

President's Message

Teri Gutierrez, TAHU President

It is incredible to think that summer starts in a couple of weeks and the NAHU year is almost over. Where did the time go? They say that time speeds up the older you get but... please I am not that old yet.

Our proposed board for the 2007-08 year is listed below for your consideration and vote at our June meeting. I would like to continue as President for one more year. It is traditional that the President Elect move up, but this year's President Elect Ken Schaper has asked to move to a different position on the board because of other commitments. Beth Donner would like to move up to President Elect and Membership Chair, Hannah Baggett would be Vice President in charge of Sponsors and Programs and last Tony Gutierrez would move into the Secretary/Treasurer spot. The rest of the board will be made up of Dean Holmes, Bill Hendrickson, Ken Schaper, Liz Gutierrez, Leslie McMillian, David Smith, Mary Karr, and Barry Hill. Additional volunteers are needed to help with Membership, HUPAC, Law & Legislation, Awards, Education and Public Service. If you are interested in giving one or two hours a month, all are welcome. If we each do a little then we can accomplish great things.

Up Coming Meetings

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June's meeting promises to be a fun meeting with the elections of TAHU Officer's, the awarding of the checks from the golf tournament to our charities, awards to members and the Voice of the Carolina Hurricanes, John Forslund speaking to us. The meeting sponsor is BC/BS.

July's meeting is "Night at the Durham Bulls for TAHU and Family" on Thursday July 26th. TAHU will buy the member's ticket and one guest ticket, so bring your child or spouse to the game. Additional tickets will also be available for purchase if you want to bring the whole family. I understand that hotdogs, fries and popcorn will be \$1.00 that night so come hungry. We will have a short board meeting the night of the ball game.

August will feature our strategic planning session followed by a cookout. All TAHU members are invited. Location TBD. See next months news letter for details.

2007 NCAHU Leadership Conference, Asheville NC

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All board members and committee members are invited to attend the NCAHU Leadership Conference July 19th -21st at the Crowne Plaza in Asheville NC. Attendees must attend all scheduled leadership training sessions. The state will pay for your accommodations for Friday night, dinner that night, breakfast and lunch the next day. If you bring your family Friday night dinner will be provided for them as well. The [registration form](#) must be received by June 15th in the state office. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with members from all over the state. (It's a free trip to the mountains). If serving on a committee sounds interesting to you, please contact me.

Legislative Update

Read Robert Paschal's reports on the latest NC legislation which impacts our industry on our [weekly reports](#) link on our website.

Next TAHU Luncheon

Tuesday June 12, 2007
11:45 am to 1:00 pm
Brier Creek Country Club
9400 Club Hill Drive
Raleigh NC 27617

[Brier Creek Country Club](#)
[Google Map Directions](#)

[Register Online](#)

TAHU June Luncheon Sponsor



**BlueCross BlueShield
of North Carolina**

www.bcbsnc.com

TAHU Welcomes New Members

TAHU welcomes our new members and thanks to their (Sponsors):

- Mercedes Albritton (NAHU).
- Debbie Gallion (NAHU)
- Kimberly Lazaro (NAHU)
- Robert Rabb MHP (Teri Gutierrez)
- Carrie Stephenson

2008 Election Watch

Michael Moore to Release New Movie "Sicko" Bashing US Healthcare System

Filmmaker Michael Moore's new documentary, "Sicko," deals with the failings of the U.S. healthcare system, both real and perceived. "This film is a call to action," Moore said at a recent press conference.

www.MichaelMoore.com

Watch a small dose of "Sicko" on [YouTube](#)

Give to NCPAC and [HUPAC](#).

Awards Update

Our chapter submitted documentation for the NAHU Pacesetter Award and NAHU Website award. Judging took place last weekend with presentations scheduled at the 2007 NAHU National Conference in Denver CO in June.

The [Rufus B. Langley Award](#) is the highest award bestowed by TAHU. It is given every year to a member who has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, support for the association, and career achievements. If you have a nomination for the award, please sent to david@beninslaw.com by May 25, 2007.

2007 NAHU Convention Denver CO — TAHU Delegation

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Our [2007 NAHU convention](#) is fast approaching. It is being held in Denver CO. this year June 24th-27th. We as a mid size chapter have an opportunity to nominate four members as delegates to the "[NAHU House of Delegates](#)." It provides chapters and their members with the formal opportunity to shape the direction of their association. Exercising this right, by sending delegates to the convention, is one of a chapter's greatest responsibilities. The official list has not yet been submitted to our state chapter, however, currently:

- Rufus Langley
- Teri Gutierrez
- Tony Gutierrez
- Liz Gutierrez

are registered to attend the convention with Ken Schaper is a possible. We are looking for additional attendees who would be interested in representing our chapter as a delegate. Keep in mind that your registration and a portion of your transportation and lodging are covered by our state and local chapters. Please let me know if you are interested in attending, it is not too late.

Your delegates will be voting on some very important issues including:

- **Mel Schlesinger**, Region-V VP, is running for national NAHU Secretary. Mel very much respected within our industry and would be a great asset at the national level. Please see his position paper and his bio in the May HIU magazine that just came out. It will be wonderful to have another national NAHU President from NC in a couple of years.
- **Chris Harrison**, Past President of the Sandhills Chapter and Past State President, is running for Region-V Vice President. Again it will be great to have another NC member holding a prominent place on a national level.
- Last but not most important is a **dues increase of \$50 per year** that is being proposed by NAHU. Dues is divided into three parts: local, state, and NAHU dues. NAHU dues has not increased in five years. NAHU has made a strong case for the additional money to fund a media campaign to fight universal healthcare at the national and state levels, plus an overall increase in operating costs. Please see the national site (www.nahu.org) for additional information as to how the funds would be used. I welcome your input before heading to Denver to vote on this issue.

Membership

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We have crossed the 200 mark with our membership again and this time my hope is that we stay above the 200 mark. Triangle received a nice little bump at Symposium the end of March that has brought us to 207 members. I would like to remind all of you who are True Blue producers that Blue Cross Blue Shield will reimburse you up to \$150 for your new or continued membership in NAHU. That will cover all but \$90 of the current dues. So tell everyone you know who is True Blue that for \$7.50 per month (after rebate) they can be a NAHU member. I can not think of a better deal.

NAHU Region-V Facts

Did you know that NAHU divides the country into eight regions? North Carolina is a member of Southeast Region-V which includes AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN.

Regional leadership addresses state and regional issues, helps local and state chapters, and serve as liaisons to NAHU.

Each Region has a:

- Communications chair
- Membership chair
- Retention chair
- Media Relations chair
- Law & Legislation chair
- Education chair
- Chapter Development chair
- Awards chair
- Nominations chair

Each chair serves on their respective committees at the NAHU national level.

Volunteers for these committees come from local and state chapters who have chosen to serve us and NAHU.

TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL

Do you buy health insurance from one of these professionals? If not why?

A limited number of copies of the March 30th edition of the Triangle Business Journal—Health "Care Heroes" with our ad listing all of our members on page 42 left hand column will be available at our June luncheon for TAHU members.

View TAHU Financials On-line

Now you can view the TAHU chapter financials on-line at <https://accounting.quickbooks.com>.
Username: nctahubod
Password: triangle

