



2026 ASHE Election

Candidate for ASHE President-Elect

Kathryn (Katy) Quinn, MHS, CHSP, CHEP, SASHE, serves as a Safety Officer and Emergency Management Manager for a multi-site health system that spans a robust medical group network, a rural critical access hospital, and a Level II trauma center in one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States. In this role, she brings deep familiarity with the diverse, day-to-day challenges facing healthcare systems. Her primary responsibilities include oversight of the environment of care, emergency management, and overall safety within the physical environment. She also has extensive experience working with regulatory entities, including The Joint Commission, CMS, and OSHA.

One of Katy's most significant leadership experiences occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, when she led the Saint Alphonsus Health System Incident Command response team. In this capacity, she organized and directed the COVID Vaccination Task Force across both Idaho and Oregon. Her work included managing patient surge events, coordinating scarce resources, collaborating with federal, state, and local agency partners, and developing response policies and procedures.

Katy has been an active member of the Idaho Society for Healthcare Engineering (ISHE) since 2014, serving in multiple Board roles, including a term as Chapter President. She has also been a member of ASHE since 2014 and received the ASHE Regional Leadership Award for Region 10 in 2018. She currently participates in ASHE's Member Tools Task Force and the Chapter Leadership Forum Committee and previously served two terms as the ASHE Advisory Board's Region 10 Representative (2022–2025).

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Katy was born in Alaska and raised in several Washington state communities. She graduated high school in eastern Oregon and now resides in Idaho. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities such as trail running, kayaking, and golfing. She also loves traveling both internationally and within the United States, with a particular interest in visiting national parks.