



KHEA Newsletter

March 2024

Letter from the President

I am very excited and honored to be your 2024 KHEA President. I am very lucky to have such great past presidents particularly in Lance and Shane. With the new year, I want to thank our current board members, especially our newest Board Member representing the Northeast – Gordon Beightel.

In 2023, we had a total of 110 members, 20 of those being new members with a breakdown of 28 associate members (vendor partners), 3 Emeritus and 79 regular. We anticipate continued growth in our organization as we offer more benefits and access to our associate and regular members. We also happily utilized our scholarship fund to help KHEA member's families with continuing education.

As healthcare engineers, we continue to face challenges of aging infrastructure, limited capital budgets, increased regulatory expectations and talent shortages. We seek to bring facility leaders and solution providers together to network and share common challenges. Our semi-annual conferences provide such opportunities. We are excited to host our Spring conference in Wichita this year where we will have keynote speaker George Mills to discuss regulatory trends. We will also have other relevant topics such as conversion of critical access hospitals to rural emergency hospitals, AEM (alternative equipment maintenance) best practices, asset condition assessments, and Evergy energy incentives. A full agenda will be provided in our link below.

The board has also been working diligently to make sponsorship easier for our vendor partners. A new form has been attached that makes annual sponsorship and budgeting easier for our wonderful partners.

In an effort to make outreach and collaboration more accessible to our members, KHEA has invested in modernizing our website and member management program through Partnership with STARChapter. This will allow us to take online payments for membership directly through the website. It also gives us greater visibility into our membership, events and content. The platform allows for direct communication to our membership through the member management platform. Look for an announcement when we are live!

Finally, I want to encourage you all to take advantage of KHEA's scholarship program. Credentialing and continuous education is key to success in healthcare facilities management. Please see attached article I wrote with resources to Thank you for all you do to keep our healthcare environments safe for the great state of Kansas!

Regards,

Justin Cerre CHFM, PMP, SFP

NEW Website

KHEA is proud to introduce the new website – www.khea-net.org.

All 2023 and 2024 members have been entered. Expect to see a welcome email from the new website soon.

Spring Conference

The KHEA Spring Conference will be April 16-18, 2024 in Wichita at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita.

Registration for the conference is now open. You can view more information on the website [here](#).

The Golf Tournament will be on April 16 at Willow Bend Golf Course. Registration for golf is separate from the educational sessions. Please reach out to Lance Smith if you are interested in golf – lsmith@haysmed.com.

Educational Scholarships

KHEA supports those furthering their education. Two \$500 scholarships for members and immediate family of members will be awarded in the Spring of 2024. These can be used by you to attend a training session or national conference, your child or a grandchild to attend a college. Financial need, scholastic status, and degree major are NOT factors in the selection process.

The application is available [online](#) and needs to be returned by April 12, 2023.

Thank You Star Vendors

- Apex Medical Gas Systems, Inc.
- BHC
- Central Mechanical Construction Company
- DCS Services
- ECC
- HFG Architecture
- Hajoca
- INA Alert, Inc.
- Kruse Corporation
- MTA
- Murray Company
- Roofmasters Roofing & Sheet Metal Company Inc.

For more information on vendor opportunities, contact Shane Meier at shane.meier@mynmchealth.org or Lance Smith at lance.smith@haysmed.com.

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