

CAHU Newsletter
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President's Message

So far January's been a pretty good month for CAHU and our industry. Over 135 members and guests attended our panel discussion titled "Health Care Reform, Are We There Yet?" Our four speakers did a great job discussing the challenges Americans face in providing accessible and affordable health care for all. They also provided good ideas for workable solutions to lower costs and cover more Americans. Your Board thanks each of them, and also thanks our sponsor, Aetna.

In comedy, timing is everything. It appears timing is critical in politics as well. January 19, 2010 will be remembered as the day of "The Scott Heard Round the World." Scott Brown was chosen by voters in Massachusetts to fill the seat held for over forty years by the late Edward M. Kennedy, a lifelong proponent of national health care. Senator-Elect Brown voiced his opposition to health care reform in its current form, and promised during his campaign to vote against H.R. 3950. As NCAHU President Hughes Warren wrote in his 1/20 email to NCAHU members, "Our PAC supported Scott Brown's Senate campaign in Massachusetts with volunteers and contributions. This support opened doors for our (NAHU) staff to share with him the major pitfalls in the current Healthcare Reform legislation." Time will tell whether his surprising victory will help America get health care reform done right, but this is a clear example of why we need every member of CAHU to contribute something to HUPAC.

Our February meeting features Ronnie Bryant of the Charlotte Regional Partnership, and in March CAHU will host new Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx. Remember, NCAHU's Symposium is April 13 and 14 and provides 12 credit hours of CE. I hope to see you in Charlotte on February 3rd.

- *Nat Smith*