

Washington State Board of Nursing Home Administrators Newsletter

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National Emerging Leadership Summit

[National Emerging Leadership Summit](#): **The 2018 National Emerging Leadership Summit will be held July 19** in Washington, D.C. The summit provides an opportunity for Generation X and Generation Y leaders in health and aging services administration to discuss current best practices with other leaders, meet with representatives of key professional organizations, gain an inside perspective on the legislative process, and explore solutions for attracting and retaining other Generation X and Y leaders. The summit combines current best thinking and a facilitated dialogue to provide a new perspective for both the participating person and the broader field. [Click here](#) for more information on this year's summit.

New Format for NAB Examination

A passing score on the National Association of Long Term Care Administrators Board (NAB) examination is required for licensure as a nursing home administrator in Washington. In 2017, NAB introduced a new examination structure. Examinees now need to pass a 100-item core of knowledge examination and a 50-item line of service examination. Before that time, there was only one part to the examination, consisting of 150 questions. Candidates who pass one portion of the examination but fail the other portion are required to re-take only the portion they failed. More information is available at the [NAB Examination Information](#) website.



A Message From the Chair

Dear Fellow Administrators:

I am serving my second term as a member of the Washington State Board of Nursing Home Administrators. I am currently serving as the chair but have served as the co-chair for the past several years, while Harry Aubert so expertly served as our chair. Harry was an exceptional administrator and a good friend. He was a great advocate of the profession and the elders we serve in Washington State. We lost Harry to cancer on March 14, 2018. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

I started in the long-term care industry 36 years ago. Serving the elderly is my passion and my life's work. I grew up with parents who were elderly by the time I left home. You see, my father was part of the greatest generation. When Pearl Harbor was bombed he went straight to the recruiter's office in Spokane and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. His romance with my mother was put on hold because of World War II and my Dad's internment in Stalag Luft III prison camp. So consequently, his experience there is a part of my ethos and what I bring to my work life as an administrator.

Looking at the demographics of the administrators in Washington State, the vast majority of us are nearing the end of our careers. As such we have a wonderful perspective to see the many things that have changed over the years in this industry. This business is not an easy one to work in with all the challenges we face every day. We are masters of operating small and large businesses. We have to satisfy so many publics. We have our residents, our staff, the residents' families, vendors, volunteers, and the community at large. Many of our facilities are significant contributors to our local economies, not to mention the income we provide to the staff members we employ. We are a training ground for the next generation of caregivers. Our organizations exist to care for the most vulnerable portion of our state's population.

In this current environment of major nursing shortages, increased regulation, new regulations and harder-to-care-for patients, I encourage all administrators in our great state to continue to do well despite the threats all around us. Don't lose hope! Visit the floor more often, encourage your staff! Remember why we got into this business in the first place, by hearing the stories of your residents. There is always a silver lining after the storm clouds have passed. You're doing such good work. Keep on doing it! You will be rewarded by the people who really matter: your residents!

Sincerely,

Keith A. Fauerso

Board Chair



Health Services Executive Designation

The National Association of Long Term Care Administrators board now offers an exciting new designation of health services executive. This designation is expected to ease the ability to move from state to state, as well as the ability to move between the three areas of continuing care, which include nursing home administrator, assisted living administrator, and home or community administrator. Watch NAB CEO Randy Lindner interviewed by Provider TV on the HSE model [here](#). You can find out more about the HSE application process [here](#).

NAB Continuing Education Registry

A nursing home administrator licensed in Washington must have 36 hours of continuing education every two years. The continuing education units through the National Association of Long Term Care Administrators Board (NAB) is the only continuing education that is automatically accepted. Other continuing education meet the requirements but you may be asked submit proof if you are audited. If you plan to take any NAB continuing education in the future, you will want to sign up for its continuing education registry. As of April 1, 2018, all NAB continuing education providers are required to verify continuing education through the CE registry and no longer provide a certificate of completion. More information about the CE registry is on the [NAB CE Registry web-site](#).

2018 Meeting Dates

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators had its first meeting of the year on January 26, 2018 in Tumwater. The public is invited to attend future board meetings. Here is the meeting schedule for the rest of the year:

Date	Location
July 27, 2018	Department of Health, Point Plaza East 310 Israel Road. SE, Room 153 Tumwater, WA 98501 Directions
October 26, 2018	Department of Health, Town Center Two 111 Israel Road. SE, Room 158 Tumwater, WA 98501 Directions

