



*In Recognition
Of
Accomplishments
By
NC ASHRM Members*

Fall 2007 NCASHRM – Membership Recognition

Recognition, Designations & Awards

Kathy Connolly - with **Premier Consulting Solutions** recently published a report from the Perinatal Innovation Workgroup entitled *Reducing Harm to Infants During Labor and Delivery*. This article was published in the July issue of *HealthCare Technology Horizons*.

Congratulations to Bonnie Weyher - with **Yates, McLamb and Weyher** who has been tapped for future service as State Bar President. Bonnie was nominated in July to serve as vice president of the State Bar in 2007-2008, which places her on a three-year leadership track to serve as President in 2009-2010. Congratulations Bonnie!

Sam Southern and Lisa Garrison - with **Smith Moore** has been named, along with 32 attorneys from that firm, to the 2008 list of The Best lawyers in America. Way to go Sam and Lisa!

Joe Stavola - with **Sharpless and Stavola** as well has been named to the 2008 list of The Best Lawyers in America. Additionally, this next year will mark Joe's 30th year in the defense of the health care profession. Way to go Joe!

Promotions

Tacker LeCarpentier - with **Lawyers Structured Settlements** has been promoted to the position of Director, Annuities and Structured Products.

Academic Achievement

Tamara Kiger - Risk Manager with **Novant Health**, graduated in August from Pfeiffer University with her Masters in Health Administration.

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Veda Rowe – of **The McDowell Hospital** in Marion, North Carolina, was recently awarded the *Roy Hinson Scholarship*. Veda is the first recipient of this award. The Roy Hinson Scholarship is awarded in remembrance of Mr. Hinson's many contributions and dedication to healthcare and to the field of healthcare risk management.

Dan McLamb – **Attorney for Yates, McLamb & Weyher, L.L.P** was recently selected by the Business NC magazine as not only the Legal Elite for 2007 but also selected as the Top Litigator in the State for the 2007 edition. Selection is based upon ballots sent to every lawyer licensed by the State Bar living in NC. Dan was also selected as one of the top 10 lawyers in the State of NC Super Lawyers 2007 publication. Super Lawyers names NC's top lawyers as chosen by their peers and through the independent research of Law and Politics. NC Super Lawyers is based on surveys of more than 14,000 active lawyers across the state that has been in practice for five years or more. [Congratulations Dan!](#)

Jason Newton – **Attorney for Yates, McLamb & Weyher, L.L.P** was selected as one of NC's 2007 legal Elite in the inaugural Young Guns category (those 40 and under.)
[Way to go Jason!](#)

Promotions

Gwen Stokes – (NC ASHRM's President Elect) was promoted to **Assistant Vice President of Risk Management with Premier Insurance Management Services**.

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Doug Borg – **Director, Risk Management, Duke University Medical Center** was elected President Elect of National ASHRM. We are honored to have the President Elect of National ASHRM as our member. [Way to go Doug!](#) Doug will serve as President of National ASHRM in January 2008.

Sharon Groves – **Regional Risk Management Consultant, Berkley Medical Excess Underwriters** was elected to National ASHRM Board of Directors. [Congratulations Sharon!](#) Sharon will service on the board for two years.

Nan Holland – **Director Clinical Service, Forsyth Medical Group** was on the National ASHRM ballot for the Nominating Committee. Nan is to be commended for being nominated as well as for her willingness to serve ASHRM.

NC ASHRM chapter is very proud of all of our members who volunteer their time to ASHRM for various activities.

Beth King – **Director of Risk Management, Lincoln Medical Center** has received the Certified Patient Safety Officer designation.

Tracey Moody, Account Manager, McNeary Inc. recently received the Certified Insurance Service Representative designation.

Joseph M. Stavola, Attorney, Sharpless & Stavola, PA and Lisa Garrison, Attorney, Smith, Moore LLP has been officially recognized in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Bonnie Refinski-Knight, Attorney, Harris, Creech, Ward and Blackerby, P.A. was recently elected Treasurer of The North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys.

Kathy Connolly, Assistant Vice President, Risk Management, with Premier, Inc's, innovative Perinatal project developed in conjunction with Ascension Health Care and the Institute for Healthcare Improvements, that promotes interventions that improve perinatal outcomes has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal, ECRI and by the National Association of ASHRM. In recognition of Kathy's work on this innovative project Premier recently awarded Kathy the Value Team Award, Special Achievement Award and two individual Vision Awards. **Congratulations Kathy!**

Promotions

Douglas Borg was promoted to **Director of Insurance and Associate Director of Clinical Risk Management** at **Duke University Medical Center**. In addition, Doug was recently elected President-Elect of the National ASHRM Doug currently serves on the Board of Directors and will assume the office of National President in January 2008.

Death

We regret to inform NC ASHRM of the death of Roy Hinson, recently retired CEO of **Stanly Regional Medical Center**. Mr. Hinson had previously served in the Risk Manager's position at SRMC. He and his wife attended NC ASHRM's 25th anniversary celebration last October. Mr. Hinson will be remembered fondly for his many contributions and dedication to healthcare and to the field of healthcare risk management.

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Kimberly Todd – Regional Risk Manager, Britthaven, Inc. completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Phoenix, May 2006.

Gwen Stokes – Director of Risk Management, Consortium Management completed her Master of Science in Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2006.

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Debbie Martinez – Risk Manager, Cape Fear Valley Health System, Inc. received the North Carolina Certified Paralegal designation presented by the North Carolina State Bar Association.

Kevin Wisecarver – Account Manager, McNeary Healthcare Services completed the requirements and received the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation.

Joyce Benton – Risk Control Consulting Director, CNA HealthPro – was awarded ASHRM's Distinguished Service Award at the 2005 National Conference.

Achievements

The law firm of Sharpless & Stavola, PA obtained defense verdicts in two trials involving nursing home negligence. It is believed that prior to these verdicts, there was only one other trial in North Carolina where a plaintiff did not prevail in a nursing home medical negligence case.

Joseph Stavola recently co-authored an article addressing the use of photomicrographs in pathology reports that has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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Recognition of President: Kathy Connolly recognized Ron Burris for his many contributions as president. Ron's leadership style and voice of reason has been a great asset to the Board and Ron was presented with a plaque in recognition for his hard work.

Recognition of Executive Assistant: Kathy Connolly recognized Rina Borg for her numerous contributions to the chapter. The chapter would not be able to respond to the needs of its members without her hard work and dedication, as well as all her hard work at our conferences.

During the annual Nursing Banquet at **Catawba Valley Medical Center** on May 10, 2005, Sarah Bailey received the "Most Likely to Promote Professionalism in Nursing" award. As a Magnet Facility, CVMC nurses are nominated by their peers in one of 14 categories that reflect the "Forces of Magnetism." A panel of judges review the nominations based upon objective scoring criteria to determine the recipient in each category.

At the National ASHRM Conference in San Antonio October 23-26, 2005, Joyce Benton was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her service to ASHRM and to Risk Management. Only one person is selected each year to receive this award. Joyce is **Risk Control Consulting Director with CNA HealthPro**. What a great recognition for Joyce and so well-deserved!

Academic Achievement

Dr. David Love of **Haywood Regional Medical Center** recently received his Masters Healthcare Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Public Health.

Yvonne Stimpson, **Haywood Regional Medical Center** received her BSTM (Bachelors of Science in Technical Management) in February of this year and was promoted to Corporate Compliance Officer/Risk Manager position.

Tim Nelson, Senior Claims Analyst, **University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina** completed the Masters in Health Law/Risk Management program at Nova Southeastern University, Sheppard Broad Law School. The graduation ceremony was July 9, 2005.

Retirement and Promotions

Emily McCoy, Director of Risk Management & Patient Safety at **Randolph Hospital** will retire on November 11, 2005.

Jackie Nordoff retired on July 8th as **Director of Corporate Risk Management at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center**. Harold Maynard assumed her position as Director. Debbie Martinez was promoted to Risk Manager - Litigation and Insurance. Cathy Riddle was promoted to Risk Manager - Clinical and Sandy Vicary was promoted to Risk Manager - Claims.

Cheryl Kayes of **MAG Mutual Insurance Company** was promoted to Senior Litigation Specialist on July 1, 2005.

Lisa Byrd of **Scotland Memorial** was promoted to Director, Risk/Regulatory Affairs effective March 1, 2005.

If you are a NC ASHRM member and have an accomplishment you would like posted, please send information to Gwen Stokes at StokesG@MCNEARY.COM.