

President's Message

When I think about CAHU, I believe each of us can take pride in our membership in such a strong chapter. I look at the professionalism, the willingness to volunteer, to donate time and money to worthy causes, the support of our industry, and cannot think of a better organization. One example – we have eight members who have offered their services to assist **Inclusive Health** in Gastonia on Sept. 24 with education and enrollment assistance. The Board thanks you.

There's an interesting article in the Aug. 9 American College electronic newsletter titled "The Rocky Road to Healthcare Reform," by Allen C. McLellan. It presents a balanced view of the hornet's nest that's been stirred up in the process of trying to help the uninsured, and gives a good look at the politics involved in attempting major change. You can see it by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.theamericancollege.edu/subpage.php?pageId=1270&emc=el&m=1753962&=13&v=7894c310df>

We still need to visit our legislators while they are in their home districts. I would like to request volunteers for visits during the week of August 24 – 28. Please email me at nsmith@rogersbenefit.com if you want to go on a legislative call, and include your home address so we know for which visit to schedule you.

We had a surprising, informative presentation at our August meeting from David Boucher on Medical Tourism. Next month, we'll learn about the physician perspective on healthcare reform from Robert Seligson, EVP/CEO of the NC Medical Society at our meeting on Sept. 2. Lastly, update your Outlook today – our Nov. 4 meeting will feature Russ Childers, president of NAHU. We are delighted to host our national president, and I can promise an entertaining time will be had by all. I've heard Russ speak at Cap Conference and he's funny, dynamic and interesting. See you in September!

-Nat Smith