The Beginning

1966

A. W. “Doc” Zimmerly of Texarkana, TX and several Arkansas hospital engineers began forming the Arkansas chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Engineering. On April 23, 1966, the chapter was established and officially named the Arkansas Association for Hospital Engineering (AAHE). Doc Zimmerly was elected as the first president, Curt Belin vice president, A. V. Dobbins treasurer, and J. O. Boldon secretary (J. O. is the father of another past president, Buddy Boldon). Charter members were accepted through October 1966. The first AAHE annual banquet was held at St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock, where AAHE president Doc Zimmerly was a VIP. Allen Weintraub was master of ceremonies.

Founding Members (April 1966)

† James D. Allen  Ouachita County Hospital, Camden
† Curt Belin  Helena Hospital, Helena
† James O. Boldon  Jefferson Hospital, Pine Bluff
† James R. Chase  St. Edward Mercy Medical Center, Fort Smith
† A. V. Dobbins  Ouachita County Hospital, Camden
† George Karlsh  Warner Brown Hospital, El Dorado
† A. W. Zimmerly  Wadley Hospital, Texarkana

Charter Members (October 1971)

E. J. Barron  Ouachita County Hospital, Camden
Charlie Beaver  Boone County Hospital
W. C. Bunn  Clark County Hospital, Arkadelphia
E. T. Burgess  Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock
Elmer T. Burkett  Washington General Hospital, Fayetteville
Lon Cook  Springdale Memorial Hospital, Springdale
Gerald Daughtery  Jefferson Hospital, Pine Bluff
Robert DeSalvo  St. Anthony’s Hospital, Morrilton
Harold Donnohue  St. Edward Mercy Hospital, Fort Smith
Leo G. Franks  Randolph County Hospital, Pocahontas
Matt Gilmore  Van Buren County Memorial Hospital, Clinton
C. M. Hanson  Magnolia Hospital, Magnolia
Karl Hogan  St. Vincent Infirmary, Little Rock
O. L. Holland  St. Joseph’s Hospital, Hot Springs
Joe Hollis  Hempstead County Hospital, Hope
Wayne Leggett  Springdale Memorial Hospital, Springdale
Arthur Leverett  St. Mary’s Hospital, Dermott
J. W. Martin  Wadley Hospital, Texarkana
James R. Pegram  Porter Rodgers Hospital, Searcy
Charles Putnam  St. Mary’s Hospital, Rogers
Garland P. Smith  Knapp Memorial Hospital, Weslaco, TX
Charles Starnes  Ouachita Hospital, Hot Springs
Harvey Boyd Thompson  St. Edward Mercy Hospital, Fort Smith
Dallas E. Ward  Union Memorial Hospital, El Dorado
Elvis Webb  Memorial Hospital, North Little Rock
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<td>Neil Gaiser</td>
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Distinguished Members

Fellow Members

† A. W. “Doc” Zimmerly  
Project Engineer, Wadley Hospital, Texarkana, TX
† Curt Belin  
Director of Engineering, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Fort Smith
Arch Gilchrist  
Chief Engineer, St. Vincent Infirmary, Little Rock
Donn Brown  
Director of Physical Plant, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock
Gary Fowler  
Associate Administrator, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff
Bill McCully  
Director of Plant Engineering, Springdale Memorial Hospital
Everett Foley  
Director of Plant Operations, Helena regional Medical Center, Helena
James O. Wear, Ph.D.  
Director of College of Health Related Professions at the UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
James McDowell  
Director of Engineering, Arkansas State Hospital, Benton Services Center, Benton
Michael Long  
Physical Plant Associate Director, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock
Terry Martin  
Executive Director of Engineering, Medical Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado
Darrel Croswell  
Director of Clinical Engineering, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
Brian Cotten  
Executive Director of Design and Construction, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock

Senior Members

Patrick Brewer  
Director of Maintenance/Engineering, Service Professionals, Little Rock
James Chapman  
Director of Maintenance, Cleburne Memorial Hospital, Heber Springs
Michael J. Dwyer, Jr.  
Executive Director of Campus Operations, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
Everett Foley  
Director of Plant Operations, Helena regional Medical Center, Helena
Bob Haralson  
Associate Director of Physical Plant, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
Lincoln Knight  
Director of Engineering, St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center, Little Rock
Michael Long  
Assistant Director of Physical Plant, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
† James McDowell  
Associate Administrator for Engineering, Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock
† Tom Taylor  
Executive Director of Engineering, Medical Center of South Arkansas, Little Rock
Christine Bennett  
Telecommunications Supervisor, St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center, Little Rock
Brian Cotten  
Director of Facilities, St. Joseph Regional Health Center, Hot Springs
Darrel Croswell  
Director of Clinical Engineering, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
Danny Draper  
Director of Facilities Management, Baptist Health Medical Center, North Little Rock
Charlie Beaver  
Director of Engineering, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison
Terry Martin  
Executive Director of Engineering, Medical Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado
Diane Hughes  
Fire Life Safety/Chemical Hygiene Officer, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
## Honorary Members

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<td>Deloris Awalt</td>
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<td>Robert “Bo” Ryall</td>
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† Distinguished Members (cont.)
Timeline

1967
Bob Chase, of St. Edward Mercy Medical Center, designed the AAHE logo. Members toured AP&L's Robert E. Richie Generating Station. Built in 1960, it was the largest single-shaft generator in the world at that time.

1970
AAHE doubled its membership from 40 members to 80, and the Arkansas Hospital Association became the Association's treasurer and maintained the records. Annual membership dues were $5.00.

1971
Total AAHE expenses in 1971 were only $250. The Association's bank balance in July was $720.

1972
AAHE became affiliated with the American Society of Hospital Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association (AmHA) on April 6, 1972.

1970s
AAHE became affiliated with the Arkansas Council of Engineers and Related Societies (ACERS).

1979
AAHE established the Arkansas Hospital Engineers Scholarship Trust to provide scholarships to worthy students.

1981
Arch Gilchrist died at the age of 59. A scholarship trust was incorporated and named in his honor.

1982
AAHE became incorporated on July 2, 1982.

1983
In June at Hot Springs National Park, AAHE hosted the national meeting of the American Society of Hospital Engineering (ASHE). This was the only time an ASHE Annual meeting was ever held in the state of Arkansas.

1984
The Arkansas Telecommunication Association for Health Care (ATAHC) merged with AAHE. At the summer meeting, AAHE divided the chapter into three sections: Facilities, Clinical, and Telecommunication. AAHE determined that all future meetings would have separate educational programs for each section. On October 19, 1984, the first three-program meeting was held and was very successful.

1985
Early in 1985, members of ATAHC became regular members of AAHE.

1986
The first AAHE yearbook was published and distributed to members in May, with Lincoln Knight as editor. The AAHE seal was revised by Lincoln to show the three educational sections, Facilities, Telecommunications, and Clinical, which made up AAHE at that time.

1987
In September, AAHE member James Wear, Ph.D., and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock developed the Health Care Facilities Engineering Technology Certification program.
Curtis G. Belin received ASHE’s most prestigious award, the Crystal Eagle, given to an individual who has made an overall contribution to the field of health care engineering and facility management. Curt was the 1st Arkansan and only the 6th person nationally to receive this award.

1992
Safety became an additional section of AAHE.

1995
Radiology became an additional section of AAHE.

1996
The Curtis G. “Curt” Belin Scholarship Trust was established to award scholarships to worthy students.

1997
The Curtis G. “Curt” Belin Young Engineer Award was established to recognize outstanding AAHE members under the age of 40.

1999
An annual scholarship golf tournament began in October 1999 to raise money in support of the scholarship trusts. AAHE grew from 33 charter members in 1966, representing only hospitals, to over 240 members representing hospitals, clinics, universities, institutes, a hotel, architects, consulting engineers, technical services, companies, and corporations. The operating budget was more than $30,000 per year. From 1979 - 2001, approximately 40 scholarships worth more than $26,000 were granted to worthy students.

2001
Past Presidents Scholarship Fund was established to honor AAHE past presidents.

2003
Bill McCully, past president of AAHE, was elected as the President of ASHE.

2006
Leo Gehring, past president of AAHE, was elected as the President of ASHE.

2007
AAHE was one of four state chapters nationwide awarded the Platinum ASHE overall award in its first year of inception.

2008
AAHE was awarded the Platinum ASHE award of excellence for the second year in a row.

2009
Terry Martin, past president of AAHE, was elected president of ASHE, the 5th AAHE member to do so. AAHE was awarded the ASHE Platinum award of excellence for the 3rd year in a row, making AAHE one of only ten chapters nationwide to receive the award.

2010
AAHE was awarded the Platinum ASHE award of excellence for the fourth year in a row. William E. “Ed” Tinsley is awarded the Crystal Eagle award from ASHE.
2011  Mark Kenneday, VC of Campus Operations at UAMS Medical Center, was elected ASHE President-Elect.
AAHE was awarded the ASHE Platinum award of excellence for the 5th year in a row.
Bill McCully, AAHE and ASHE past president, was awarded the Crystal Eagle award from ASHE.
2012  Jonathan Flannery, UAMS Medical Center, was awarded the Fellow designation from ASHE.
Diane Hughes, UAMS Medical Center, was awarded the Senior designation from both ASHE and AAHE.
Brian Cotten, UAMS Medical Center, was awarded the Senior designation from AAHE.
2013  Mark Kenneday, UAMS Medical Center, served as the President of ASHE.
ASHE introduces the “Elite” designation that may be added on to a Chapter’s Annual Award, requiring that the chapter participate in the Energy to Care Program. The Arkansas Chapter is successful in earning the designation.
2014  A new AAHE logo, that we still use today, is created; replacing the previous seal.
The Chapter held its first annual Trap Shooting contest at the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation in Jacksonville benefitting the AHE Scholarship Trust.
2015  Mark Kenneday, UAMS Medical Center, was awarded the Crystal Eagle award from ASHE. This is ASHE’s most prestigious award, given to an individual who demonstrates excellent leadership qualities, innovation, and overall contribution to the field of health care engineering and facility management. Mark was the 4th Arkansan to receive this award.
Mark Robertson was installed as the chapter’s youngest President to date at age 32.
2016  Dr. James Wear received the 2017 International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of Clinical Engineering. He was formally presented this award during the IFMBE World Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.
A.W. “Doc” Zimmerly
Lifetime Achievement Award

Arthur Weaver Zimmerly (June 6, 1918 — January 19, 1985) unselfishly gave himself to serve others in a somewhat “Pioneer” spirit for hospital engineering. In the 1960s, he concurrently served as president of both the Texas and Arkansas Associations of Hospital Engineering. He chaired a number of committees, and was elected to the American Society for Hospital Engineering (ASHE) Board in 1971. On three occasions, his name was on the ballot as a nominee for ASHE President-Elect. He received the Bob Paul Award for excellence in hospital engineering in Austin, Texas in the late 1970s.

The A.W. “Doc” Zimmerly Award was established in 1986 to honor a member of the Arkansas Association for Hospital Engineering who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and has significantly contributed to the industry of hospital engineering. This is still considered to be the most prestigious award granted through our organization.

Recipients

1986  Curtis Belin, Director of Engineering, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Fort Smith
1987  James McDowell, Associate Administrator for Engineering, Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock
1988  Michael J. Dwyer, Jr., Executive Director of Campus Operations, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
1989  Bill McCully, Director of Plant Engineering, Springdale Memorial Hospital, Springdale
1992  Tom Taylor, Executive Director of Engineering, Medical Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado
2001  Michael Long, Associate Physical Plant Director, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
2003  Darrel Croswell, Director of Clinical Engineering, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
2004  Brian Cotten, Director of Construction Management, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
2005  James O. Wear, Ph.D., CCE, CHSP, Director of College of Health Related Professions at the UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock

Ode to “Doc”

Long hours were the norm...late night - from early morn.
Nor did we ask for overtime when there was need of a “second mile.”
This was a great adventure we had launched ourselves upon.

This one we honor here today not only went the “second mile”
When things went wrong, all would say “Call ‘Doc’ - he’ll fix it right away.”
This he did - and has steadfastly done from 1958, right through yesterday.

Although his retirement days were justly earned and we welcome his joining the “retired,”
We know his thoughts will often turn to Wadley with true yeaming.
To hear that old familiar phrase... “Call ‘Doc,’ he’ll fix it right away.”

Curtis G. Belin
Outstanding Engineer Award

This award was established with the intent of recognizing an emerging leader within the organization that demonstrates the energetic and dedicated spirit of Curtis G. “Curt” Belin. During his time as a member, Curt was active in his professional organizations and his hospital; sharing a large amount of time and innovative ideas to both.

Belin was the first Arkansan and only the 6th person nationally to be awarded the prestigious Crystal Eagle Award. The Crystal Eagle is the lifetime achievement award given by the ASHE Board, which recognizes an individual who demonstrates excellent leadership qualities, innovation, and overall contribution to the field of health care engineering and facility management.

Recipients

1997  Noah Williams, Director of Facilities, National Park Medical Center, Hot Springs
2017  Jordan Northcutt, Building Manager, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
Chapter Awards from ASHE

In 1982, the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) began awarding the following annual Chapter Recognition Awards:

- **Educational Award**: Host at least four hours of qualifying educational programs for the membership
- **Membership Award**: Have at least five members from the chapter apply for a new ASHE membership
- **Membership Levels**: Have at least one member apply for ASHE Senior or Fellow designation

1982: Education, Chapter Membership, and Levels of Membership
1983-1985: Education and Chapter Membership
1986-1987: Education, and Chapter Membership, and Levels of Membership
1988-1989: Education and Chapter Membership
1990: Education, Chapter Membership, and Levels of Membership
1991: Education and Chapter Membership

In 1992, ASHE added several new awards: APEX for Professional Excellence, Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, and Special Achievement (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) for chapters receiving at least three total awards.

1992: APEX, Education, Advocacy, Quarterly newsletter, Special Achievement, and Gold Overall (for winning five awards; 1 of 3 chapters to receive)
1993: Education, Membership, Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Special Achievement, and Gold Overall
1994: APEX, Education, Membership, Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Special Achievement, and Gold Overall
1995-2000: Education, Membership, Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Special Achievement, and Gold Overall
2001-2006: Education, Membership, Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, and Gold Overall

In 2007, ASHE changed its award system to give each chapter only one designation, based on a complex qualification criteria. The rankings would be: Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum. Not only did deserving chapters receive a plaque, but now chapters were also given different rewards based on their ranking.

2007-2013: Platinum ASHE award for overall excellence

In 2014, an “Elite” status could be added onto your ranking level, recognizing chapters that participated in the Energy to Care Program.

2014-2016: Platinum Elite ASHE award for overall excellence
Fellow (FASHE) Status Recipients

The designation of Fellow is a culmination of a lifetime of service to the Society and the healthcare engineering community. Fellow status is an exclusive honor bestowed on those who are committed to advancing the field of healthcare engineering and facilities management through their contributions to the profession. Fellows are considered among the Society’s most highly engaged and dedicated members who volunteer their time and lend their expertise to support the vision and mission of ASHE.

1979 Arch R. Gilchrist
1994 James O. Wear, PhD
2007 Leo M. Gehring
2008 Brian Cotten
2011 Mark Kenneday
2012 Jonathan J. Flannery

Senior (SASHE) Status Recipients

The designation of Senior is awarded for excellence and service to the Society and the healthcare engineering community. ASHE members with Senior status are individuals who are dedicated to advancing the field of healthcare engineering and facilities management through their volunteerism and contributions to the profession and the Society. A member must hold the Senior status for three consecutive years before being eligible for Fellow status.

1977 Arch R. Gilchrist
1979 James O. Wear, PhD
1999 Brian Cotten
2003 Leo M. Gehring
2005 Terry L. Martin
2007 Bill H. McCully, Sr.
2012 Diane M. Hughes
2012 Tim Staley

Crystal Eagle Award Recipients

The first Crystal Eagle Award was given in 1983, and still today it remains as ASHE’s most prestigious award. The award recognizes an individual who demonstrates excellent leadership qualities, innovation, and overall contribution to the field of health care engineering and facility management, as well as their generous and long-standing service to the ASHE organization.

1988 Curtis G. Belin, MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE
2010 William E. (Ed) Tinsley, PE, CEM, HFDP, CHFM, CHC
2012 Bill H. McCully, Sr., CHFM, SASHE
2016 Mark Kenneday, MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE

Past ASHE Presidents

Arkansas is one of the leading president producing chapters in the nation. We are honored and proud to be able to claim these following men as employees of Arkansas hospitals during their tenure as presidents.

1976 Arch R. Gilchrist, FASHE
1989 Omar DeGary (Gary) Fowler, CHFM
2003 Bill H. McCully, Sr., CHFM, SASHE
2007 Leo M. Gehring, CHFM, CHC, FASHE
2009 Terry L. Martin, CHFM, SASHE
2013 Mark Kenneday, MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE