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**The Association for the Health Care Environment Announces 2024-2026 Advisory Board Leadership**

**Chicago, August 29, 2023** – The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) announced its Advisory Board officers and At Large Advisory Board Members.

**Marci Butts, MBA, BHA – Chair 2024-2025**

Ms. Butts is the Manager, Support Services. Mercy West Hospital, Cincinnati, OH. Marci has over ten years of environmental and support services experience in acute care. She has served on a variety of hospital committees including environment of care, infection control, process improvement, United Way, planning & construction, and regulatory readiness. An active AHE member, Marci has participated in or chaired several AHE committees including Advisory Council, Exchange Planning, Nomination, and Awards and Recognition.

**Eric Nowak, MBA, T-CHEST, T-CSCT - Chair-Elect**

Mr. Nowak is associate vice president of hospitality services at Geisinger Health in Danville, PA. He has 8 years of experience leading EVS across 9 hospitals and 7 years as a supply chain professional with Geisinger. Eric has been an AHE member for 7 years, has participated in the review of *EVS Department of the Year* nominees, and has been active in driving content for the education and knowledge management and served as a subject matter expert for the development of the [CHEST](#) train the trainer program. Eric was re-appointed for a second three-year term as an At-Large member and most recently selected by his Advisory Board peers to serve as Chair-elect for 2-24-2025, assuming the role of Chair in January 2026.

**Flash Fiegel, T-CNACC, CMIP, T-CHEST**

Mr. Fiegel is the National Multi-Divisional Director of EVS, Laundry & Linen at CommonSpirit Health. Throughout his career, Flash has consistently demonstrated his expertise in program implementation and standardization of EVS, Linen, and Transport SOPs. His strategic vision and leadership have been instrumental in driving positive change within the organizations he has served.

**Tom Bergin, MBA**

Mr. Bergin is Healthcare Marketing Director at Essity, Professional Hygiene. Since joining Essity in 2008, he has been focused on leading their efforts to provide better solutions to improve environmental hygiene in health care settings - both at the facility level and at the point of care. He currently manages a transatlantic team of marketers across the US and Europe. Tom has been an AHE member since 2011 and has participated in the AHE strategic planning committee.

The three-year Advisory Board member terms began January 1, 2024.

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**About AHE**

The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) is a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings;

including hospitals, long-term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE advances members' ability to establish and maintain care environments that are free of environmental surface contamination and that support safety, service, and efficient and effective operations. [www.ahe.org](http://www.ahe.org)