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KCAHE Conference

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How many of you know “Skanda” then in 2003 ?

FYI
September 24, 2004
<http://lmhweb.lmh.org>

LMH Facilities Director Earns National Recognition



City Area Healthcare Engineers (KCAHE) – met, but only about 20 members attended.

Three years ago Skanda was asked to serve as president of the organization. Since his term began, Skanda with the support of many others began to turn the organization into a group that energizes its members and helps them do their jobs more efficiently.

Meetings are now being held monthly at local healthcare institutions. Attendance at the meetings has skyrocketed to almost 90 during Skanda's term. There are now 160 members in KCAHE. Skanda has promoted information sharing through an e-mail knowledge pool, focused on education

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JCAHO Visiting LMH

Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is visiting LMH soon. Surveyors will be here Tuesday, October 5, Friday, October 8. They are scheduled to be in patient care areas all of these days.

Every associate should be prepared to talk to surveyors about your job and patient care you are caring for.

Surveyors will use the “tracer methodology” during their visit. They will look at patients who have used medical service areas and look at care provided in all of the areas.

For example, they may start with a patient who came through the ED, needed emergency surgery and then end

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and worked to strengthen bonds between members. He also invited architects, engineers and contractors to join the organization. KCAHE has benefited from the different perspective these new members offer.

“Now there is a comfort level within the group,” said Skanda. “We no longer have to sit around and scratch our heads about a problem. We just pick up a phone or send an e-mail and we are connected to others that have experienced similar issues.”

KCAHE is an association of diverse professionals dedicated to continuous improvement in the healthcare environment through advocacy, education, information and collaboration. KCAHE serves as a resource for continuous improvement in the healthcare engineering and facilities management professions.

Skanda and the association were recently recognized with a Gold Award at the annual American Society for Healthcare Engineering Conference. Thirty-one chapters out of about 400 nationwide received this award, which was given to chapters who ranked highly in the areas of education, leadership development, recognition, membership, advocacy, communication and planning.

He also recently acquired the title of Certified Healthcare Facility Manager from the American Hospital Association. The certification requires participants to meet certain requirements and pass an examination which tests competence in areas of compliance; planning, design and construction; maintenance and operations; finance; and administration.

The certification gives Skanda national recognition. He is the second person in Kansas to acquire the certification, which is more prominent on the East and West Coasts where it has become a requirement for certain positions.

Skanda's exceptional work outside his job is reflective of the work he does at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, said Robert Trepinski, Vice President at LMH. “We know Skanda is a special individual who is dedicated to his work here,” said Trepinski. “It is nice to know that he is getting national recognition for all that he has done.”

Skanda will step down as the president of KCAHE this year. Next year he will become the president of the 140-member Kansas Healthcare Engineers Association.

Internal Survey Graphs Available Online

Wondering how your department did on the Internal Survey? Wonder no more. Internal Survey graphs on the Intranet.

Go to <http://lmhweb.lmh.org/> and choose Internal Survey on the left. Then choose Results and fill in the drop downs.

Patient Satisfaction scores are also available on the intranet by clicking on Documents and then Satisfaction Scores.

Meet Skanda

Velayuthampill “Skanda” Skandaveri, a native of Sri Lanka, joined LMH in 1988 as an electrician. He left his native country because of the escalating civil war and moved to France. While in France he worked for a construction company and did work in Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Skanda eventually became friends with some Americans who urged him to go the United States to study. He applied to various universities and wound up in Lawrence in 1984 where he enrolled in business classes. Skanda is married and he became a U.S. citizen in 1993.

Skanda has a diploma in electrical engineering, a degree in management, is a certified healthcare facility manager and is currently working on a master's degree in business administration.





Skanda Skandaverl, MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE

ASHE President-Elect

KCAHE President 2003, 2004 & 2005

Division Director, Facilities Management
Energy and Infrastructure, Midwest
CommonSpirit Health

Dec 26, 2004 : \$ 5,000 donation from KACHE

- Tsunami hit my home country Sri-Lanka
- KCAHE – Gave me a check \$ \$ 5,000 and asked me to send to the affected people in Sri-Lanka
- KCAHE continued to do charity every year to various organization especially to children



Skanda's three initiatives

1 “Embrace the Change proactively”

By improving our Communication, Collaboration and Education

2. “Aline the conflicting Codes & Standards”

Under my leadership, we will accelerate this program, teaming up with experts in our industry, using meaningful data and working with regulatory authorities to align many of these codes and standards

3 “Elevate our Profession”

There is a lot we do to provide healing environment to our patients. Many of our facility needs are not recognized and given priorities. This causes infrastructure failures. Our facility staff needs to be recognized and elevated to be a part of decision making in our system.

The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE)



ASHE Mission, Vision and Values

Mission:

Dedicated to optimizing the health care physical environment

Vision:

To engage stakeholders in the creation of health care environments that are optimal for healing.

Core Values:

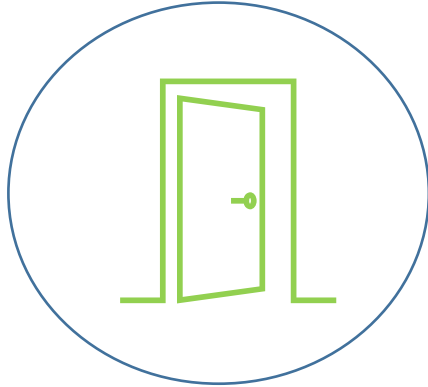
Integrity, Innovation, Fellowship
and Stewardship



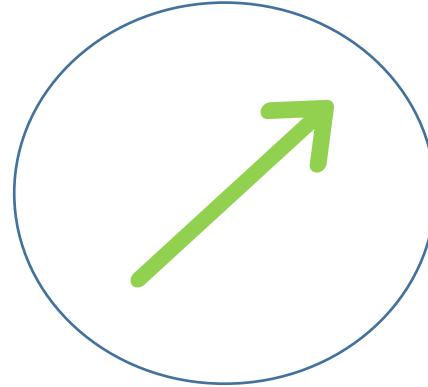
ASHE's Strategic Goals



Operational
Optimization



Member
Inclusion



Career
Advancement,
Succession Planning
& Workforce



Capital
Planning

Our Partnership with Chapters



Advocacy



Education



Networking



Communication



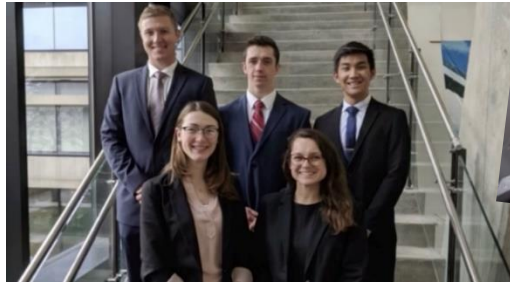
Financial Support

Membership

Looking Toward the Future

Membership Strategic Goals

- Enhance chapter relations-that is why I am here
- Understand and address the needs of ASHE's different member segments
- Recruit and engage young and early career professionals
- Increase membership in new segments

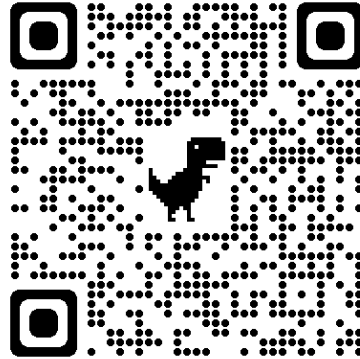


Why Should YOU Join ASHE?

- Education
- Advocacy
- Information
- Career Support
- Professional connections
- And more!



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Advocacy

Advocacy Agenda & National Strategy

- Unified Code
- Reduce Regulatory Burden
- Preparing for the Future
- Sustainability
- Member Engagement



Advocacy Wins

- Revised NFPA 25 to clarify when items such as an occasional IT cable can be touching a sprinkler system pipe.
- 30 day limitation on the use of fire-resistant plastic being used for temporary construction barriers has been removed from NFPA 101
- Worked with FGI to stop the publication of the Emergency Conditions Guideline's as an enforceable regulatory document and encouraged its publication for informational purposes only
- Through the efforts of the ICC Committee on Health Care clarified that carbon monoxide detectors are only required in each space containing a carbon monoxide source and not in each sleeping unit
- 2021 edition of NFPA 101 does not require labeled fire doors in a non-rated barrier to be maintained as rated doors, which will help avoid unnecessary confusion.

Advocacy Liaisons

- Representatives in local chapters sharing policy and legislative affecting the field
- Influential in exit sign inspection win
- Help to foster important advocacy efforts

Keep Your Health Care Facilities in Compliance

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Sustainability & Decarb Initiative

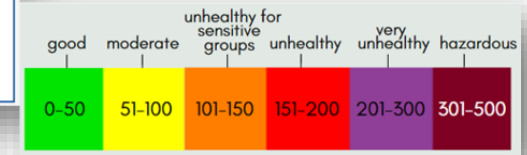
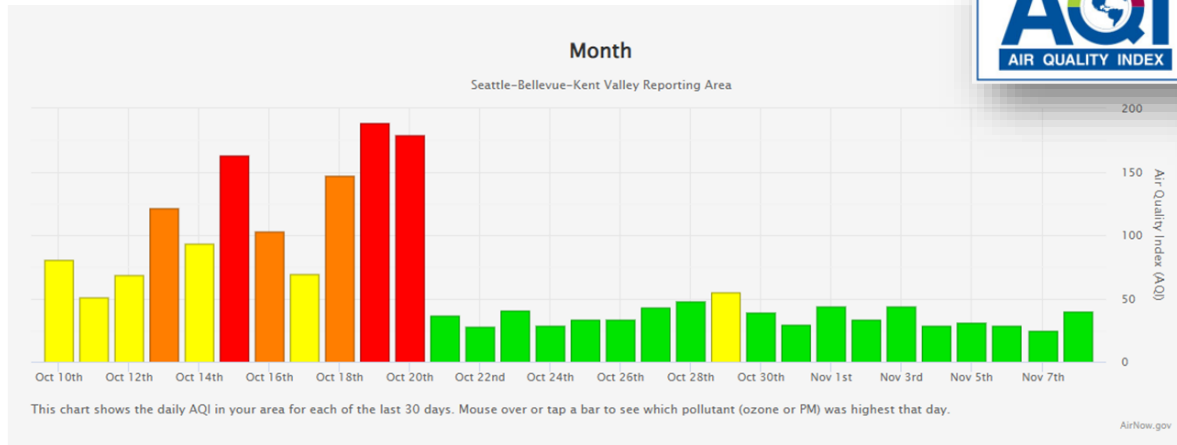
Why Sustainability and Decarbonization



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Pollution effect on health

- Asthma affects more than 23 million Americans, with exposure to air pollution
 - Gases, smoke from fires, volcanic ash, dust particles, emissions from transportation, etc.



Solution: Health Care Working Together

- Advocacy for reasonable EUI & GHG targets
- Data submission to inform advocacy efforts
- Tools and resources
- Knowledge sharing & collaboration



Premise: Taking Small Steps to Reduce

Optimize

- Energy to Care Dashboard
- HealQuest Program

Educate

- Sustainability Tips
- Conservation Measures
- Success Stories
- Monographs

Recognize

- Energy to Care Awards
- Sustainability Champion Award
- Sustained Performance Award



New and Upcoming Tools and Resource



Operation
Decarbonization!



Executive Toolkit



Terminology Guide



HealQuest



Decarb Code Overlay

Reason: Intersection of physical environment and people



**Effect on People
we Care for**



**Health Care
Carbon Footprint**

Education

How ASHE Education Supports Your Growth

- Unbiased, holistic education on topics that impact you daily
- Insights from trusted, agenda-free industry veterans
- Singular focus on supporting you and your team's professional development



How ASHE Education Meets You Where You're At

- Delivered in your preferred format
 - In-Person
 - Live Online
 - On Demand
- Focused on areas of importance for ASHE's Audience such as
 - Facility Management
 - Planning, Design & Construction
 - Infection Prevention
- Developed with ASHE Members for ASHE Members
 - Subject Matter Experts
 - Education Reviewers
 - Product Beta Testers



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July 21-24, 2024 | *Anaheim, CA*



March 18-24, 2024 | *San Diego, CA*



ASHE Academy

Date TBD | Location TBD

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Infection Prevention



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In Person



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Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference

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Facility Manager**



**Certified Health
Care Constructor**



Minimize risk – promote your ASHE certification



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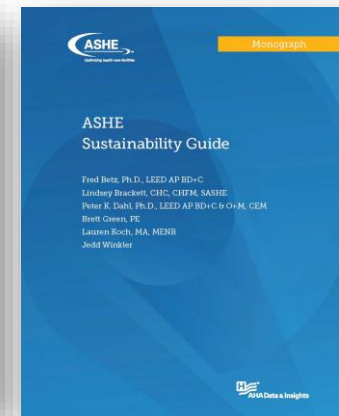
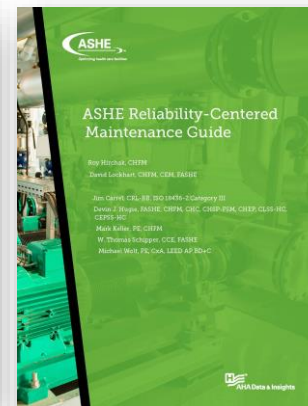
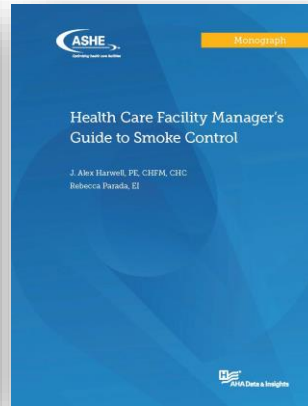
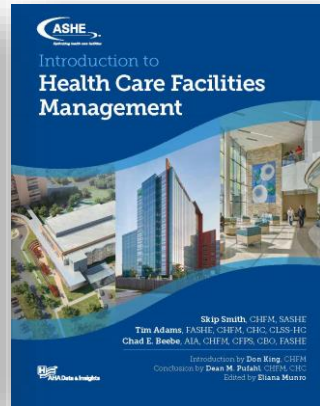
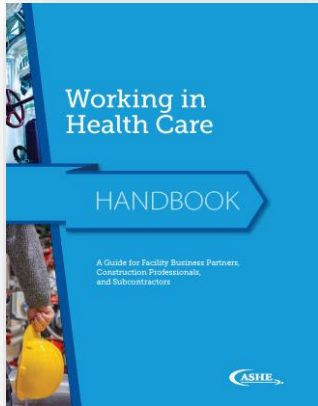


Monographs

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Top Sellers



1. *Working in Health Care: A Guide for Facility Business Partners, Construction Professionals, and Subcontractors*
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3. *Health Care Facility Manager's Guide to Smoke Control*
4. *ASHE Reliability-Centered Maintenance Guide*
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Benchmarking

Health Care Facility Tailored Benchmarking

1. Join the network!

2. Participate!

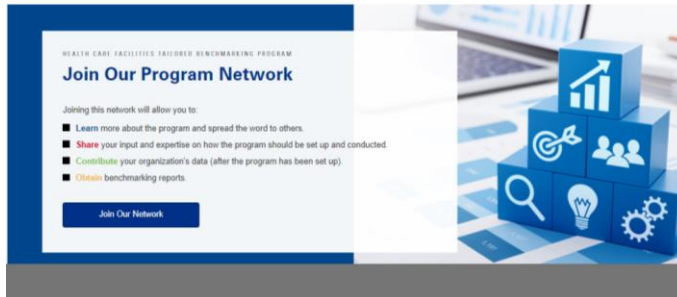


You've asked, we're delivering.

Valid and reliable health care facility benchmarking data is integral to ensuring you have what you need to make key decisions with confidence. This tailored program will consider essential differentiating factors (e.g., facility type, size, current financial reporting structure) so that benchmarking works for all health care facility types. For example, tailored measurement will account for systematic differences across:

- Independent stand-alone hospitals
- Larger hospital systems and networks
- Rural hospitals
- Critical Access hospitals
- Long Term Care (LTCs)
- Stand-alone ED's, surgery centers

In order for us to create such tailored programming, we need your input at each step of the benchmarking process! If you work within a health care organization in facilities management daily operations, please sign up to join the benchmarking network by clicking the link below.



In closing I like to share this with you

- ** You are smarter than you think you are ! *Tune out fear and self doubt !
- ** Believe in yourself ! * See the big picture in your mind !

- **Take risks, be prepared to make mistakes and do not blame your ability !
- ** Take small steps ! * Celebrate the small wins!

- **Doing the best at this moment prepare you in the best place for the next moment
- ** Your action creates momentum and provides opportunities !

Thank you!



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