



**North Dakota Hospital Association
Annual Member and Business Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton, West Fargo**

Members Present: Craig Lambrecht, Keith Heuser, Darrold Bertsch, Dan Kelly, Jodi Atkinson, Ben Bucher, Mariann Doeling, Andrew Lankowicz, Jac McTaggart*, Reed Reyman, Theo Stoller, Matt Shahan, Alan O'Neil, Nate White, Mike Zwicker, Tod Graeber*, Rocky Zastoupil, Randy Pederson, Pat Branco, Marcus Lewis, Pete Antonson, Steve Forde, Chris Albertson, Robert Black, and Tim Saylor.

* CEO who represents two institutional members.

Others present: Jerry Jurena, Tim Blasl, Kelly Cermak, Melissa Hauer, Lori Schmautz
The Annual Member and Business Meeting of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 1:03 p.m. (CT) by Keith Heuser, NDHA Board Chair, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in West Fargo, ND on October 9, 2018. A quorum of members was present.

Award Presentations:

Jen Porter, the American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Executive for Region VI, presented the following AHA Awards:

- AHA Grassroots Champion Award, which recognizes hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, do an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients. Ms. Porter presented this year's AHA Grassroots Champion Award to Darrold Bertsch, CEO, Sakakawea Medical Center, Hazen.
- AHA Most Valuable PAC Player Awards recognize the work of those hospital leaders who understand the value of a robust PAC by taking a leadership role to develop a strong PAC base in their organizations and NDHA. Ms. Porter announced this year's AHA Most Valuable PAC Player Awards winners are Keith Heuser, Market President, CHI Mercy Health, Valley City, and Dave Molmen, CEO, Altru Health System, Grand Forks.
- AHA 75 Year Membership Recognition Plaque was presented by Ms. Porter to CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital. Andrew Lankowicz, President, accepted the 75 Year Membership Plaque on behalf of the hospital.

Susan Mau Larson, LifeSource Director Public Affairs, presented hospital awards for outstanding achievement for:

- Award for Excellence in Eye Donation to Altru Health System.
- Award for Excellence in Tissue Donation to CHI St. Alexius Dickinson Medical Center. Reed Reyman, President, CHI St. Alexius Dickinson Medical Center, accepted the award.
- Award for Excellence in Organ and Tissue Donation to Sanford Health, Fargo.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Heuser presented to the membership for approval the minutes of the October 3, 2017, Annual Member and Business Meeting. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the October 3, 2017 minutes were approved.

Reports:

- The NDHA Board Chair report was given by Mr. Heuser.
- The Past-President report was given by Jerry Jurena.
- The President's report was presented by Tim Blasl.
- The NDHA 2018-2019 Budget was presented by Callen Cermak, Finance Manager.
- The Legislative Committee report was presented by Mr. Reyman, Committee Chair and Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP. Mr. Reyman thanked the committee members and stressed the importance of members meeting with their legislators prior to session Mr. Reyman encouraged members to attend Hospital Advocacy Day at the Capitol on January 29, 2019. Ms. Hauer reviewed NDHA's top legislative priorities for the upcoming session
- The NDHA PAC report was presented by NDHA PAC Co-Chairs Mr. Bertsch and Dan Kelly, CEO, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems.
- The North Dakota Hospital Foundation (NDHF) report was presented by NDHF Board Chair Theo Stoller, CEO, Jacobson Memorial Hospital.
- The Hospital Services, Inc., (HSI) report was given by Kim Granfor, Vice President, HSI.
- An update regarding HSI's Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) contract with Intalere was presented by Mr. Cermak.
- The American Hospital Association (AHA) Advocacy report was presented by Ms. Porter.
- A Washington D.C. update was presented by John Flink, NDHA Federal Advocacy Consultant. Mr. Flink provided a 2018 Year in Review, the Congressional calendar for the rest of the year, the upcoming elections and how they affect health care.

Mr. Heuser mentioned that all reports and presentations will be posted on the NDHA website under the members-only section.

Adjournment: There being no further business and upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the annual member and business meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Lori Schmaltz

Recording Secretary