



Letter to Non-ACHE Affiliated Chapter Members

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to tell you about a change in the relationship of our chapter, the Washington State Healthcare Executive Forum, with the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). This change affects you because, according to our records, you are not a member of ACHE at this time.

Effective January 1, 2008 only ACHE affiliates may be members of WSHEF. All ACHE affiliates will be members of the local chapter serving their community with no additional dues to pay. ACHE will transfer a portion of each affiliate's annual ACHE dues to the chapter. This change was proposed by ACHE in recent months, and the leadership of WSHEF has agreed to the change because we feel it will result in the delivery of greater value to our chapter members.

To continue as a member of the WSHEF you must join ACHE. As an affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives, you will attain the tools, guidance and support you need to gain an edge in the healthcare field. ACHE membership will enhance your marketability, relationships, knowledge and leadership so you can excel in your chosen profession. In addition, as an ACHE affiliate you can become a Fellow and earn the distinction of board certification. ACHE is offering a reduced initial membership rate so please take the opportunity to join your professional organization

If you do not want to join ACHE at this time but still want to attend our local chapter events, you can do so. The Washington State Healthcare Executive Forum will maintain a database of healthcare executives who are not ACHE affiliates, and we will continue to send you information about our events. We welcome your participation.

Sincerely,

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President, WSHEF