



## ACHE of Arkansas

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#### *Special Edition*

### AHEF Name Change

You may have noticed that the name of the organization has been updated on the newsletter.

At the November meeting of the Arkansas Health Executives Forum (AHEF) Board of Directors, the Board discussed and approved changing the name of this organization to ACHE of Arkansas. This change will allow potential members to recognizing the connection to the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), something that many other states across the nation have done.

You may have noticed that the AHEF logo is still at the top of the newsletter. There are still steps that need to be taken by AHEF with ACHE to make this change official. Once official, a new logo will be established.

### Changes to the Board

Also at the November board meeting, the board was expanded to include the committee chairs already serving as advisors to the board but did have voting rights as board members. This expansion allows members of the association to be more active by participating on a committee and network as their committees hold separate meetings to discuss the needs of the association.

The new expanded board:

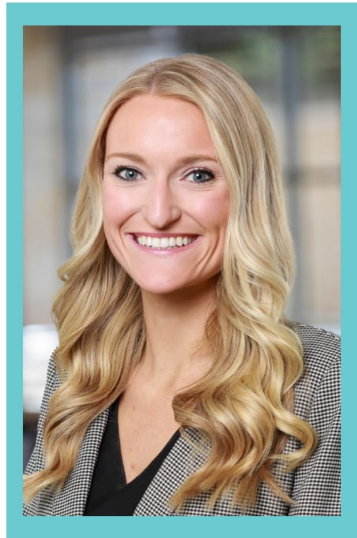
- Adam Head, President
- Gary Paxson, Vice President
- Michael Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
- David Fox, Director
- Lyndsey Dumas, Education Co-Chair
- George Valez, Education Co-Chair
- Josh Conlee, Nominating & Recruiting
- Christy Quarles Smith, Career Development
- Vincent Turner, Culture and Diversity
- Phil Gilmore, Audit/Budget
- Melissa Yandell, Student Advisory

Each committee chair will reach out to those individuals stating interest in serving on an ACHE of Arkansas (formerly AHEF) committee. The committee chair will be responsible for holding separate meetings with their committees and reporting back to the ACHE of Arkansas Board of Directors at each meeting.

## ACHE Regents Awards

Each year, ACHE Regents have the opportunity to provide awards for outstanding healthcare executive leadership in their jurisdiction. The Regent's Awards recognize exemplary leadership of both Early Career and Senior Level healthcare executives. This year, Greg Crain, ACHE Regent for Arkansas recognized two very deserving individuals at the 2023 Arkansas Hospital Association Annual Meeting.

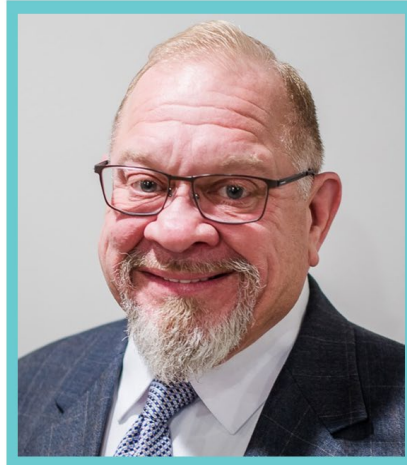
### Congratulations Mackenzie and Terry!



2023 ACHE REGENT'S AWARD HONOREE  
EARLY CAREER HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE

## Mackenzie Clyburn

AVP of Hospital Operations,  
Baptist Health Medical Center  
Little Rock



2023 ACHE REGENT'S AWARD HONOREE  
SENIOR CAREER HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE

## Terry Amstutz

CEO, McGehee Hospital  
McGehee

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