



John Gaetano, CHFM, CHC

2024 Candidate for Advisory Board Region 1 Representative

Bio

Throughout the last 26 years, John has worked in Healthcare Facilities Management. John spent 15 years at Faxton- St. Luke's (now known as the Mohawk Valley Health System) in Utica, NY as the Director of Facilities with experience in managing Engineering & Grounds, Construction, Environmental Services, Security, and the Energy Center & Co-Gen Plant. John helped his previous hospital implement a Co-Generation Plant that opened in 2009, has extensive experience in Legionella Remediation, and employee relations experience including the merging of the Faxton Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital Facilities Departments together.

Nine years ago, John transitioned from Faxton-St. Luke's to pursue an opportunity with Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, as the Director of Facilities Management with responsibilities in Facilities and Safety & Security. John has since added Environmental Services, Hazmat, Emergency Preparedness, and Nutrition & Dining to his oversight, and he is the Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Support Services at Cayuga Medical Center reporting to the Chief Operating Officer.

John graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College with an AAS in Civil Engineering Technology and a BS from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in association with Syracuse University. Directly after college, John worked for two private construction firms as an Estimator and Project Manager. He worked as an Assistant Director of Facilities for Mohawk Valley Community College for 9 years before going into the healthcare field.

John received his CHFM "Certified Healthcare Facility Manager" certification in 2008 and his CHC "Certified Healthcare Constructor" certification in 2018.

John has been an ASHE member for over 20 years and received the Region 1 Emerging Leader award in 2013. He is currently President of the Central New York Society of Healthcare Engineers, Inc. chapter. He has held this position since 2012 and was President Elect for several years prior. He has participated in every ASHE Annual Conference since 2008 including the Chapter Leadership Sessions. He is also the chapter's Advocacy liaison and has been an NFPA member for many years. John has chaired the New York State Annual Healthcare Facilities Conference for the past 10 years, making it the largest annual Facilities Healthcare gathering in NYS.