



Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council

HLAC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2010

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FRANKFORT, IL, 1/7/2010 — At its December board meeting, the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) announced its 2010 Board of Directors. Currently over 80 laundries have received HLAC accreditation and more are currently preparing nationwide.

2010 Board of Directors

HLAC's officers for 2010 are Chairperson Patti Costello, Vice Chairperson Nancy Bjerke, and Secretary/Treasurer Rick Kislia. The HLAC 2010 Board of Directors also includes: Brad Bushman, Sandra Hensley, RN, MSEM, BSN, CIC, Bill Mann, Ed McCauley, Rob Potack, Judy Reino, Rocco Romeo, Lynne Schulster, PhD, M (ASCP), and David Stern.

"I am honored and excited to work so closely with such a high caliber leadership team as we seek to further grow and strengthen HLAC, says Chairperson Patti Costello, executive director of the American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (ASHES), Chicago, Illinois. "The new nomination, application and leadership peer reviews utilized this year contributed greatly to a rigorous but fair and seamless selection process. "Accreditation, standards and best practice have never been more important as healthcare professionals come under increased pressure for improved patient outcomes and increased satisfaction. Laundries that seek accreditation do so voluntarily and raise the bar in demonstrating their commitment to healthcare customers and patients by promoting a culture of excellence and continuous process improvement," says Costello.

"In 2010, the board will continue to build on the past success by strengthening HLAC Standards, delivering a strategic voice to stakeholders, and creating new support tools for accredited laundries. "HLAC is blessed to have a board of experienced and knowledgeable individuals willing to volunteer time and intellectual capital to advance the mission and vision of HLAC" she says.

About HLAC

Founded in 2005, HLAC is an independent council that has developed a comprehensive set of standards for healthcare textile processing. It is the only organization that exclusively inspects and accredits laundries that process healthcare textiles. To learn more about the Standards, and the inspection and accreditation program, visit www.hlacnet.org, or contact Kathy Tinker, HLAC Executive Director at 708/790-1749 or kathytinker@sbcglobal.net.

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