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Look to the future with Ben Hammersley on Day Three

As we close out IHA's 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, remember to look to the future of technology and health care with futurist and former WIRED editor Ben Hammersley.

Hammersley will bring a practical proactive approach to future technologies and will explore how society reacts to technological innovation. He will help you understand the tools and technologies you need to guide you through an uncertain future.

[Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, Schedule](#)

8:30 am KEYNOTE AND AWARD

- Ben Hammersley and Excellence in Governance Award

10:30 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 2021 Health Care Privacy and Security Law Update
- Hardwiring Team Culture

1 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Ransom Ware and Cybersecurity
- Executive Leadership Development Through Improved Self-awareness
- Getting Started: Launching DEI Strategic Efforts

2:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Federal Nondiscrimination Law and Health Equity
- Is Your Board Ready for What's Next?

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We look forward to seeing you next year for the 2022 IHA Annual Meeting.

IHA approves board chair, officers and members

Members of IHA's House of Delegates voted yesterday to approve several new appointments to IHA's Board of Directors.

[Bob Kroese, CEO of Pella Regional Health Center](#), was approved as the new board chair, replacing Jason Harrington, chief executive officer of [Lakes Regional Healthcare](#) in Spirit Lake.

[Brian Dieter, president and CEO of Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames](#), was approved as chair-elect and [Robb Gardner, CEO of Henry County Health Center in Mount Pleasant](#), will serve as treasurer.

Members approved for a second three-year term on IHA's board are:

- Karl Keeler, president, [MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center](#), Des Moines.
- Shelly Russell, CEO, [Mitchell County Regional Health Center](#), Osage.

The House of Delegates also appointed the following members:

- Brett Altman, CEO, [Cass Health](#), Atlantic, for his first term.
- Leah Glasgo, CEO, [UnityPoint Health – Trinity Regional Medical Center](#), Fort Dodge, for her first term.
- Jennifer Havens, CEO, [UnityPoint Health – Grinnell Medical Center](#), Grinnell, for her first term.
- Michele Kelly, chief clinical officer, [Buena Vista Regional Medical Center](#), Storm Lake, as the Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership representative.
- Kevin Kincaid, CEO, [Knoxville Hospitals and Clinics, Knoxville](#), as AHA delegate.
- Ed Smith, president and CEO, [St. Anthony Regional Hospital](#), Carroll, as AHA delegate.

Congratulations to the new and reappointed board members!



Iowa nurse leaders celebrated at 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting

The work of Iowa nurse leaders was celebrated at IHA's 2021 Virtual Annual meeting Wednesday. The Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership (IONL) gave the Outstanding Nurse Executive Award and the Outstanding Nurse Manager Award to:

- Amanda Bireline, chief nursing officer, [Cass Health](#), Atlantic – Outstanding Nurse Executive Award.
- Staci Worley, emergency room nurse manager, [Jefferson County Health Center](#), Fairfield – Outstanding Nurse Manager Award.

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These nurse leaders helped and supported their teams as Iowa's health care worker continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

IONL's mission is to "shape health care in Iowa through innovation, leadership expertise, professional development, education and advocacy." Part of achieving this mission, IONL provided three \$1,000 scholarships to Iowa nurses as they continue their journeys in nurse management.

This year's scholarship recipients were:

- Jackie Blackwell, director of quality, [Manning Regional Healthcare Center](#), Manning.
- Rebeca Moore, director of medical/surgical, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#), Ames.
- Jessica Reed, inpatient service manager, [Washington County Hospital and Clinics](#), Washington.

Providers reminded to sign off on removals of deceased individuals

The Iowa Funeral Directors Association reminds hospitals, nursing homes, hospice facilities and other health care facilities that they are required by Iowa Code to obtain the appropriate documentation and signatures when a funeral director takes possession of a deceased individual. The Iowa Code says:

"The funeral director shall perform the following duties upon notification of a death:

1. Comply with jurisdictional authority which respect to medicolegal responsibilities regarding the removal of human remains.
2. Provide signature and license number when removing a human remains from a hospital, nursing establishment or any other institution involved with the care of the public."

The IFDA has created a [sample form](#) that can be personalized for each facility's needs.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [MercyOne partners with Phreesia to automate social needs screenings](#)
- [Federally funded health centers in Iowa awarded \\$9.5M](#)
- [COVID-19 stalks Iowa nursing homes again, traced to unvaccinated workers](#)

National news

- [Hospital system will deny transplants to the unvaccinated](#)
- [California mandates implicit bias training for nursing students](#)
- [New York's largest private hospital system now 100% vaccinated](#)

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Upcoming events

- [2021 IHA Virtual Annual Meeting](#): Oct. 5-7.
- [The Power of You: Understanding and Maximizing Happiness and Well-Being Virtual Series](#): Oct. 14
- [Administrative Professionals Program](#): Oct. 20.
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): 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.
- [2021 Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Physical Environment Update](#) Nov. 9.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](https://www.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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