

Message from your ACHE Regent  
Winter 2023

There is a lot going on at ACHE!

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate David W. Matear, FACHE, the recipient of the 2023 Regent Award. David is the embodiment of leadership and service. He has held numerous senior leadership roles, including critical positions during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was seconded from his role as Chief Executive Officer, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority to the role of Provincial Incident Commander, COVID-19 Response, Government of Manitoba. As that secondment was coming to an end, he was tapped again to serve his province as Provincial Executive Director, Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force. He has led with complete dedication and continues to address not only the backlog of surgical and diagnostic cases created through the course of the pandemic, but to implement system capacity initiatives to avoid future backlogs. Please join me in congratulating David on this well-deserved award.

You can hear David W. Matear, FACHE, speak on April 24, 2023, at our first in-person education event for the chapter since the pandemic began. While some of the speakers for the day, which will be held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, are being finalized, confirmed speakers include three Past—Chairs of the ACHE Board of Governors: Major General David Rubenstein, FACHE, US Army (retired); Charles (Chuck) Stokes, FACHE, Executive in Residence, University of Alabama, Birmingham, Department of Health Services Administration; and, Rulon F. Stacey, FACHE, President, Canada Toronto Mission, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Steven R. Smoot, FACHE, COO, SSM Health, will also be speaking. More details and a save the date will be sent to members soon. The event will also be available virtually for those who are not able to attend in person. I hope you can join us as this is sure to be an excellent program.

Congress will be held March 20-23, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. Registration is open and early-bird rates are available until February 27, 2023. Last year was incredible from start to finish and I am looking forward to seeing fellow Canadians in Chicago again this year. Don't miss this year's outstanding line up of speakers including Fareed Zakaria, PhD, Host of "Fareed Zakaria GPS" CNN Worldwide; Vin Gupta, M.D., Healthcare Futurist and Senior Principal Scientist and CMO, New Health Initiatives at Amazon; Amy Webb, World-Renowned Futurist, Founder/CEO, Future Today Institute; Keller Rinaudo, Founder/CEP, Zipline. We will host our annual chapter dinner at Congress (More details to come about the dinner!). Check out all that Congress has to offer at <https://congress.ache.org/>.

If you haven't renewed your ACHE membership yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. One of your member benefits is a discounted registration rate at all ACHE programs, including Congress and our Chapter event on April 24! Another new benefit is that all ACHE webinars are now free for members. You can renew your membership online in the My ACHE section of the website.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Cheryl Okoli who joined the Board of Directors of ACHE Canada (this is our new chapter name) on February 1, 2023. Cheryl represents the West Region and her term runs until December 31, 2025. Nominations for the Board of Directors remain open for both the Central (2 positions) and East (1 position) Regions. If you are interested in joining the Board, please email me at [froesch@gmail.com](mailto:froesch@gmail.com) for more information. Nominations close February 28, 2023, at midnight. Terms of office for directors are three years.

Three years is also the term of Regent. I have been honoured to serve as your Regent for Canada for the past three years. It's flown by and it is bittersweet to be in the final month of my term. It's unbelievable all that we have been through in the past three years and I am humbled that so many of you shared your experiences with me and took the time to join the virtual Regent Receptions. They were a lot of fun, especially in times that were very challenging for so many both personally and professionally. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve. My next three years hold a new opportunity to serve. I am thrilled to be a Governor-Nominee for ACHE's Board of Governors and look forward to serving the broader membership in this capacity.

I wish each and every one of you joy and success.

Frances C. Roesch, FACHE  
Regent for Canada