A Farewell Message from:



It has been a pleasure serving all of you as State President. I want to thank everyone for your support in 2018 and I look forward to continuing to contribute in the upcoming years.

You have had a fantastic Board and Committee Chairs, as well as, our Meeting Management Group (MMG), without all of whom our progress would not have been nearly as great.

This turned out to be a great year for FHEA with education programs increasing in both quality and quantity. We are now seeing most of the District education programs receiving CEUs while securing high quality speakers for both our State Spring and Fall meetings. We have also seen our membership continue to grow as we get the word out and people see the benefits to becoming members. This is in part due to our greatly upgraded website that continues to provide information to our current and potential members as well.

You have a great new President, Thomas Gibson, to continue the progress FHEA has been making. I truly believe that all FHEA members make this the best professional association around. We are one of the largest ASHE affiliate chapters in the country and we continue to grow our membership by offering our members a variety of training and other opportunities for education and advancement in our field. Our dedication to improving the association can be seen in the ASHE Annual Affiliated Chapter Platinum Level Award that we received this year, making it the 10th year in a row!

KEVIN DANIEL, CHE, CHFM Immediate Past President

At this year's Spring Meeting in St. Augustine, we had over 150 attendees, 11 sponsors, and 40 exhibit tables, which were sold out. The AHCA conference and FHEA Trade Show™ at Rosen Creek in Orlando, was very successful this year, despite people having to leave early due to Hurricane Michael. There were 298 exhibitors and this event was also sold out. Unfortunately, the FHEA Annual Meeting had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Michael, but we hope that we will see you at our 35th Spring Meeting this year.

The Spring Meeting, sponsored by District IV, is scheduled for May 15th-17th at Pier 66 Hotel & Marina in Fort Lauderdale - at least we will be outside of the hurricane season. We will have some great programs, a fishing and a golf tournament, and another record number of vendor booths, so come and take part in this yearly event. We will also be offering the CHEP prep course and the opportunity to take the CHEP exam. Visit fhea.org to make your hotel room reservations. Registration brochures for the conference will be sent soon.

We are still being challenged to increase our membership in ASHE. It is an important element to keep our Platinum Level Chapter Award with ASHE. For this award, we are required to keep a specific percentage of our members, both regular and supporting, with dual memberships in FHEA and ASHE. More important than the Platinum Award, is that it gives all members access to more resources in education, professional development, and contact with peers across the country. The benefits of the dual enrollment far outweigh the small cost of membership, so please consider this option.

Kevin Daniel's Message Continued

Membership numbers for 2018 were strong. We had 348 Active members (53 are CHE and 72 are CHFM); 37 Life members, and 855 Supporting Members. For our Active members, please remember that you and your teams make a difference in the lives of your patients and communities each day; and to our Supporting members, thank you for all you do for the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association by sponsoring events, participating as speakers, and exhibiting at our meetings. Dues notices for Active and Supporting members for 2019 have been mailed. Payment may be made either by mailing a check to our FHEA Office or on our website at, https://www.fhea.org/membership

Thanks to Susan Coone, our Website Coordinator, for the new FHEA website. It is attractive and kept up to date regularly. For all FHEA news, events, district meetings, and other association information, be sure to visit www.fhea.org

I especially want to thank Sarah Jeffcoat, the FHEA Executive Director, and her staff for all they have done this year for the FHEA. If there is anything you need, please contact the FHEA Office at 813.775.6416 or email, info@fhea.org

In closing, I want to thank everyone for a great and successful year with this organization and it has been a pleasure serving you!

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"Charting the Course" - Learn the Latest at the FHEA 35 th Spring Meeting in Fort Lauderdale

Join your FHEA colleagues in Fort Lauderdale at the iconic Pier 66 Hotel & Marina, Wednesday, **May 15 – Friday, May 17, 2019**, for the 35th Spring Meeting, sponsored by District IV, to learn about and discuss "Charting the Course" in the healthcare engineering field.

The meeting will begin with a Welcome Reception on Wednesday night in the beautiful Pier Top, at the hotel, where you will have a 360 degree view of the Atlantic coastline and area skyline.

On Thursday, you will have the option to play in the FHEA Golf Tournament, join fellow anglers in the FHEA Fishing Tournament, or sit for the CHEP Exam Review Course. That evening, we will join our exhibitors and sponsors for a Sunset Hospitality Reception.

The meeting on Friday will feature speakers and topics who will address how experts respond to emergencies; power monitoring for hospitals; keys to streamlining emergency responsiveness and keys to achieving compliance – all especially important topics after experiencing several hurricanes in Florida in the last two years.

The conference will end with a presentation on evaluating the security risks of the modern patient experience. Besides interactive discussions, you will have the opportunity to network with other healthcare engineering professionals and meet industry suppliers in our FHEA Exhibit Hall.

The CHEP Exam will take place on Friday afternoon from 2:30 – 6:00pm.

Hotel reservations are open. <u>Please click here to reserve your room</u>. Conference registration will be open by the end of February.

For updates and more information, visit www.fhea.org.



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FHEA Engineer of the Year



Bobby Baird, SASHE, CHE, CHFM, CHSP

Bobby Baird, SASHE, Director of Facilities at UF Health in Gainesville, was selected by his peers as FHEA's Engineer of the Year during the recent state meeting in Orlando. This honor is bestowed upon one individual chosen first by his district and subsequently selected from the four finalists on the state level. Criteria for this honor include professional accomplishments, community service, and association contributions.

Bobby has been a member of FHEA since 2007. Bobby has served on both the district level and serves the state board as Codes and Standards Chair. Bobby has recently accepted the role as District II Treasurer. Bobby has served the hospital engineering community for decades, as evidenced by his serving as state president for the SC Society for Hospital Engineers in 1998. The association is grateful for his years of dedicated service to the FHEA and the profession of hospital engineering.

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Thank You For Your Support of the FHEA!

FHEA Special Project – Military Care Packages

Thank you to all FHEA members who supplied items and cash donations for our Military Care Package project at the recent FHEA/AHCA Meeting in Orlando. Because of your generosity, we were able to assemble and deliver ten packages to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. These packages, which contained gift cards, playing cards, puzzle books, socks, anti-bacterial soap and hand cleaner, pens, writing pads, non-perishable snacks, flashlights, batteries, and other items we all take for granted, have been sent to our soldiers serving in the Middle East.



We would like for this project to be ongoing, so please <u>click here</u> if you'd like to make a donation. The FHEA staff will purchase items for the care packages, assemble them, and deliver them to MacDill. Your support is greatly appreciated!

2018 Certified Healthcare Engineer (CHE) Update

53 individuals were CHE's in 2018 - CHE Renewal for 2019 started December 1, 2018

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FDA Announces Actions for Device Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity continues to be a concern and focus for facilities as it relates to building automation, utility management, and other technology rich systems.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released a framework to help hospitals and other healthcare providers plan for and respond to cybersecurity incidents involving medical devices. Developed by Mitre Corp., the "playbook" includes such steps as developing a medical device inventory and conducting training exercises.

The agency also announced two memoranda of understanding to create informationsharing analysis organizations, groups of experts that will gather, analyze, and dis-

seminate information about cyberthreats. FDA Commissioner, Scott Gottlieb, MD, believes this transparent sharing of information will help manufacturers address issues earlier and result in more protection for patients.

Cybersecurity will be one of the topics discussed at the upcoming May 15 - 17, 2019 FHEA Spring Meeting, at Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. Mark your calendar to attend.

Call for Presentations

Interested in being a speaker at an FHEA Meeting, either at the State or District level? Complete the <u>"Call for Presentations"</u> form and submit your topic/presentation for consideration. The FHEA is also seeking articles on topics of interest to healthcare facility professionals for inclusion in *The Whistle* publication.

The 2019 membership renewal process has begun. All memberships are based on the calendar year and are due by January 31, 2019. Renewal is available online at www.fhea.org



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