



To: Kansas Healthcare Environmental and Linen Services Association Professionals

From: Eva Harrington, KHELSA President

RE: 2025 Application for Membership and President's Letter

Happy New Year, hope this letter finds you all doing well! I invite you to join the Kansas Healthcare Environmental and Linen Services Association. This organization is a great source of information to help you succeed in your position. KHELSA is a great networking and informational tool.

To join KHELSA, simply fill out the enclosed application and return no later than March 1. We do have a square now and are able to accept credit card payments if that is easier for you.

Our members have a vast amount of knowledge that we can share with each other. We will provide a membership roster once the membership drive is completed. This roster will give you the ability to contact others for information.

We will have our annual meeting October 23-24, 2025, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Salina KS. We will be sending out a postcard this year that will have a QR code to take you to the brochure. We hope it will make registration easier. The postcard will be sent out around Labor Day. We will also email the program information, so be watching for both, as the time gets closer. We also encourage you to share this information with your infection prevention nurses and with your long-term care facilities.

During the 2024 Annual Meeting, we elected Susan Betts and Brendan Rankin as board members. Brendan retained his position as a member and Susan is new to the board. Their term will be January 1, 2025-December 31, 2027. We have two board members whose terms expire at the end of 2025. They may choose to be re-elected; however, we will take nominations at our workshop and vote during the business meeting for these positions. The board will be appointing a new president-elect at our fall meeting, as Patrick Fowler will become President on January 1, 2026. The board appoints this position as the person must be a board member. With this appointment, we will have a third board member position available. If you are interested in being a part of the board, or have questions about becoming a board member, please contact any board member and we would be happy to discuss.

I wish to thank all the board members for the time and effort they put into our organization and to all the members for their support as well. Reach out to any board member with questions or requests for information. The board also encourages you all to look into becoming a member of the Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), as this has great education opportunities and information to help us succeed in our positions. To become a member it is \$165.00 a year and well worth it for all the credits, you can earn for education and safety.

Please view our web page at [www.khelsa.org](http://www.khelsa.org) and remember to send in your membership application, which is enclosed.

I wish you all the best in 2025!

Eva Harrington  
2025 KHELSA President