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**If you know someone who might like to become a member or if you are a current member and there has been a change to your information, please complete the form found at <<http://www.wahq.org/docs/WAHQMembershipApplication.pdf>> and return it to: Gloria Field, 3740 River Drive, Plover Point, WI 54467.**



## **GIVE YOURSELF SOME CREDIT - LET WAHQ KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!**

In promoting the excellence of our WAHQ membership we encourage members to share their quality knowledge and success stories with others both within our State and Nationally. Many of you have done this and we would like to start a database on your presentations. **Please email Carol Durocher** <mailto:carol.durocher@aurora.org> **with your accomplishments.** Title your email "WAHQ Presentation" and include the following information in your email.

1. Date
2. Type of
3. Presentation(Speaker, Published Article)
4. Your Name
5. WAHQ / NAHQ Member: (state which one or both)
6. Title of Work

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2015 WAHQ BOARD OF DIRECTOR OPEN POSITIONS**

- Northeast Region Representative
- Northwest Region Representative
- South Center Representative
- Treasurer

WAHQ positions are 2 year terms. WAHQ members will receive a ballot. If you are interested in running for any of these positions and/or would like to nominate someone else, please contact Vicki Wetenkamp <mailto:VWetenkamp@hfmhealth.org>

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **WAHQ 2015 CONFERENCE** February 27, 2015, Glacier Canyon Lodge – Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells  
**OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS!**

ANNUAL WAHQ MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DOOR PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION TO SUPPORT THE HEALTHCARE QUALITY FOUNDATION

- **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** <http://www.wahq.org/conf/2015/default.asp>
- **Call for Storyboards** - receive 1 free WAHQ membership for each storyboard accepted for the conference. **Submission deadline is 02/10/15**
- **Call for Vendors** **Submit your application now!**

Quality, How it Matters to Me ...  
"Yes that includes YOU"

Annual  
WAHQ 2015  
Conference

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Register NOW!**  
CLICK HERE

- **NAHQ NATIONAL QUALITY SUMMIT: "LEADING CARE TRANSITIONS: IMPROVING QUALITY & SAFETY ACROSS THE HEALTHCARE CONTINUUM"**, **April 22-24, 2015** Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, PA. **Register to attend in person or online** (login required). Physical space for this event is limited, so make your plans early to engage with your colleagues from across the nation and return with actionable plans to enhance your healthcare quality initiatives at work.

**MORE NEWS:**



## Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality

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- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>
  - **WAHQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE** Friday, February 27, 2015  
<http://www.wahq.org/conf/2015/default.asp>
- Check out the **Winter 2014/2015 Newsletter!** Check out News Blasts and Newsletters archived at “News & Views”! <http://www.wahq.org/news.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp>
  - Peer Review Quality Data Specialist, Agnesian Healthcare, Waupun Memorial Hospital and Ripon Medical Center
- Contacts for WAHQ <http://www.wahq.org/board.asp>



## National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

- Events <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/calendar.html>
  - **CPHQ REVIEW COURSE** March 16 - 17, 2015, Methodist Women’s Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/cphqmar15.html>
  - **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** April 22, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-apr15.html>
  - **NATIONAL QUALITY SUMMIT: "LEADING CARE TRANSITIONS: IMPROVING QUALITY & SAFETY ACROSS THE HEALTHCARE CONTINUUM"**, April 22-24, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Specific details about the summit will be available later this summer. **Registration Is Now Open!** [Register to attend in person or online](#) (login required) through a virtual offering. Physical space for this event is limited, so make your plans early to engage with your colleagues from across the nation and return with actionable plans to enhance your healthcare quality initiatives at work.

- **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** May 8, 2015, NAHQ Offices, Chicago, Illinois **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-may15.html>



## Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF)

- Grants

Each year, the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team awards individual grants to deserving applicants. Use those funds to attend the NAHQ Annual Educational Conference and other NAHQ educational programs or to pay for Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification examination or review costs.

<http://www.nahq.org/hqf/content/individualgrants.htm>

- **CERTIFICATION GRANT** The HQF Certification Grant awards financial assistance to healthcare quality professionals who have not yet attained the CPHQ credential by sponsoring their examination fee. These grants are awarded twice a year. A total of 15 grants were awarded in 2014! **Apply for the Certification Grant by July 31, 2015.**

[http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015\\_Cert\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015_Cert_Grant_Application_Fillable.pdf)

## Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html>

- **2015 ANNUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - CARE TRANSITIONS: MAKING QUALITY CONNECTIONS**, April 24, 2014, Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, IL. **Registration is open now!** <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html>

## Indiana Association for Healthcare Quality (InAHQ)

- Events <http://www.inahq.com/presentations.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

## Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events [http://www.iahaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members\\_Groups/affiliate\\_groups/IAHQ.aspx](http://www.iahaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members_Groups/affiliate_groups/IAHQ.aspx)

- **2015 IAHQ SPRING CONFERENCE**, May 12-13, 2015, Holiday Inn-Jordan Creek, West Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.

- **2015 IHA ANNUAL MEETING**, October 6-8, 2015, Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.

### **Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ)**

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/education/calendar-of-events>
- **STATE CONFERENCE (topics to be determined)**, October 11-12, 2015, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. More details will be posted to the MAHQ site in future.

### **Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals (MHQP)/HealthForce Minnesota**

- Events <http://mhqp.com/events/>
- **CPHQ REVIEW COURSE** March 7, 2015, Minneapolis VA Health Care System, Minneapolis, Minnesota. More details will be posted to the MHQP site soon.

*Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and/or suggestions for improvement for WAHQ News Blast.*

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