



2026 ASHE Election

Candidate for Advisory Board Region 9 Representative

Narsimha Irrinki, MS, PE, CHFM, CPE, CPD, SASHE, has more than 30 years of experience in healthcare facilities management and engineering. He currently serves as the Enterprise Director of Facilities for the County of Santa Clara Valley Healthcare, where he oversees operations for a diverse portfolio that includes the 731-bed Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (a Level I trauma and regional burn center), 358-bed O'Connor Hospital, 258-bed Regional Medical Center (a Level II trauma center), 93-bed Saint Louise Regional Hospital, and numerous primary, specialty, and urgent care clinics throughout Santa Clara County.

Before assuming his current role, Narsimha held leadership positions including Support Services Administrator at Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center, Director of Engineering at San Mateo Medical Center, and Assistant Director of Engineering at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Narsimha also serves as an intermittent Life Safety Code Surveyor with The Joint Commission. Over the past 21 years, he has surveyed hospitals nationwide in the areas of Life Safety, Environment of Care, and Emergency Management, ensuring compliance with CMS Conditions of Participation, NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, and NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code.

His professional experience spans a wide range of disciplines, including facilities planning, design, construction, commissioning, facilities management, plant operations, biomedical engineering, environmental services, security, food services, environmental health and safety, emergency management, energy management, sustainability, and capital planning. He has successfully delivered projects involving new hospital construction, major expansions, renovations, infrastructure upgrades, replacements, and seismic improvements.

For more than 20 years, Narsimha has been an active member of ASHE, where he currently serves as the ASHE Advisory Board Region 9 Representative and a member of the Member Tools Committee. He is a past President of the California Society for Healthcare Engineering (CSHE), current Advocacy Liaison, and a three-term President of the CSHE Silicon Valley Chapter. His professional affiliations also include the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE), American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He has authored and reviewed articles for Health Facilities Management Magazine, Joint Commission Environment of Care News, and the AFE Journal.

Narsimha holds a Master's in Emergency Management, as well as a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Mechanical Engineer in the State of California. His professional credentials include SASHE, Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM), Certified Plant Engineer (CPE), Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD), Certified Green Building Professional, and the Healthcare Construction Certificate (CHC).

Throughout his 30-year career, Narsimha has contributed to key areas of healthcare facilities management, including policies and procedures, standard operating procedures, sequence of



operations, benchmarking, continuity of operations, facility condition assessments, risk assessments, utilities master planning, and disaster preparedness. He remains committed to continuous professional and personal development and to staying current with evolving industry standards.

Driven by a mission to make healthcare facilities safer, more resilient, and better prepared for the future, Narsimha continues to influence regional and national discussions on infrastructure preparedness, life safety, and the future of healthcare facility operations. He looks forward to contributing to the ASHE Advisory Board by supporting growth in membership, advocacy, education, and networking opportunities.