



President's Message

Lynne Gagnon, RN, MAHQ President

Welcome Spring! I am sure my call for Spring is echoed by many of you. With the new season comes a "renewal" of many things: grass, flowers, cookouts, and times with friends. If the "Spring Genie" could grant me three wishes I would wish for peace in the world, an end to pain and suffering, and for a "renewal" of involvement and commitment to our profession and our professional organization. We have heard from many of you that additional work demands prohibit many of you from attending regular meetings or committing to any volunteer responsibilities. MAHQ is your organization and as your officers we want to make it what you need it to be. Our primary mission is to be an educational resource for our members. We would like to hear from you as to suggestions for formats of educational programs and content. We received some of that from the members who attended our March meeting and we would like to hear more. We have an exciting meeting planned for May 14th, to be held at the Maine Hospital Association Building. Check the web site for the full schedule. We also have scheduled Sandra Murray, who wrote NAHQ's resource "Dash through Data" for our Annual meeting September 19th at the Harraseeket in Freeport. Her full day program is "Quality as a Business Strategy: Creating an Organization-Wide Structure for Improvement"; a very timely topic and challenge for all of us.

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Committee Reports

Program Committee:

It was proposed by the Board to have half-day meetings in lieu of full day events. This may allow us to increase the frequency in which we have educational meetings.

Membership Committee:

MAHQ will do a mailing to all CPHQ's in the state regarding MAHQ membership as not all CPHQ's belong to our association. Only 40 of the state's 52 CPHQ's are MAHQ members. A social event may be held in the future in an effort for members who would not normally have the opportunity to meet and network to get to know each other better.

Many other MAHQ member have found Wednesdays to be a day that their organizations frequently hold business meetings and make a recommendation to changes meeting days to Fridays, which appear to have more flexibility for members. The Board approved the change.

Treasurer Report:

The Board accepted the Account Balances report as of 2/19/03.

G. Nashan noted an increase in 2002 membership fees received, but a decline in program registration revenue in 2002. This decline was due to having cut registration fees in 2002 as well as conducting one less meeting in the year. Vendor fees were not broken out in 2002, however Georges will review evaluate the 2002 registration fees to determine if vendor fees were captured under that category. Other increases in expenses noted for 2002 are related to the Website Development fees, as well as charitable donations. The focus for 2003 in regards to the treasurers report will be in the area of increase membership involvement as well as controlling educational speaker costs.

If you would like to contact me, you may email me at president@maineahq.org.

MAHQ News

Have you visited our website yet? It is fantastic and full of valuable information. Check out our library resources!! Job postings are also listed. Please visit it at www.maineahq.org. All Board members are listed under "Contact Us". We would love feedback from you!

MAHQ Education Meetings

May 14, 2003 - Augusta – MHA: Regulatory Update and Presenting Data

June 26, 2003 - Samoset Rockland – MHA Summer Forum:

Featured Speaker: Thursday, 6/26

8:30 -10:15: Healthcare at the Crossroads:
Sustaining our Healing Spirit
Carl A. Hammerschlag, MD

10:30-11:30 Ken Schmidt
"The Rise, Fall and Rise of Harley-Davidson"

11:30 Allied Recognition Luncheon.

Registration Forms will be available at the May MAHQ Meeting

September 19, 2003 – Annual Meeting –
Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

MAHQ Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to our members and we welcome your participation.

The next Board Meeting will *tentatively* be held in Rockland at the Summer Forum after the luncheon.

Odds & Ends

- For job listings please visit our website!

2003 NAHQ Award for Association Excellence

Cindy Brigham has agreed to continue to lead MAHQ's efforts to attain the award for 2003. The 2003 application has been received, and noted that NAHQ received additional feedback from other state affiliations regarding the national process.

NAHQ News

The NAHQ 28th Annual Educational Conference "**On Par With Quality**" will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, September 6 – 9, 2003 at the Marriott Desert Ridge Resort. FMI visit the NAHQ website at www.nahq.org