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BIOGRAPHY

Gordon (Gordy) Howie is the Regional Chair - Facilities & Support Services for Mayo Clinic Health System in Northwest Wisconsin and is based out of Eau Claire. Gordy is a candidate for the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) President position.

Gordy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology/Plant Engineering from the University of Wisconsin - Stout and a Master of Science degree in Project Management from the University of Alaska - Anchorage. He is a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager, Certified Healthcare Constructor, and is a Past President of the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association State Board. He is an active ASHE member, currently serving as the Region 6 Advisory Board Member. He has served on the Region 6 Conference Planning Committee for the past six years and served on the Region 6 Nominating Committee.

With 26 years of facilities management and leadership experience, Gordy has successfully lead teams in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard, hotel industry, and in healthcare. Before transitioning to healthcare, he served as a leader in Property Operations for Hilton Hotels in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Anaheim, and Anchorage. Gordy spent six years as a Facilities Director for Mayo Clinic Health System and the past seven years as Regional Director of Facilities & Construction. He has responsibility for facilities maintenance, construction and project management, environmental services, emergency management, safety, and the Environment of Care for five hospitals, 12 clinics, and two outpatient dialysis clinics.

Gordy's volunteer work includes serving on the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association Foundation Board, and the Chippewa Valley Technical College's Foundation Board.

In his spare time, Gordy enjoys playing hockey, fishing, and just about anything outdoors. He lives in Eleva, Wisconsin with his wife, Kris, and two children, William and Anabel.

PERSONAL LETTER

Dear ASHE Friends and Colleagues,

I write to ask for your support in the upcoming election for the ASHE President-Elect position. I am extremely honored to be nominated and the potential to serve you in this position is not something I take lightly. I understand what this position means to the organization and to its members. It is a critical role that ensures the best interests of membership are used to guide our direction.

My affiliation with ASHE started out a little slowly as an experienced facilities manager new to health care. However, I learned that professional member groups, both locally and nationally, were a rich resource for learning and professional development. ASHE programs and the resource library aided in my development as a facilities and construction professional in health care. More importantly, the friendships made, and professional relationships built through the years have had a lasting impact on my successes. I have had some of the finest ASHE mentors who have supported me and

provided guidance when needed. My belief has always been that the best mentors do not know they are mentoring. ASHE is blessed with so many of these types of people.

Motivation to run for President-Elect, for me, is based on the desire to give back to membership and continue the work that I have been involved with as an advisory board member. Professional development and reputation, advocacy, operational excellence, and a welcoming environment to all members will ultimately drive our success.

ASHE is a resilient organization as demonstrated by its ability to adapt and excel during one of our planet's worst pandemics. The organization's strength and flexibility are founded on highly competent leadership, dedicated staff, and engaged membership. Nevertheless, it is imperative that the organization continues to advance its mission while remaining vigilant against continued impacts of the pandemic and numerous factors that come with it. If elected, I will ensure this continues. More importantly, I will not stop listening and learning for the betterment of our organization.

I have the support of my employer and I have my family's support. I ask for your support as well. With your backing I will continue to work hard to serve all ASHE members and grow our organization to meet future needs of health care facilities.

Sincerely,

Gordon C. Howie, MSPM, CHFM, CHC