

Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association 2014 Candidates for Board of Directors

Rolando Carter: I have worked in long term care for more than 21 years, 18 of which were in managerial positions. I worked as a Food Service Director for more than 12 years before becoming a LNHA ten years ago. I hold a Dietetics Degree and attended Fontbonne University in St. Louis, MO. Most of my experience has been in larger inner city facilities in both Missouri and Illinois. I have been administrator of Renaissance Park South Nursing and Living Center, a 300-bed SNF on Chicago's south side. After a nurse at our facility wrote the White House regarding the care and compassion she observed from me for both residents and staff of the facility, I receive a letter of acknowledgement from President Obama. I have always had the desire to advocate for the profession because of the heart, dedication and will power that it takes to be an Administrator and uphold the integrity of the profession.

Karen Christensen (incumbent): I am the administrator of the Gibson Area Hospital Annex in Gibson City. A college internship with a nursing home administrator led me down the long term care path. After graduating in 1997 from Illinois State University with a B.S. in business administration, I began a fourteen-year career with Heritage Enterprises, first in the marketing department at their corporate office and the last four years, as administrator of the Heritage facility in Gibson City. I have since obtained my MBA with a specialization in Health Care Management. I am active with the Gibson City Lions Club and serve as the club's secretary. I am also a board member of the Community Resource Counseling Center located in Paxton and a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Charles Hutson (incumbent): I graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1977 and received my Teacher's Certification in 1978. I have been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator since 1982. I have been Administrator of Friendship Manor of St. Elmo since 2000. I am a member of the INHAA Board of Directors, the Illinois Health Care Association and Past President of the Vandalia Rotary Club. I am a Paul Harris Fellow and have been married to my wife Jo since 1980 and we have three grown daughters.

Lester Roberson (incumbent): I currently serve as Administrator of Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. I am former owner of Robertson Healthcare, LLC, which owned two nursing facilities. With more than 35 years of experience in the field, I also have been a member of the IHCA Board of Directors for more than 15 years, serving as the Non-Proprietary Vice President, IHCA Peoria Chapter President, Chairman of the IHCA Government Relations Committee, the IHCA Education Committee, and the IHCA Peer Review Committee. I have served as a member of the Assisted Living Work Group, Chairman of the Regulatory Task Force, and IHCA Representative to the Governor's Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board.

Kim Seaman (incumbent): I have been in long term care for 25 years in various capacities most of which have been with Heritage Enterprises. I received my R.N. from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in 1985 and my Masters Degree in Health Administration in 2008 from the University of St. Francis. I have been the administrator of Heritage Health in Minonk since 2002. I currently serve as the First Vice President of INHAA.

Rena Smith (incumbent): I am a licensed nursing home administrator and facility owner. My life's work tends to be geared toward long term care since I am mother of 8 children and have 8 grandchildren. Living on a farm is a never-ending reminder that life is a cycle of beginnings and endings. My education is in Nursing Home Administration, Gerontology and Human Resources. I am member of INHAA, Royal Neighbors, the Elks, the VFW, American Legion Aux, Southwest Indiana Bird Club, and Eagles.