



# HASC Briefs

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## Chair's Report Is Available to Members

The Chair's Report, a summary of discussion held and action taken at the Sept. 15 board of directors meeting in Los Angeles, is now available online to hospital and health system members.



Chair Richard Afable

The report includes a discussion summary on regional health disparities and direction to staff on the issue. It also details discussion and actions related to emergency department overcrowding, a list of public policy

priorities for 2017 and a report on members' California Hospital Association Political Action Committee fundraising progress.

The HASC Board of Directors Chair's Report can be accessed by visiting [www.hasc.org/chairs-report](http://www.hasc.org/chairs-report)

Access to the report is restricted to HASC hospital and health system members.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16.

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## Admin Professionals Hold Annual Event

A total of 34 executive assistants and administrators attended HASC's annual Administrative Professionals Forum on Sept. 16, a marked increase over last year's event, when 23 professionals attended.

"It's rewarding to see this event grow over the past few years," said Jamila Mayers, the event organizer and HASC's Program Director, Education Services. "This is a community of professionals who enjoy interacting at an event geared specifically to their work experience."

Guests heard briefings on hospital reimbursement, job satisfaction and motivation, and the ReddiNet emergency information system, along with a peer-group panel led by Hoag Hospital's Kathryn Burton and HASC's Megan Hodge.

The annual forum is designed for executive



HASC's Megan Hodge (left) attended the Sept. 16 forum alongside Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center's Sophie In. (HASC photo)

and administrative assistants.

Announcements go out next summer for the September 2017 event.

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## Luncheon Event Draws Associate Members



Associate member representatives focused their attention on a trio of speakers at Sept. 21's Associate Member Luncheon. Associate membership gives participants access to select educational events, informational publications and other resources. (HASC photo)

Approximately 30 associate member representatives attended a luncheon and information session at HASC headquarters in downtown Los Angeles on Sept. 21.

Attendees heard a report on recent developments on Southern California's health care landscape from association President/CEO Jim Barber. Senior VP/COO Mark Gamble's presentation outlining the industry's evolving reimbursement paradigm followed, and the event rounded out with an overview of the state's legislative

agenda rounding out the session from Senior VP, Health Policy/Communications Marty Gallegos.

"Associate members are eager to attend this annual briefing on developments in health care," said Pat Wall, VP of Membership and Education Services. "It's a great way to learn how economic, legislative and regulatory trends may impact business over the next year or two."

HASC offers two categories of associate membership. Associate provider membership is designed for

pre- and post-acute health care organizations, including physician organizations, home health, skilled nursing and other facilities. Associate corporate membership is designed for non-hospital organizations including consulting, architectural and law firms, and educational organizations.

To learn more about HASC Associate Membership, please visit [www.hasc.org/associate-membership-0](http://www.hasc.org/associate-membership-0).

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## Dec. 14 Tribute Dinner Supports Fellowship Fund

HASC members are invited to a tribute dinner honoring outgoing president and CEO Jim Barber on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

The dinner will also underwrite the HASC/NHF Administrative Fellowship Program Fund. This fund will provide support for one fellow each year to gain experience in health policy, advocacy, media



Jim Barber

relations, program management, issue research and public speaking.

The dinner will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14 at The Langham Huntington in Pasadena.

To register, please [click here](#).

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## HASC Welcomes CEO

HASC welcomes the following chief executive to a member hospital. Please contact Vhernalyn Julve with executive changes at (213) 538-0789 or [vjulve@hasc.org](mailto:vjulve@hasc.org).

Dennis Haghghat, M.D., is CEO at Victor Valley Global Medical Center in Victorville. He brings a broad depth of experience and expertise in health care and hospital administration as well as the respect and admiration of his peers, physicians and employees. Prior to transitioning to administrative medicine, Haghghat's clinical experience included the practice of internal medicine, hospitalist medicine and infectious diseases.



Dennis Haghghat, M.D.

## Charge Nurse 'Thinking' Course Is Nov. 4

HASC presents its *Charge Nurse: Critical Thinking* course from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 4 in the Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

Critical thinking is an essential skill for task management and decision mak-

ing in high-risk situations. The course explores how information analysis can improve quality of thinking, and discusses key principles and barriers to thinking critically. Coursework will also focus on how the application of critical thinking through the nursing process can help staff

arrive at appropriate decisions.

The HASC member rate is \$100 per attendee.

For more course information, and to register, [please click here](#).

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## Golf Classic Fundraiser: Just a 9-Iron Away

The annual HASC Charity Golf Classic at Rancho Cucamonga's Red Hill Country Club takes place on Monday, Nov. 14.

Funds raised at the tournament benefit National Health Foundation's work supporting underserved communities. To date, the autumn event has contributed more than \$600,000 towards the foundation's mission.



For the first time, participants will experience Red Hill Country Club's 1921 course designed by architect George C. Thomas, Jr.

[Click here](#) to register as a golfer. To register as a sponsor, please [click here](#).

Sponsors are urged to enroll by Friday, Oct. 14.

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## Workshop: Documenting Employee Competence

Members can hone their understanding of Joint Commission competency requirements for meeting patients' needs at the next Developing, Measuring & Documenting Employee Competence session taking place Thursday, Nov. 10 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

The intensive one-day workshop, presented by HASC, provides in-depth explanations of Joint Commission standards, detailed examples of compliance, and opportunities for managers to develop and redesign the content of their department competency tools.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Good Samaritan Hospital's Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center. Emelda Latham, R.N. is scheduled to present. The workshop is designed for ancillary support managers and directors and for nurse managers or directors.

A registration link is [available here](#).

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