



Boards, Councils and Committees

THA Board of Trustees

John Hawkins

The THA Board of Trustees shall have charge of the property; manage the affairs of the Association; establish Association policies and procedures which shall be reported to the voting membership for its information; and shall have the power and authority to do and perform all acts and functions consistent with these Bylaws or with any action taken by the voting membership.

Council on Policy Development

Jennifer Banda

Affords a forum for members of the Association to participate in the Association's advocacy and policy development process; develop legislative and regulatory public policy recommendations to address issues of interest or concerns; and advocate public policy positions and priorities to the THA Board of Trustees.

THA Policy Councils

Behavioral Health CouncilSara Gonzalez

To discuss and make policy recommendations to the Council on Policy Development regarding behavioral health care issues affecting hospital members that provide behavioral health services.

Rural Hospital CouncilAl Goforth

To discuss and make policy recommendations to the Council on Policy Development regarding rural health care issues affecting rural hospital members.

Quality and Patient Safety Council.....Sara Gonzalez

To address the ongoing opportunities to improve clinical quality, workforce and patient safety of health care in Texas hospitals and develop proposed policy positions for THA as well as advise on the clinical leadership perspective to advance the quality and accountability as it relates to patient care and safety.

THA Policy Committees

Policy Committee on Hospital Contracting and Payment..... Cameron Duncan

Study public policy issues relating to hospital billing and collections with governmental and private payers and the review and payment of hospital services and offer recommendations on policy positions to the Council on Policy Development and the THA Board of Trustees.

Policy Committee on Hospital Reimbursement.....Anna Stelter
In coordination with other THA Policy Committees, study issues related to hospital reimbursement and offer recommendations for action to the Council on Policy Development and the THA Board of Trustees.

THA Standing Committees

THA Audit and Compliance Committee

The function of the Audit and Compliance Committee is to assist the THA Board of Trustees in fulfilling its fiduciary oversight responsibilities by overseeing management's conduct of the company's financial reporting process and systems of internal controls; monitoring the audit efforts of the company's independent auditors; providing open communication among the independent auditor, financial and senior management and the Board; and overseeing the Association's Corporate Compliance Program

THA Finance Committee

The purpose is: overseeing the preparation of the annual operating budget of the Association and its subsidiaries; overseeing the preparation of the annual capital budget; reviewing any extraordinary capital investments or joint venture agreements; monitoring the performance of the Association in meeting its annual budgets; providing open communication among THA Senior Management and the Board; and ensuring compliance with all financial regulations and standards.

THA Dues Committee

This is a subcommittee of the THA Finance Committee which meets every three years to review and validate the basis for the THA dues structure and impact of rebasing THA dues based on the most recent hospital operating expenses. Recommend appropriate rebasing of THA dues maximums, minimums and tiered rates. Recommend policy to mitigate the financial impact of any significant merger or consolidation to aggregate membership dues.

THA Governance Committee

Periodically reviews existing bylaws, policy guidelines and practices and recommends suggested changes to the THA Board; reviews the THA Board annual assessment results and recommends suggested improvements; oversees a process of board orientation; and promotes ethical behavior of the board.

THA Nominating Committee

Studies and evaluates qualifications of prospective candidates for election as officers and trustees of the THA, Member Solutions, Foundation and THINK Boards of Trustees; and AHA Regional Policy Board Delegates and invites and receives suggestions from members for nominees. Prepares and presents recommendations for election to the THA Board of Trustees and membership of the Association.

THA Organizational Committees

THA Appointments Committee

Composed of the THA Chair-Elect, THA President and COPD Chair as members; the Appointments Committee which advises on and approves recommendations submitted to serve on legislative and state agency boards, councils and advisory committees.

THA Bill Aston Award for Quality **Karen Kendrick/Sharon Beasley**
To annually evaluate applicants and select recipients for the THA Bill Aston Award for Quality.

THA Committee on Excellence in Community Service Award**Susan Jones**
To annually evaluate applicants and select a recipient of the Excellence in Community Service Award.

THA Earl M. Collier Award Selection Committee **John Hawkins/Sharon Beasley**
To annually select the recipient of the Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Health Care Administration. (The committee is chaired by the THA Chair and consists of three to five past award recipients still serving as active administrators.).

THA Subsidiary Boards

THA Management Corporation dba Member Solutions**Fernando Martinez (Secretary-Treasurer)**
(THA CEO John Hawkins serves as Chair of the Board)

THA Member Solutions is a member-centric program that conducts ongoing assessment of critical member needs and stringent due diligence of solutions to meet those needs. THA Member Solutions products and services include THA SmartRibbon, THA Compass, THA Insurance Services, THA Retirement Plan and the THA Patient Safety Organization as well as many other cost-effective products and services offered through our Endorsed Partner program.

THA Foundation**Fernando Martinez (Secretary-Treasurer)**
(THA CEO John Hawkins serves as Vice Chair of the Board)

Texas Hospital Association Foundation focuses on improving the quality of care at the bedside, and reducing costs, through evidence-based practice programs as well as educates members on relevant health care issues facing hospitals.

Texas Hospital Insurance Network (THINK).....**Tess Frazier (Secretary-Treasurer)**
(THA CEO John Hawkins serves as a Director on the Board)

THINK, a wholly owned subsidiary of THA, serves as the Attorney-In-Fact for the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange.

Related Boards

THA Retirement Plan for Member Hospitals Lea Anne Porter (Ignacio Zamarron serves as Vice Chair)

The Successor Trustees of the THA Retirement Plan is a THA appointed board that oversees the investments and activities of the THA Retirement Plan for the exclusive benefit of participating THA member hospitals and their employees.

HOSPAC Board Carrie Kroll (Secretary-Treasurer)

HOSPAC's mission is to improve and protect the health care delivery system by helping to elect hospital friendly candidates. HOSPAC works to build grassroots connections between our hospital leadership and elected officials; sets the direction for the funding of the PACs, continually reaches out to meet and improve relationships with elected officials, and makes final endorsement decisions.

Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange Tess Frazier

THIE, a reciprocal insurance exchange, provides insurance products and services designed specifically for the hospital market. (The THIE Board is elected by their subscribers.)

Membership Engagement Forums

THA Past Chair's Roundtable John Hawkins

Serve as a high level advisory body to the THA Executive Committee lending advice and counsel on important issues affecting the industry.

THA Systems Advisory Council John Hawkins

Serves as an advisory body to the THA President/CEO and provide a forum to report and receive feedback on important issues to the Association.

THA Leadership Development Council Corey Cotton/Lindsay Thompson

Provide networking and leadership training opportunities for emerging health care leaders in THA member hospitals including an understanding of the advocacy and public policy role of the THA Board of Trustees.

THA Leadership Fellows Program Lindsay Thompson

The Texas Hospital Association's Leadership Fellows Program brings together senior-level leaders from THA-member hospitals for a year-long study in health care policy and advocacy. Through a collaborative and dynamic curriculum, THA fellows will grow as leaders, build valuable collegial relationships, and become fully equipped to lead policy discussions and advocate on behalf of hospitals at both the state and the federal level.

Hospital Advocacy Group Jennifer Banda

Provide a forum for regularly sharing information and coordinating the advocacy efforts of hospital government relations officers and THA lobby staff. Also provides knowledge and expertise to assist THA in the development of public policy positions.

Membership Engagement Forums (continued)

Hospital Physician Executives Group..... **Mitzi Ressmann/Linda Srubar**
Provide a forum for hospital physician executives to discuss issues and developments that impact the delivery of health care services, including clinical integration, hospital-physician relationships, patient safety and quality improvement; and provide knowledge and expertise to assist THA in the development of public policy positions.

Communications Council **Carrie Williams**
Provides a forum for collaboration to help THA and its member hospitals manage issues through strong, coordinated communications tools. The council provides an environment for hospital leadership to share best practices and successes regarding communication, marketing and media relations. It serves as a central hub for collaboration and guidance on key issues, including crisis communication, affecting Texas hospitals and the health care industry. The council also discusses areas of focus for social media channels, Texas Hospitals magazine, opinion pieces and other channels.