



# AAHE

# NEWSLETTER

## UPDATES

### LETTER FROM AAHE PRESIDENT

Greetings, AAHE Members!

I hope you are enjoying your summer and had a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America on or around July 4.

First and foremost, thank you for your continued engagement and support of AAHE. As we celebrate our 60th year, we can take pride in the strength and longevity of our organization while looking forward to an even brighter future. Our success is only possible because of our membership. Together, we are united by a shared commitment to excellence in the healthcare physical environment and, ultimately, to achieving the best possible outcomes for the patients and communities we serve.

As we move through this milestone year, AAHE continues to grow and evolve. Our new management partner, CMP, has been a pleasure to work with and is providing strong support for our organization. Any transition brings opportunities for learning and adjustment, but the process has been progressing well. We welcome your feedback and encourage anyone with questions, concerns, or suggestions to reach out to us at [info@aahe-arkansas.org](mailto:info@aahe-arkansas.org).

Our 59th Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show, held April 29–May 1, 2026, at Oaklawn in Hot Springs, was another tremendous success. As always, attendees enjoyed outstanding educational opportunities, meaningful fellowship, and excellent hospitality. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible, including our speakers, sponsors, business partners, volunteers, and attendees.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year planned. Upcoming events include our Fall Conference, Winter Conference, and annual Trap Shoot, which supports our scholarship program. Watch for announcements and registration information in the coming months. We are also beginning preparations for our 60th Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show, and we look forward to appropriately celebrating this important milestone in AAHE history. Be sure to follow AAHE on social media for conference updates and highlights. You can find us on LinkedIn at AAHE – Arkansas Association for Healthcare Engineering and on Facebook at Arkansas Association for Healthcare Engineering.

This year, AAHE is focused on several key priorities:

- Expanding communication and member engagement across the state
- Strengthening and understanding our partnership with CMP
- Honoring the legacy of our organization while remaining relevant and responsive to future generation.

These priorities are supported by initiatives related to membership, education and events, sustainability, advocacy, partnerships, communication, and our 60th-anniversary celebration. We encourage members to become involved in any area that interests them. Whether you can contribute a few hours to a planning committee or are interested in future board service, we would welcome your participation and ideas.

Thank you for your membership, your involvement, and the fellowship that makes AAHE such a strong organization. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president and look forward to working with many of you throughout the coming year.

Wayne Bollman

President, Arkansas Association of Healthcare Engineers

### AAHE Presidential Award



Congratulations to Jordan Plyler for being honored with the Chapter's Presidential Award for her dedicated service and contribution to our association.



ASHE's Health Care Facilities Core Competency Framework charts out key skills of health care facilities management, and offers education, resources and tools to help professionals fill knowledge gaps in each area. Becoming an expert in each of the eight core competencies — and having a comprehensive understanding of their impact on care delivery — will ensure you are current in your professional expertise and primed for advancement in the field. Most importantly, the framework helps facilities managers gain the understanding needed to ensure patients and health care providers have a safe, comfortable and cost-efficient environment.



The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) has launched its new Battery Safety Task Group (BSTG) to help health care organizations better understand and manage the growing risks associated with battery-powered technologies. As batteries become increasingly common in medical equipment, IT infrastructure, emergency power systems, mobility devices, and energy storage systems, concerns around overheating, thermal runaway, fires, smoke events, and other safety hazards have grown. The task group is conducting research and gathering real-world data from health care facilities to develop practical, evidence-based guidance for battery safety. Current efforts include surveys focused on battery inventories, battery-related incidents, and existing organizational battery safety policies. The goal is to identify common risks, best practices, and opportunities for future education, standards alignment, and operational improvements.



The Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference® is the one place where health care facilities professionals can connect directly with the nation's leading experts and peers to gain practical, actionable guidance you won't find anywhere else — especially in compliance, operations and emerging risks for the health care built environment that directly impact patient safety.

# "Education through Association"

## 2026 AAHE Fall Conference Call for Presentations

Share Your Expertise at the 2026 AAHE Fall Conference!

Join healthcare facilities professionals from across the region at the 2026 AAHE Fall Conference, hosted at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas, on October 2, 2026, with a networking event the evening of October 1.

This conference provides a valuable opportunity to connect with peers, explore industry trends, and gain practical tools and insights for healthcare facility management. We're seeking engaging presentations that educate, inspire, and support the advancement of the healthcare facilities profession.

Interested in presenting? Showcase your knowledge, innovative projects, lessons learned, or best practices by submitting a presentation proposal today. Help shape this year's educational program and contribute to the growth of our professional community.

Conference Dates: October 1-2, 2026

Location: Mercy Hospital, Rogers, AR

## Upcoming AAHE Events

- **AAHE Fall Conference**
  - October 1-2
  - Mercy Hospital - Rogers
- **AAHE Scholarship Trust Trap Shoot**
  - October 31st at AGFC
  - Jacksonville Shooting Complex
- **AAHE Winter Conference**
  - January 21-22 at Conway
  - Regional Medical Center

Have questions or want to register for an upcoming event?

Contact AAHE at [info@aahe-arkansas.org](mailto:info@aahe-arkansas.org) or 501-213-3080

## AAHE 59th Annual Meeting & Tradeshow Follow Up at Oaklawn April 28-30

Over 100 facility managers, sponsors, and speakers came together in Hot Springs for the 2026 AAHE Spring Conference & Annual Trade Event. The event was a tremendous success, made possible by the engagement, collaboration, and expertise of everyone in attendance.



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## AAHE Website Update

The Arkansas Association for Healthcare Engineering (AAHE) has launched a redesigned website, providing members and industry partners with an improved online experience and easier access to association resources. The new site serves as a central hub for healthcare facility professionals across Arkansas, offering streamlined access to membership information, event registration, conference details, educational opportunities, industry news, and member resources. Visitors can explore upcoming events, including the 2026 Fall Conference, manage memberships online, connect with AAHE leadership, and stay informed on the latest healthcare engineering and facilities management developments. The website also highlights AAHE's mission of supporting healthcare facilities professionals through education, collaboration, leadership development, and the exchange of knowledge.

