



Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council

Nominations for HLAC Board to Open October 1, 2009

FRANKFORT, IL, 9/23/2009—The Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) will begin accepting nominations October 1, 2009 for its Board of Directors.

Per the HLAC Bylaws, each year four positions are elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors. Board seats are categorized into four classes:

Class 1 represents the commercial healthcare textile laundry operator.

Class 1 Incumbent: Rick Kislia, COO
Term: 2010-2012 Crescent Laundry, Davenport, IA

Class 2* represents industry associations interested in the processing of healthcare textiles such as ALM, ARTA, TRSA, APIC and others.

Class 2 Incumbent: Nancy Bjerke, BSN, RN, MPH, CIC
Term: 2010-2012 Chair, Practice Guidance Council
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and
Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC)

*HLAC has a vacant Class 2 board position with no incumbent. This board term runs through December 31, 2010. HLAC will consider qualified nominations to fill this position.

Class 3 represents in-house or cooperative textile laundry operator.

Class 3 Incumbent: No incumbent, open seat.
Term: 2010-2012

Class 4 represents the government or users of healthcare textiles.

Class 4 Incumbent: Sandra Hensley, RN, MSEM, BSN, CIC
Term: 2010-2012 Infection Control Practitioner
University of Toledo Medical Center, Toledo, OH

Industry professionals who are interested and meet the qualifications are encouraged to fill out and submit the nominee packet, which can be downloaded from www.hlacnet.org. Submissions must be received no later than 12:00 noon on October 23, 2009. All eligibility and nominations questions may be answered by contacting Kathy Tinker, HLAC Executive Director at 708/790-1749 or kathytinker@sbcglobal.net.

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.