

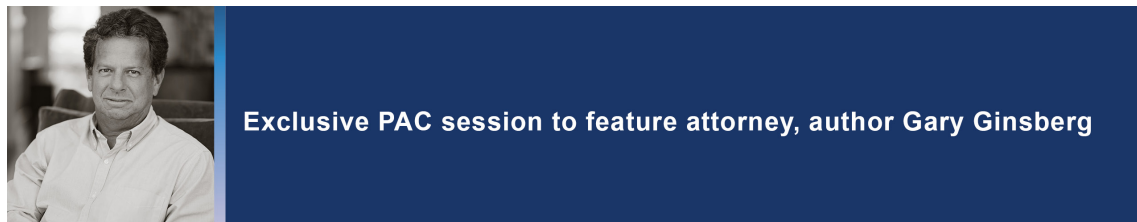
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Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021

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Contributors who donated \$350 or more to the IHA PAC in 2021 will be invited to an exclusive PAC Leaders session during IHA's 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting at 11:15 am, Tuesday, Oct. 5. The session will feature attorney and author, Gary Ginsberg.

Ginsberg spent his professional career at the intersection of media, politics and law. He worked for the Clinton administration, was a senior editor and counsel at the political magazine, George, and spent two decades in executive positions in media and technology at News Corporation, Time Warner and SoftBank.

During the special PAC session, Ginsberg will discuss his career and his first book, First Friends, that investigates the lives of presidents and how their presidencies were shaped by those they held most dear.

Besides the special session, IHA will recognize three IHA member CEOs for their leadership in advocacy on Thursday, Oct. 7. Each year, the IHA PAC submits nominees to the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee to receive Most Valuable PAC Player (MVPP) and Grassroots Award recognition.

As announced in May, Bill Bumgarner, [Spencer Hospital](#), and Glenn Winekauf, [Horn Memorial Hospital](#), received the MVPP Award, and Kevin Kincaid, [Knoxville Hospital and Clinics](#), received the Grassroots award.

There is still time to contribute to the IHA PAC's 2021 campaign. To contribute, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Virtual Annual Meeting.

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Recognizing Advocacy Support





Bill Bumgarner, CEO
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Glenn Winekauf, CEO
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Kevin Kincaid, CEO
Knoxville Hospital and Clinics
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Meet the IHA board officers-elect: Brian Dieter and Robb Gardner

At the August meeting of the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees, the board approved the recommendation of the Governance Committee to nominate the following leaders for officer positions on the 2022 IHA Board:

- Brian Dieter, Chair-elect, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#), Ames.
- Robb Gardner, Treasurer-elect, [Henry County Health Center](#), Mount Pleasant.

The nominees will be voted on by the House of Delegates at the IHA Annual Meeting in October.



IHA Board Chair-Elect

Brian Dieter – President & CEO | Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames

Brian Dieter has been president and chief executive officer of Mary Greeley Medical Center since July 2008. Before this, he was chief financial officer for nine years and spent 10 years at Ancilla Systems at three affiliated health care organizations in financial leadership positions. Dieter holds a bachelor's degree in business from Indiana University and a master's degree in administration from the University of Notre Dame. He is a fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dieter currently serves as the treasurer of IHA and is the former board chair of the Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation.



IHA Board Treasurer-Elect

Robb Gardner - CEO | Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant

Robb Gardner has been chief executive officer of Henry County Health Center since 2009. He has been part of Great River Health since 1998 with roles as physical therapist and athletic trainer, manager of rehabilitation services and director of rehabilitation services. He also serves as vice president of government affairs for Great River Health. Before joining Great River Health, he worked as a physical therapist and athletic trainer at Dean Medical Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Gardner received his bachelor's degree from Luther College, a master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in health care administration from the University of Minnesota. Gardner has served on the IHA Board since 2015 and is currently the chair for the IHA Council on Health Information. Gardner is active in his community by currently serving on the Mount Pleasant Chamber board of directors and as a member of the Mount Pleasant Noon Rotary Club.

Iowa House updates: Bousselot wins HD37, special session announced

On Tuesday, voters in Ankeny and rural Polk County selected Republican candidate Mike Bousselot to fill the vacancy in the Iowa House following the passing of Rep. John Landon earlier

this summer. Rep. Bousset is a former adviser and chief of staff to former Gov. Terry Branstad and served as the director of the Iowa Department of Management under Gov. Kim Reynolds. The results from Tuesday's election maintain the current party makeup of the House, with 59 Republicans and 41 Democrats.

Rep. Bousset's victory comes on the same day Gov. Reynolds announced the date of the special election in House District 29 to fill Democratic Rep. Wes Breckenridge's seat as he steps down to take a position at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Voters in Newton, Baxter, Colfax, Mingo, Kellogg, Oakland Acres and Ira will go to the polls Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Gov. Reynolds also signed a proclamation convening a special legislative session beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. The special session will allow legislators to review and vote on new legislative and congressional districts created by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, as required by the Iowa Code.

It is unknown how long the special session will last or if any other topics will be brought forward for discussion. IHA will monitor developments and provide updates as they occur. Questions about the special session can be emailed to [Erin Cubit](mailto:Erin.Cubit@iha.org) at IHA.

Discover health equity information within IHA data resources in Sept. webinar

Health equity is an important focus as hospitals and health systems look to the future of the health care landscape. IHA's data resources can help Iowa hospitals close the health equity gap through the new dashboards incorporated into the Dimensions Discovery Data Analytics program.

Dimensions' dashboards include information from resources like the US Census American Community Survey, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Hospital Compare and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings.

Clinical leaders, Dimensions program leaders, hospital and health system executives and quality professionals can register for IHA's upcoming webinar, **IHA Health Equity Data Resources scheduled from 10-11 am Thursday, Sept. 30.**

Participants will learn how statewide databases allow IHA to analyze patient demographics like race, ethnicity, age, gender and location, and use that information to evaluate and understand their communities' needs.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

IWD schedules employer roundtables to address worker shortages

This Tuesday, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) announced it will hold workforce roundtables statewide to address Iowa's workforce shortage.

More than 25 roundtables are scheduled beginning Sept. 22 and will take place at IowaWORKS field offices and community colleges. Attendees will receive information about existing workforce strategies and resources they can use to grow their staff.

IWD also will have on hand a support team to conduct workforce needs assessments for interested local employees. Participating employers will be provided a customized set of information about relevant state programs and dedicated points of contact.

The roundtables will continue through Monday, Nov. 15.

To register for a roundtable, click [HERE](#).

To schedule a workforce assessment, email iwdassessments@iwd.iowa.gov.

Remember to submit ASPR Partnership for Disaster Health Response application

The deadline to submit an application for the Department of Health and Human Services Offices of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) [Partnership for Disaster Health Response](#) funding is by **10:59 pm Monday, Sept. 20**

The goal of the funding is to address gaps in health care delivery during disasters by developing a tiered regional disaster response system that builds on and unifies existing health care assets in states and across regions.

For more information about the application and approval process, click [HERE](#).

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Iowa news

- [29% of new COVID cases in Iowa are kids](#)
- [Nurses face increasing risk of burnout](#)
- [Tippie professor adapts economic model to understand vaccine hesitancy](#)

National news

- [US buys more than \\$3.5B worth of antibody drugs](#)
- [New CMS rule requires hospitals to do annual safety self-checks](#)
- [New front in climate fight: Hospital operating rooms](#)

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Upcoming events

- [IHA All-District Meeting](#): Sept. 16.
- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19](#): Sept. 16.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference](#): Sept. 16-17.
- [Implicit Bias, A Hidden Risk for Ethical Lawyers](#): Sept. 21.
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar](#): Sept. 23.
- [IHA Health Equity Data Resources](#): Sept. 30.
- [2021 IHA Virtual Annual Meeting](#): Oct. 5-7.
- [Administrative Professionals Program](#): Oct. 20.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-April 8, 2022.
- [Making Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#): Oct. 26.
- [Workers' Compensation Conference](#): Oct. 27.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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