



2026 ASHE Election

Candidate for Advisory Board Region 1 Representative

Wallace (Wally) Rucki, MBA, CHFM, CHC, is a healthcare facilities professional with a diverse background in facilities engineering, operational engineering, and maintenance planning and programming. A graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and spent 13 years in sea-going engineering positions, ultimately achieving the rank of Unlimited Chief Engineer. In these roles, he led complex engineering operations and maintenance programs in high-reliability environments where safety, regulatory compliance, and operational continuity were critical. Following his maritime career, he remained active in the industry as a Port Engineer and as a consulting marine engineer before transitioning into institutional facilities leadership.

He joined Tufts University as Director of Maintenance Planning, where he led a significant transformation in maintenance strategy by shifting the organization toward a reliability-centered maintenance approach. He developed and implemented a comprehensive preventative and predictive maintenance program across four campuses totaling more than 5.5 million square feet. The portfolio included residential, academic, and research facilities as well as vivarium spaces, medical and dental schools and clinics, large and small animal hospitals, and museum facilities. In this role, he established the operational controls, asset management strategies, workflows, and maintenance processes necessary to support a large and technically diverse facilities portfolio, emphasizing system reliability, lifecycle management, and data-driven decision making.

Wally later transitioned into healthcare facilities management as Market Director of Facilities, Plant Operations, and Clinical Engineering, and as Safety Officer for Northeast Hospital Corporation, A Member of Beth Israel Lahey Health, supporting Beverly Hospital, Addison Gilbert Hospital, Anna Jaques Hospital, BayRidge Hospital, and Care Center Danvers. In these roles, he provides strategic and operational leadership for facilities infrastructure, life safety systems, regulatory compliance, and clinical support services across a multi-hospital healthcare system.

Wally has also been actively involved in professional leadership within the healthcare engineering community. He served on the board of the Massachusetts Healthcare Facilities Professionals Society (MHFPS), the Massachusetts chapter of the American Society for Health Care Engineering and is currently the Immediate Past President of MHFPS. He has also chaired the Sustainability Committee for the New England Healthcare Engineers' Society for 2 years and was recognized by the ASHE as the recipient of the 2024 Emerging Leader for Region I.

In addition to his engineering and facilities leadership career, he has been a certified EMT-Paramedic since 2006. This clinical perspective informs his approach to healthcare facilities



management and reinforces his commitment to maintaining safe, reliable environments that support patient care.