



June 2015

Dear Presidents and Presidents-Elect,

As I assume my duties as ECD President, I'm excited to see what the next year has in store. Healthcare continues to evolve at a rapid pace, bringing positive changes as well as challenges. We are fortunate to be a part of MAHA. Working closely with the MHA, they bring important issues to our attention and also explain the ramifications of pending and newly enacted legislation. This provides us with the knowledge we need to actively advocate for our hospitals as we voice our issues and concerns to our legislators. We are always seeking the best possible outcome for our hospitals and the patients we serve. Our participation ensures that we will continue to have a positive impact on our Volunteer/Auxiliary organizations and healthcare facilities.

The MAHA Annual Meeting at Mackinac Island this month was informative, as always, and offered the chance to meet with our peers, exchange ideas and enjoy the company of friends, both old and new. Networking opportunities were bountiful and beneficial. And I would be remiss if I failed to mention the wonderful meals one enjoys while at the Grand Hotel! For those of you who have never attended, I highly recommend that you consider doing so in the future. Your role in your organization will benefit greatly from your attendance.

I'm distributing this letter based on the March 2015 list of volunteer/auxiliary organization officers. If you are no longer in office, I would be grateful if you would pass this on to your replacement and ask them to contact our VP of Membership, Beth Greene, at dubber56@yahoo.com with their name, position and email address.

Please note the following dates to put on your calendar. I hope to see each of you at the ECD Fall Meeting. We have an informative few hours planned for you!

Sincerely,

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2015	ECD FALL MEETING	HORIZON CENTER, SAGINAW
OCTOBER 12-14, 2015	MAHA FALL CONFERENCE	CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, THOMPSONVILLE
MAY 25, 2016	ECD SPRING MEETING	HORIZON CENTER, SAGINAW
JUNE 7-9, 2016	MAHA ANNUAL MEETING	GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND