

The Utah Society For Health Care Engineering is committed to developing long-range plans and programs that meet the needs of members and the future challenges of the health care facilities management profession.

## A MESSAGE FROM USHE President Larry Knowlden

As I reflect over 2020 USHE Winter Conference, we had an excellent turnout for our USHE Winter Conference, even with Noah's debacle. Thank you, Julie Attig, Logistics Chair, for helping us find a place at the last minute. Our speakers were excellent, and from what I heard, most everyone enjoyed the conference.

You can go to the [www.USHE.org](http://www.USHE.org) website to see the presentations.

At the Winter Conference, I enjoyed listening to Dave Lockhart, our ASHE Region 9 representative, talk about what ASHE has to offer in training, webinars, and more for members. Plus, as a bonus, Dave shared information he deals with at Kaiser Permanente Energy Programs and how important it is for Hospitals, and he challenged us to be a part of the "Energy-to-Care" movement with ASHE and the Energy-to-Care Treasure Hunt. He shared

with us the "Game Changer" with Fault Detection Diagnostics his team has used at Kaiser. The takeaway for me is that we all should focus on RCM-Reliability Centered Maintenance.

Another great talk that I enjoyed was Colby Jenkins and his experiences with the Green Beret. I love the quotes he gave us.

Here are a few that I wrote down to share,

Resistance—"The enemy always gets a vote."  
"As you climb the ranks, never forget the little people."  
"Be a Lighthouse"  
"Be\ the best you, be authentic."  
"Believe in yourself."  
"Ask for help," "be humble, recognize expertise around you."  
"Forget yourself and Serve others."  
"Get to know your team."

"Let your actions speak louder than your words."

Marc Levy was engaging as he shared with us how to connect with others and team performance—focusing on the Patient Experience, Caregiver Experience, Leadership, Organization-Climate & Culture, Team Building, and Building Trust; Great Leaders Grant Authority.

My favorite part of the conference was spending time with each of you. Thanks for making USHE such a great organization.

Now we're all dealing with the COVID-19 Virus outbreak, and I hope that each of you and your families stays safe.

Sincerely,  
Larry Knowlden, USHE PRESIDENT



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## ASHE Annual Conference

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual ASHE Conference will be held August 2-5, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois

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Registration will open in the spring of 2020.

### INFECTION PREVENTION

ASHE issues recommendations on COVID-19 for facilities managers  
An update on the recent outbreak and six recommendations for facilities managers  
February 28, 2020

Jonathan Flannery, CHFM, FASHE, MHSA, FACHE

The American Hospital Association continues to report on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). First identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, the virus has spread to thousands in China, with more than 2,000 associated deaths. Cases in several other countries continue to grow, and WHO and CDC expect more confirmed cases globally, including the U.S.

The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) has identified specific issues and recommendations that ASHE members and health care facilities managers should consider in light of this public health concern:

- Review patient entrance and flow patterns throughout the facility;
- Evaluate accuracy of space pressure relationships – especially airborne infection isolation rooms;
- Review emergency management plans – especially in relation to surge capacity issues;
- Review security plans – especially related to surge and patient presentation;
- Devise contingency plans for a possible occurrence in which demand for isolation rooms exceeds capacity; and
- Those who also oversee environmental services should review the Association for the Health Care Environment's COVID-19 advisory.

Collaborating with a multidisciplinary team (i.e., Safety Committee, Environment of Care Committee, etc.) to accomplish the above items will increase a health care facility's readiness.







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USHE will offer two energy awards annually beginning with calendar year 2019.

**Eligibility:** All professional members in good standing.  
Application Due Date: March 31st.  
Award Presentation: Presented at USHE annual spring conference.

### Award Categories:

**Energy Project of the Year:** Awarded to the facility that implements a single project or series of related projects that attain the highest amount of energy savings in a single calendar year.

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### ENERGY TO CARE CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The deadline to enter the Energy to Care Chapter Challenge is also March 31st.

Last year's participants will be re-enrolled. If there are any new participants in Energy to Care, please join the challenge by emailing Robert Armstrong at the above email address.

Note: Enrollment in Energy to Care dashboard is a pre-requisite for the challenge.

See <https://www.energytocare.org/dashboard> for details.

### CHECKOUT THE NEW ENERGY TO CARE WEBSITE

Please take a look at the new Energy to Care website which has many new educational tools and energy saving ideas: <https://www.energyto-care.org/>.

### ENERGY TO CARE TREASURE HUNT

We would like to encourage any Utah hospital to participate in the Energy to Care treasure hunt. If you would like your hospital to be a possible host site (once the Covid 19 scare subsides), please email Robert Armstrong at [robert.armstrong@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:robert.armstrong@hsc.utah.edu).



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## USHE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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What is your favorite part of the job?

I love the variety of activities that come with doing marketing and business development for Reaveley Engineers. It's not a "time to make the donuts" job. I'm very competitive and embrace the challenge of finding differentiators for our firm as we position ourselves for securing work. I also enjoy serving on the USHE board. It's a wonderful group of volunteers.

Who has inspired you in your career?

I've had a lot of great mentors. Perhaps one of the best is Jackie McGill. I was fortunate to work with her when she moved to Utah in the late 1990s. I've always been impressed by Jackie's willingness to share her knowledge and expertise. And I'm lucky to call her a friend. I've got big shoes to fill as the Logistics Committee Chair!

How do you spend your free time?

I enjoy reading, hiking, baking, spending time with friends and family, and watching live sports. I also love reality TV (don't judge). I really enjoy traveling and recently visited Portugal and Spain.



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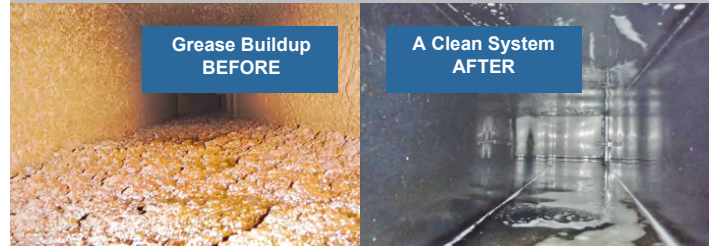
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### MAY 14-15, 2020

In following the guidelines from [ASHE \(American Society for Healthcare Engineering\)](#), state and local officials, as well as travel restrictions put in place by many of our companies, we feel it necessary to postpone our USHE Spring Conference in St. George.

Our priority is to protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like COVID-19.

We encourage you to visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for daily updates: <https://www.cdc.gov>

As a board, we appreciate your patience and support as we navigate this uncharted territory and look forward to seeing you at future USHE events.

Larry Knowlden, FMA, RPA  
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