. Jack Gosselin will play a dual role. Along with being the President-Elect, he is also our JCAHO Liaison person.

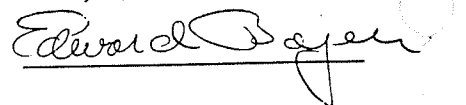
Last but not least, is the person who holds our group together. The person who operates the Society's computer system and has centralized all our records, history, membership, etc. We are very fortunate to have Mary Lou Crowley of St. John's Hospital in Lowell, Ma. as our Executive Secretary.

This year, as in the past, the entire Board has its work cut out. As you are all aware, our Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with very limited income. As a matter of fact, our only source of income is that which is derived from our dues, interest on our bank account and any profit from our two seminars. The money we earn from our dues and bank interest doesn't even cover our normal operational expenses. The Spring Seminar which is usually a half day session normally results in a "break even" situation. The cost for our members is based on our actual cost to put on the seminar. Our Fall Seminar on the other hand usually makes a few dollars profit. Starting with the 1984 Seminar in Connecticut, we have sold space to vendors to help defray costs which has worked out very well. This is one of the reasons that we ask each member to spend some time at each vendor's booth to show our appreciation for their support.

The financial constraints put on hospitals in recent years has had its effects on our membership and attendance at our seminars. Everyone still has some form of educational budget, however, and we are hoping you'll spend it with us. There is no doubt in my mind that dollar for dollar you can't buy a better educational seminar than those put on by your Society. We need your help and support at these events and look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask each member to help us in our membership drive. At your state and group meetings, please try to get your peers to join us. As a member of this Society you are aware of what we have to offer and by participating you will get a lot more in return.

Thank you,



Edward Boyer
President

??SEMINARS??

Q. Why does NEHES have a seminar every Spring and Fall?

NEHES is committed to professional development of hospital engineers through continuous education. This is an objective of the Society, set forth in the by-laws.

Q. Why are the seminars always so far away?

A. How far is far? If you live in Connecticut and the seminar is in Maine, it is some distance. However, there will be a seminar in Connecticut the following year. Fall seminars are held on a rotating basis in each member state. The schedule is ME, CT, RI, NH, VT, and MA. Spring seminars are held in Boston in conjunction with the meetings of the New England Health Care Assembly (NEHA).

Q. Why do we have vendors at the seminars?

A. Vendors are charged a rental fee for space to set up a booth to describe their services/products to prospective users. Income from the vendor booth rental helps to underwrite the low \$125.00 and \$40.00 Fall and Spring seminar registration fees.

Q. I am beginning to feel "seminared-out", what can I get from a NEHES seminar that makes it worth my time?

A. You and your health care institution have a great deal to gain from a NEHES seminar. The price is right! The cost of \$125.00 at Fall seminars entitles the attendee to 2 solid days of seminars, 1/2 day roundtable session, and 7 meals including an annual banquet. Spring seminars cost \$40.00 per member for a four hour seminar, including lunch.

Spring and Fall seminars are quality educational productions conducted by professional leaders on current subjects pertinent to health-care engineering.

The 1988 Fall management seminar was identical in every aspect to that sponsored by a local university - same agenda, same lecturer, same handouts. The difference: NEHES \$125, University \$400; credit \$275 to your institution.

The seminars also provide a platform to air your views, frustrations, concerns and solutions of situations you and follow hospital engineers have experienced. You have an opportunity to meet the people that can make your job easier to improve your facility.

You have a responsibility to your institution to use your information and studies to guide your facility to the best of your abilities.

If you feel "seminared out" and miss the opportunities NEHES offers, it will be a loss to you and your institution.

AT THE 1988 BANQUET, NEHES AWARDED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$500.00 EACH TO WORCESTER POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE (WPI) OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD REPLACES RIGHT-TO- KNOW LAW IN THE WORKPLACE.

On May 23, 1988, OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard became the law for virtually all employers in the country with employees exposed to hazardous chemicals in the work place. Hospitals are now covered by this legislation. This law totally replaces the Massachusetts Right-to-Know law. Although the goals of the federal Hazard Communication Program and the state's Right-to-Know law are basically identical, at least two significant differences exist.

The Hazard Communication Standard requires job-specific chemical safety training to be conducted prior to initial job assignment. An employer had up to thirty days to fulfill this requirement under the former state law.

In addition, hazard communication requires an employer to have a written policy which includes a statement addressing hazard communication compliance applicable to all outside contractors working on-site. The state Right-to-Know law never addressed outside contractors.

The basic goals of hazard communication are:

1. All chemical products must be evaluated for hazards by manufacturers and importers before entering the marketplace.
2. Employers must acquire from the manufacturer and / or importer all safety data sheets and make them available to employees.
3. Information is collected as Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and these sheets must be kept current, usually by the Safety Dept.
4. All hazardous chemicals must be labeled, including the container which may be used in the work place, if not the original received by the manufacturer.
5. That employers have a written Hazard Communication Program and conduct the appropriate training for employees.

Note: Massachusetts employers are still required to file MSDSs with DEQE as part of the state's Community Right-to-Know Program, which was not preempted by federal legislation.

Copies of the Hazard Communication Standard and other helpful publications are available from OSHA by calling (617) 647-8681.

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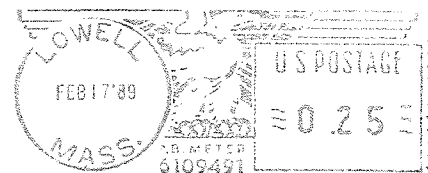
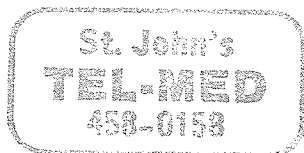
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