



OKAHU NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018



Letter From The President!

Happy SPRING OKAHU Members!

Another membership year is almost over! Your board and committees focused on keeping the best interests of our MEMBERS as a priority and President Elect Andy Bigbie is already planning our new year, which looks to be awesome!

As we wind down, I'd like to reflect on our past year, and wanted to share with you the following:

We provided Continuing Education courses at our monthly membership meetings with various educational topics. In addition, we participated in a NAHU State of the Union webinar providing 1 hour of Legislative CE and 1 more hour of Legislative credit at our annual Legislative Update meeting.

Our hosting of NAHU's Self-Funded Certification program was a success! This was our first attempt at hosting this Professional Development type of symposium. The hard work paid off in hugs and thanks from attendees and sponsors, and the icing on the top was when we learned OKC was the buzz at NAHU's headquarters as hosting the largest attended certification course—ever!

We strive to keep you updated on Legislative activities and appreciate your understanding when extra emails come your way. We attended a Region VI Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, Capitol Conference in Washington D.C. and sent voting delegates to the National Convention in St. Louis.

We continued qualifying for Chapter Certification awards and have filed for 3 other awards which will be presented at the National Convention. We are still bragging on winning the Legislative Excellence Award---the ONLY chapter across the nation to win this prestigious award.

We LOVE our Corporate Sponsors for their products, education, and financial support. We appreciate our members as they support these companies who support us.

Our June SOCIAL is a great way for us to unwind, socialize, and we always have a good time!

I have been blessed with a talented board who helped us continue to deliver the best membership experience possible to **YOU** our dear membership.

Respectfully,
Carrie Cox
OKAHU President 2017-2018

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Symposium Update



Self-Funded Course & Spring Symposium Success!

OKAHU decided to shake up the April Spring Symposium this year by offering a **Self-Funded Certification course**. NAHU certified instructor, David Smith, lead the presentation. The 3-hour course instruction instilled the key components of self-funding, claims/administration, coverage flexibility, and cost control.

We were thrilled to have over 100 agents from across the region representing Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas. According to NAHU support, our event was the largest attended class they've taught! Way to go OKAHU!

If you participated in the course, you received a spiral study guide during the presentation. By now you should have also received an email with the slide presentation. To finalize your certification, log into your NAHU account, go to the Online Learning Institute where you can access your final exam. Select "Play" to begin the exam. Should you need assistance with this process, please contact Dagmar Byrnes at dbyrnes@nahu.org or 202-888-0832.

In addition to the morning session certification course, we also offered 3 hours of CE. The last hour of Ethics Jeopardy was quite a hit!

Of course, we could not have pulled off this successful day without the help of our wonderful event sponsors. They deserve a BIG thank you for supporting our Association, agents, and healthcare industry!

SAVE THE DATE

June 1-2, 2018

Regional 5 & 6 Leadership Conference

New Orleans, LA

June 5, 2018

4:30-7pm

End of the Year Member Social

Quail Creek Country Club

RSVP: yaylaj@cox.net

June 14, 2018

11:30 AM

OKAHU Monthly Mtg/ NO CE

OKAHU / OSAHU Annual

Installation of Officers & Insurance

Person of the Year Award

Quail Creek Country Club

RSVP: yaylaj@cox.net

June 23-26, 2018

NAHU Annual Convention

Kansas City, MO

Membership

Welcome New Members!



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Are you getting the most out of your NAHU membership?

Do you attend our monthly member meetings on a regular basis to learn relevant information regarding our industry and also earn CE credits for your time?

Do you read your America's Benefit Specialist each month to keep up with the latest mergers and acquisitions, compliance and industry trends, updates and benchmarking?

Have you taken advantage of the member only discounts on products you need to help you succeed?

If you answered no to any of the questions above, you are not fully utilizing your NAHU membership. Take some time to log into the NAHU.org and OKAHU.org websites and take a look at all the resources available to you.

Please continue to invite your colleagues to our monthly membership meetings. First time visitors can enjoy the meeting free but you/they need to register so we will have an accurate head count for lunch. Our Oklahoma City chapter will grow when members like you let other industry professionals know the benefits they receive from their own membership.

On a personal note, I am moving to NC to be closer to family and will no longer be the OKAHU membership chair. I am available to help you with any membership related inquiries until end of June. It has been a pleasure serving on the board and I encourage all of you to consider taking a more active role in the OKC chapter and possibly serving on our board.

Ann Borah, Membership Chair

Calling all Members....

Now is the time to jump on the OKAHU Board!

- Meet new friends
- Get involved
- Help plan meetings
- Hands-on training
- We welcome new ideas!



New Board will be initiated at the June meeting.
Contact Andy Bigbie if you are interested!

BOARD ROSTER 2017-2018

Carrie Cox, President
Andy Bigbie, President Elect, Treasurer
Pat Robertson, Past President
Dana Nursick, Secretary
Deborah Buck, Communications Chair
Ashley Goggans, Corporate Sponsors
Steve Lanier, Professional Development
Jana Pitt, Hospitality
Michael Dollins, HUPAC Chair
Leah-Anne Janway, Legislative Chair
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Tom Techeny, Website
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Legislative Update



OKC Legislative Committee – working for YOU!

In November, we represented our members at the Oklahoma Insurance Department’s preview meeting.

We got 2018 started mid-January, with 72 bills, that pertain to our industry, being filed. At the end of the session, we were able to work on changing wording on SB 1162, which amends the Oklahoma Individual Health Insurance Market Stabilization Program. The new wording states that the Board shall not have the authority to assess insurers, employers, policies or plans to fund the program.

In February, we met with Senator James Lankford’s team to discuss our positions on the Continuing Resolution Bill, the Medical Loss Ratio, 40-hour work week and Employer Reporting.

March’s call to action to membership generated a local Operation Shout, plus lobbying in person at the State Capitol helped defeat HB 3228, aka “any willing provider on steroids” legislation.

Now is a good time to start thinking about joining this EXCTING Committee!

Reminder:
Come show your support to your new board members at the June 14th meeting!



We will also present the Award to the Insurance Person of the Year!

Public Service



Play "Korral the ACE" at our monthly luncheon and take a chance on creating a win/win for you and the OK Kids Korral!"

\$1 = 1 ticket

If your ticket is drawn, you get to pull a card from the remaining stack. If you pull the ACE, you win half the pot & the other half goes to OK Kids Korral!

Pot is \$830 & only 5 tickets remain!

Mission

The Toby Keith Foundation exists to encourage the health and happiness of pediatric cancer patients and to support OK Kids Korral, a cost-free home for children undergoing treatment for cancer.

About Us

The Toby Keith Foundation has been helping children with cancer since 2006 and continues its services through partnerships with hospitals, caregivers, foundations and civic groups. The Toby Keith Foundation's focus is providing a housing solution for pediatric cancer patients. "If we can alleviate stress on a family, encourage a brother or sister and comfort a sick child, then we will make a difference in the fight against cancer." -Juliet Nees-Bright, executive director of The Toby Keith Foundation.

Goal

The goal of OK Kids Korral is to provide the warmth and security of home for pediatric cancer patients and their families. OK Kids Korral also offers services such as meals for the families, free laundry, complimentary internet through the house, computers/printers, movie nights, crafts and private places for family meetings/counseling.

Grab some friends, family, and SIGN UP to help cook a meal at the OK Kids Korral.

**See poster for dates!
Contact Theresa Wormington, our Public Service Chair for further info!**



Meeting Info

Monthly General Meeting Place

Our Monthly Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Quail Creek Country Club is our host for our monthly meetings and CE Seminars.

Please join us at 3501 Quail Creek Road, OKC, OK 73120.

2018 Lunch Prices

Members \$25

Non-members \$50

(or \$26 / \$52 charge for credit cards)

Leave the Office
Early Day!



Member Social!

You and a guest are invited to come join the craziness, er... fun, as we mingle, laugh, and did someone say karaoke?!

WHEN: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

WHERE: Quail Creek Country Club
3501 Quail Creek Road

TIME: 4:30-7:00 pm

New OKAHU Website

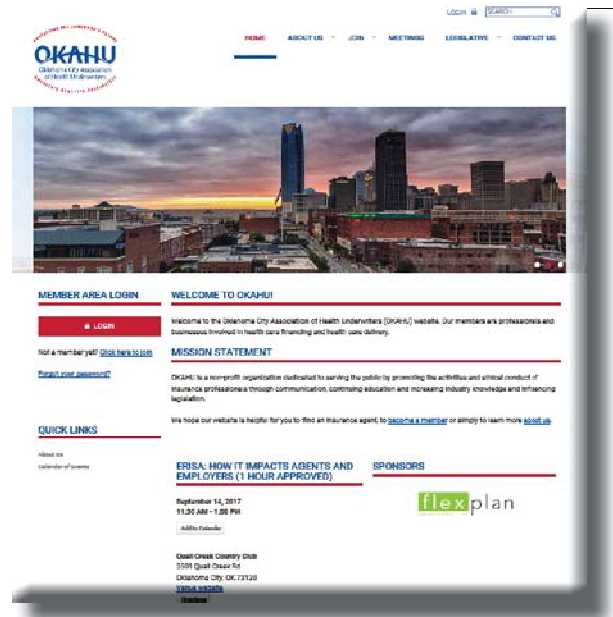
As a reminder, OKAHU has a brand new website! Go to OKAHU.org and see what's going on.

The new responsive website will look great on any sized desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The Member Login area provides you with new tools. With the membership management tool, you can self-manage your record, update your profile and contact information, and set privacy settings.

The new site will assist with email communications, newsletters, registration and other member activities. We want to be present and provide key member services that contribute to the success of our members.

We made this change with you, our members, in mind. There will be other changes coming soon.



Remember to "Friend" and "Follow" us on social media!



Facebook: [okchealthunderwriters](https://www.facebook.com/okchealthunderwriters)



Twitter: [OKAHU_HealthUW](https://twitter.com/OKAHU_HealthUW)



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Sponsors

A big “*Thank You*” goes to Delta Dental, United HealthCare, Kemper/Reserve National, and TASC for continuing their sponsorship this year! We appreciate you!!

Corporate sponsors are an extremely important component of OKAHU. The revenue gained from our sponsors allows our organization to develop and present affordable continuing education programs for our members, create opportunities for peer networking and enhance our overall contribution to the insurance professional. The Corporate Sponsor benefits include:

- Corporate name plaque proudly displayed at chapter sponsored activities.
- Company name / logo in our chapter newsletter
- Company name / logo on our chapter website
- Member attendance pricing to any of our chapter meetings or events
- Product exhibition table at any membership meeting
- Opportunity to submit educational articles to the chapter newsletter for purposes of improving knowledge of the sponsor’s business or products and services.
- Opportunity to introduce company and/or product at general membership meeting, (subject to speaking time allotment and additional terms).

If you know a company or person who would like to support the goals of OKAHU and have their company, products, and/or services recognized, please have them contact the Sponsor Chair, Ashley Goggans, at 918.582.2828 or ashley@thehawleygroup.com.

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OKAHU is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the public by promoting activities and ethical conduct of members through communication, continuing education and increasing industry knowledge. OKAHU members also work to monitor and influence and activities of the state and federal legislatures. We work hard to protect the health care consumer’s future.

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Photo Gallery

Spring Symposium – April 12, 2018



David Smith, NAHU
Presenter for the Self-
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Course

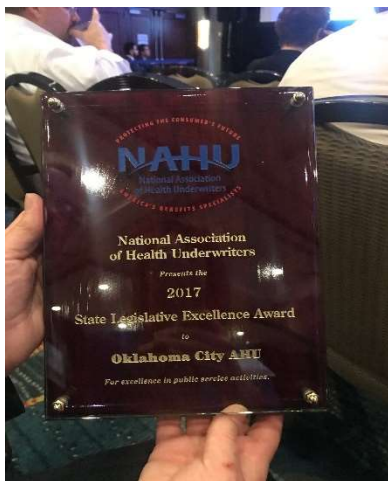


Lauren Polchinski
from Toby Keith's
OK Kids Korral



Ken Rose, Pharmacist,
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Presenting Pharmacy
Benefits CE

Legislative Excellence Award



NAHU State
Legislative Excellence
Award to OKAHU



Kelly Fristoe, Region VI Vice President,
presenting the Legislative Excellence
Award to Co-Chairs Connie Morgan &
Leah-Anne Janway