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NCAL Board Elected

NCAL elected its Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term on October 8, 2014 during the AHCA/NCAL Convention. NCAL elected two new At-Large Representatives: David Chensvold of Iowa and Lee Field of Washington. Patricia Giorgio of Iowa was re-elected as Chair for the coming year.

The remaining members of NCAL's Board of Directors include:

Chris Mason of Oregon, Vice-Chair
Ashley Blankenship of Arkansas, Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Shepard of Arkansas, Immediate Past Chair
Helen Crunk of Nebraska
Denise German of Kansas
Gerald Hamilton of New Mexico
Marcia Hamilton-Cotter of Minnesota
Steven Heaney of New Jersey
Michele DeClemente-Hughes of New Jersey
Jeanne Jaeckels of Minnesota
Dee Jansen of Wisconsin
Carmy Jerome of Colorado
Mark Maxfield of Idaho
Laurie Shepard of Michigan
Rod Wolfe of Tennessee
Tom Coble of Oklahoma, AHCA Vice-Chair
Dirk Anjewierden of Utah, ASHCAE Vice President
Heath Boddy of Nebraska, ASHCAE Representative
Cindy Luxem of Kansas, ASHCAE Representative
Angie Szumlinski of Michigan, ABM Representative
The ex-officio member on the NCAL Board of Directors is Leonard Russ, AHCA Chair.

The NCAL Board of Directors is elected by current members of the NCAL Board and by NCAL State Leaders or the NCAL State Leader's proxy annually at the Association's Convention.



NCAL Award Presented to NJ Assisted Living Nurse

At the AHCA/NCAL Annual Convention, a luncheon awards ceremony saw the presentation of the 2014 NCAL Awards. Honoring those who dedicated their lives to the assisted living profession, the awards were bestowed on four very deserving individuals: Jean Cannon from Aspen House Memory Care Assisted Living in Loveland, Colorado, who was awarded the NCAL Administrator of the Year award; **Laura Cardillo, RN, CDP, CVW from The Avalon at Hillsborough in Hillsborough, New Jersey, who was awarded the NCAL Assisted Living Nurse of the Year award**; Connie Leinberger from Riverview Village in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, who was awarded the NCAL Noble Caregiver in Assisted Living award and a two-time winner, Cathy Roark from Riverside Lodge Retirement Community in Grand Island, Nebraska, who was awarded the NCAL's National Assisted Living Week Programming Award.



Achievement in Quality Award New Jersey Recipients

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program provides a pathway for providers of long term and post-acute care services to journey towards performance excellence. The program is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program.

Member centers may apply for three progressive levels of awards:

Level 1: Bronze Award - Commitment to Quality

The goal of this award level is to provide applicants with the tools and resources they need to achieve performance improvement.

Level 2: Silver Award - Achievement in Quality

At this level, applicants continue to learn and develop effective approaches that help improve performance and health care outcomes.

Level 3: Gold Award - Excellence in Quality

At this level, applicants must show superior performance in areas of the criteria including leadership, strategic planning, and customer and staff satisfaction.

Applications are judged by trained Examiners who provide feedback on opportunities for improvement to support continuous learning.

New Jersey Recipients of the **Bronze Award** are:

*Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center at Bridgewater
Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center at Hillsborough
Broadway House for Continuing Care
Holy Name Friary
Parker at Stonegate Assisted Living Residence*

The New Jersey Recipient of the **Silver Award** is:

Holly Manor Center—Genesis HealthCare

Congratulations to all!