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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Skanda Skandaverl has over 31 years of progressive experience in all stages of the healthcare industry and is currently serving as the CommonSpirit Health Division Director, Facility Management in Midwest and Fargo divisions. Skanda strives to enhance the healthcare industry to ensure that all healthcare services are delivered with efficiency. Prior to his career in healthcare, Skanda worked in the electrical construction industry, where he acquired invaluable skills and extensive international experience in construction. He has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to improving the quality of the healthcare industry.

Skanda is active, regionally and nationally, in various healthcare organizations. He has been an active member of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) since 1990 and continues to hold various positions with ASHE. He graduated from the ASHE Leadership Institute in 2008. Skanda was the President of the Kansas City Area Healthcare Engineers (KCAHE) and Kansas Hospital Engineers Association (KHEA) from 2003 to 2005 and 2005 to 2006 respectively. ASHE selected Skanda as the Region Eight Emerging Leader in 2004. When Skanda was in Virginia, working for Sentara Healthcare System, he served as the President of Virginia Society Healthcare Engineers (VSHE) Hampton Chapter and represented region three on the ASHE board. Skanda was the president for Nebraska Society of Healthcare Engineers (NSHE) in 2017. He served on the ASHE Healthcare Executive Leadership Council, was on the faculty of many healthcare engineering conferences, including ASHE. He has written and published numerous articles and spoken at many conferences and currently serves on the ASHE Board representing Region Eight and serves on the Steering Committee.

Skanda's education includes: a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, a B.S. degree in Management and an MBA. He is a Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM), Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) and a Fellow Member of ASHE (FASHE). He is a firm believer in continuing education and professional growth to further his contributions within the healthcare industry.

## **PERSONAL LETTER**

Dear Colleagues,

I am very humbled and honored to have been nominated for ASHE President Elect of the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE).

Throughout my career, my passion has been to improve the quality of healthcare facility management and how to be successful in both personal and professional lives. As your President, I will be committed to working for you to improve education, communication, networking, and better support of our members, designers, builders, and vendors.

I joined healthcare 31 years ago, after working in the construction industry. Today, I am proud to serve as a division director with CommonSpirit Health, one of the largest most diverse non-profit healthcare organizations in the country. In this role, I oversee 34 healthcare facilities across the Midwest.

In addition, I have served as the President for four different ASHE chapters, on the Healthcare Executive Leadership Council (HELIC), and I am a current member of the ASHE Board. These experiences have given me the opportunity to witness and understand the unique challenges facing our facilities and members.

Some of our most pressing issues are maintaining the aging infrastructures and recruiting and retaining talent. Not all facilities have been upgraded to meet the new ventilation requirements. As the baby boomers retire, we do not have enough healthcare facility professionals entering the workforce to offset the loss of talent and skills that are necessary to lead our teams. We must engage more universities and technical schools to train healthcare facility professionals. As your President, I will lead ASHE in developing more collaborations with researchers and academic leaders to establish additional healthcare related materials for our young professionals and those looking to enter the profession.

We need to retain our talented members and provide continuing education. Traveling to educational conferences has become more difficult nowadays, therefore, ASHE should expand the faculty and provide more online educational opportunities. We will expand our educational offerings with more online courses, workshops, and webinars.

Communication has never been more important than it is right now as we weather the uncertainties and unknowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. ASHE must open the dialogue between chapters, healthcare executives, and other healthcare organizations to deliver reliable and timely information to our members.

ASHE's strategic direction will take us to the next level by providing platforms for successful collaboration and networking. To support the success of these efforts, I will strive to engage the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Architects (ACHA) and other groups in the healthcare industry to ensure alignment of vision and goals.

While we are still learning how to handle and adjust to the many unknowns of COVID-19, we can share our knowledge and lessons learned with each other, in turn strengthening the entire healthcare industry. It is imperative that we work together to be successful during this unprecedented time and prepare for future challenges.

I have worked with ASHE throughout my healthcare career. I am thankful for and admire all the past presidents and board members who have devoted their time and energy to help build ASHE to be the largest member organization with AHA. I want to thank all members and professionals who help us in committees and task forces and the ASHE staff who are available to us year round.

ASHE is a large part of my success in healthcare, it is time for me to lead ASHE to the next level. As your next president, I will commit to tirelessly leading us toward achieving our shared goals as an organization.

My commitments are:

- Embrace changes in Healthcare delivery
- Provide leadership to the Board and champion the current strategic direction
- Elevate the healthcare facility profession

I am humbly asking for your vote for ASHE President!

Thank you,

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