



# OKAHU NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

Dearest Members,

It's a privilege to once again serve as your chapter President.

Your Board of Directors is a dedicated group of professionals who work on our member's behalf and it's an honor to serve with them.

I also want to thank my predecessor, Andy Bigbie, for his excellent leadership. Congratulations again Andy for your NAHU Presidential Citation award! Under Andy's leadership with a strong board and committee chairs, we received the Pacesetter Award and the NAHU Chapter Website award.

I can proudly brag that OKAHU continues to be a model chapter.

Please remember you are always welcome to a board meeting to see what goes on behind the scenes.

I wanted to personally thank our corporate sponsors. Look at our current list and support these companies who support us.

We have a great year planned and I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Thank you,  
Pat Robertson  
2019-2020 OKAHU President



New 2019-2020 Board

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Our Professional Development team is securing great speakers for our upcoming Meetings and Certification Class!**



DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CE
Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Stoploss 101	Patrick Digan, Symetra	1 General CE
<i>Sept. TBD</i>	<i>Social for NEW MEMBERS – Details coming soon!</i>		
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	NAHU Certification – “Benefits Technology”	David Smith – NAHU Presenter	<b>* See below</b>
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Group or Go Onto Medicare	Mike Smith	1 General CE
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Live from NAHU webinar		1 General CE
December	OFF – NO MEETING		
Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 hour Ethics	Michael Bricker	2 Ethics CE
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Compliance	Jan Dumont	Pending
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Legislative Updates	Legislative Team	1 Legislative CE
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBD		
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Symposium		5-6 Hours
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting / Installation/ Awards		

- \* Benefits Technology Course: Thurs, 9/12 – 9:30am to 1:30pm
- COST: \$200 for NAHU members, \$300 for non-members (price includes lunch)
- See OKAHU website for more info and to register

## Membership



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### *A Word from our Membership Chairperson:*

On behalf of NAHU and our local leadership with OKAHU we want to thank you for being a member. Your membership is valuable and it's your support of the association that allows us to keep you informed and ready to meet the health, financial and retirement security needs of all Americans through education, advocacy and professional development. The strength of our association, and our collective powerful voice, is dependent upon continued membership growth both nationally and locally.

Therefore, recruiting is one of the most important tasks our association will face during the year. You can help us recruit new members by referring co-workers, friends in the business, or others you know to be in the health insurance field. Prospective new members can join by going to [www.nahu.org](http://www.nahu.org) and click on the JOIN NOW button in the top right corner.

Or feel free to send me the prospective new member's name, phone and/or email address and I will be glad to reach to them. Cathy Van Zant, 602-1144, [cvanzant@rogersbenefit.com](mailto:cvanzant@rogersbenefit.com)

## Awards

Special Recognition goes to **Tom Tacheny**, winner of the OSAHU Dave Shepherd Memorial Health Underwriter of the Year!

Thank you Tom for your leadership, support and service to OKAHU and OSAHU! You are invaluable and we appreciate you!



Congratulations to **Kelley Harmon!**

Kelley won the OKAHU Health Underwriter Person of the Year for 2018-2019!

Kelley joined the Board, had great ideas & suggestions, and took on the huge task of tracking the items we needed to complete and apply for awards at the National Convention. AND she earned her REBC Designation!

Way to go Kelley! We appreciate you!



## Legislative Update



### LOCAL:

- HB2632 & SB 841 – Pharmacy Bills
  - HB 2363 passed and signed by Gov. Stitt – OID is working on implementation
  - Expected to raise premiums
- Several House interim studies coming up that we may want to engage in:
  - “Right to Shop” – Rep. Jim Olsen
  - “Surprise Medical Billing” – Rep. Chris Sneed & Rep. Tammy Townley
  - “Balance Billing- the hidden expense that will blow up your budget” – Rep. Lewis Moore
  - “Emergency Medicine and new innovations in providing emergency care” – Re. Lewis Moore
- Medicaid Expansion
  - Concerns about the numbers – data being used is over 7 years old
  - Past interim study showed it would bankrupt the state if implemented
  - Governor must come up with a less costly plan and get it approved next session
  - Topic expected to make the ballot in Nov. 2020

### FEDERAL:

- 40 Hour Work Week
- Waiver Comment
- HR 3630 Stop Surprise Medical Billing – see Operation Shout
- S 1895 Lower Healthcare Cost Act of 2019 – see Operation Shout
- AHP Regulations just released
- Encourage members to subscribe and read NAHU Washington Update released by email every Friday afternoon

## HUPAC and OKHUPAC

Your HUPAC and OKHUPAC contributions help us support candidates whom we feel will help benefit the work of our industry, agents, brokers, carriers, and Association.

Federal AND local contributions are NOT party specific. We have given an equal amount to both Democrats and Republicans.

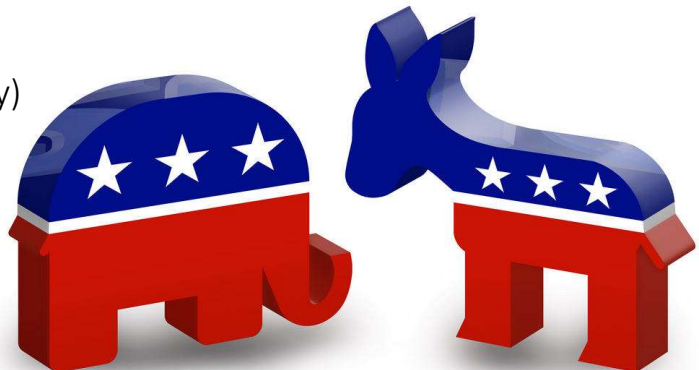
NAHU recognizes local chapters for:

- The number of members who contribute to HUPAC
- The number of members who contribute to OKHUPAC

Money Talks ~ You CAN make a difference in our industry by helping to support candidates who support US!

HUPAC - \$12 / mo (or \$150 annually)  
OKHUPAC - \$10/mo (or \$120 annually)

See attached forms.



### HUPAC Elevator Pitch in less than 75 words:

Congress can tax or regulate you out of business at anytime.

The PAC gives you a voice in Congress to support or oppose any legislation that affects our industry. The larger our PAC the stronger our voice.

Our collective contributions have a bigger impact than if you just gave directly to a campaign. And to be a part of the PAC you must be an NAHU member.

Can I count you in?

## Committees

# Come join the fun!

*We would love to have you join us!*

*Can you talk to new members? Join the Membership Committee!*

*Have great award/recognition ideas? Join the Awards Committee!*

*Great with design? Help with Newsletters!*

*Responsible? Help keep website info up to date!*

*Organized? Help committees keep track of the Awards criteria they complete each year!*

*You won't be alone! We are a TEAM on a Committee, so everyone does a small part to make a big impact!*

*Look at the committee list. Find an area where we could use your strength & talents, and let us know!*



## Meeting Info

**WHEN:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday of each month

**WHERE:** Quail Creek Country Club  
3501 Quail Creek Road, OKC, OK 73120

**WHY:** Education, CE credits, Professional Development,  
Socialize with Peers & Corporate Sponsors

### 2019 Lunch Prices

Members \$25

Non-members \$50

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

### How to Register Online:

[www.okahu.org](http://www.okahu.org)

- > Click Red **Login** box
- > Enter your email & password
- > Click **Meetings** in the top header
- > Click Red **Register Now** button

OR

- > On the Email, Click **Register Now** button
- > Enter your email & password

## 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!**



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



Facebook: [okchealthunderwriters](#)



Twitter: [OKAHU\\_HealthUW](#)



Instagram: [okchealthunderwriters](#)



LinkedIn: [oklahoma-city-association-of-health-underwriters](#)



## DID YOU KNOW.....

Annual Partners (fka Corporate Sponsors) can contribute to this newsletter? OKAHU appreciates the support of our sponsors and offers many benefits to them, including the opportunity to submit educational articles to improve our knowledge of the sponsor's business, products, or services.



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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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## Annual Partners 2019-2020



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## Photo Gallery

Recognizing our Members for Years of Service!



Kelley Harmon presenting to:  
Karen Brown , Dan Oliver, & Pat Robertson  
All had over 10 years



Anita Haftman, Over 1 year



Tom Tacheny, with  
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### Recognizing our Members!



Andy Bigbie, Mike Dollins, Randy Shrier, Tom Schmidt, Cathy VanZant, Shelby Faust, Chad Coulter, Danielle Verdin, Megan Hutton, Connie Morgan Kitchen, Diane Barton-Lewis

### Our Awards from National Convention

Kelley Harmon and Dana Nursick travelled to San Diego for the NAHU National Convention. Kelley served as the head of Awards Committee this past year and was very instrumental in helping us take the steps needed to qualify for the awards. They accepted the local Awards for us!



**Website Award**  
Kelley Harmon & Ashley Goggans



**Presidential Award**  
Andy Bigbie & Kelley Harmon

[www.OKAHU.org](http://www.OKAHU.org)



Accepting **Website Award, Presidential Award, Pacesetter Award, and Blue Ribbon Award**  
Kelley Harmon, Ed Oleksiak – Region 6 VP, Dana Nursick

# HUPAC

**OUR VOICE, OUR INDUSTRY, OUR FUTURE**

## HUPAC ALLOWS US TO...

### Engage

HUPAC engages with lawmakers from both parties to make sure NAHU members' voices are heard.

### Educate

HUPAC educates legislators about how to provide Americans with superior health care.

### Support

HUPAC supports lawmakers who prioritize high-quality, low-cost health care.

## HOW HUPAC WORKS

Where does your contribution go?



### Identifying worthy recipients

The HUPAC Board selects candidates based on their positions on key healthcare issues.



### The ideal candidate

- ✓ Believes in a privately run healthcare system
- ✓ Understands the importance of health insurance agents and brokers
- ✓ Supports legislation that advances the interests of consumers, agents, and brokers.



### Why HUPAC matters

Your contribution to HUPAC allows us to communicate to policymakers how their decisions impact your industry and your clients.



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Join us on our **March to \$1.5 Million**. Visit [HUPAC.org](http://HUPAC.org)



Health Underwriters

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

"The purpose of HUPAC is to raise funds from NAHU members for the purpose of supporting the political campaigns of candidates who believe in private sector solutions for the health and financial security of all Americans"

Contribute securely at

www.hupac.org

Step 1: Tell Us About Yourself (All information must be completed in full by the contributor)

Name: Occupation: Address: Employer: Phone:

Step 2: Please select a (A) fund (B) frequency (C) contribution level

New Contributor Past Contributor Change Contribution to Amount Checked to Below

A. Choose a Fund Candidate Fund\* Administrative Fund\*\*

C. Contribution Levels (annual) (monthly) Supporter 365 Club Congressional Senatorial

B. Contribution Frequency One-Time Contribution Monthly Contribution

Capitol Club Levels Gold Diamond Double Diamond Triple Diamond Amount not listed

Did a NAHU member refer you? If so, who?

Step 3: Provide your method of payment (payment must be from a personal credit card or bank account if contributing to the candidate fund)

Credit or Debit Card AmEx Discover Master Visa

Card Number: Expiration Date (mm/yy): CVV: Zip code:

Checking Account Bank Routing Number: Account Number:

Signature I authorize HUPAC to initiate charges to my personal bank account or credit card as shown above: Signature: Date:

Step 4: Submit This Form

Mail: HUPAC • 1212 New York Ave • Ste 1100 Washington, DC 20005 Fax: 202-747-6820 Email: hupac@nahu.org A contribution to a Political Action Committee is not tax deductible. Only NAHU members, their immediate families and NAHU staff may contribute.



# OHUPAC



## Oklahoma Health Underwriter Political Action Committee

### Authorization Agreement for ACH Debits

\$200     \$100     \$75     \$50     \$20     \$10     Other

**PERSONAL** Checks made payable to: OHUPAC

Remind me:  Annually     Semi-Annually     Quarterly

Please forward voided check with this contribution form **AND** signed Contributors Statement to:

OHUPAC, % Michael B. Dollins, P. O.Box 12120., Oklahoma City OK 73157,  
or email to Mike.Dollins@coxinet.net

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I want to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ ONE-TIME contribution using a PERSONAL check.
- I want to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY contribution using my PERSONAL checking account. (Please include a voided PERSONAL check)
- I want to INCREASE MY MONTHLY contribution to \$\_\_\_\_\_ using the same PERSONAL checking account on file.
- I want to MATCH my monthly HUPAC contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ using my PERSONAL checking account. (Please include a voided PERSONAL check).

Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** OHUPAC will debit your account on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. This Authorization may be revoked at anytime with written notice to OHUPAC. Contributions to OHUPAC are strictly voluntary and not a prerequisite for membership in NAHU. Only NAHU members and their immediate family members can contribute to OHUPAC. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for state or federal income tax purposes. OHUPAC can accept only PERSONAL contributions. Corporate contributions are prohibited by federal law.

## List of Committees



See anything here you could help with, or are interested in doing? Let us know! We'd love to have you on a committee!

<b>AWARDS</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Kelley Harmon</p> <p>Prepare annual membership certificates Award ideas for Member of the Month Award ideas for Rep of the Year / Carrier of the Year Submit Award criteria to NAHU Track Triple Crown / LPRT / Designations / Certifications</p>	<a href="mailto:kharmon@fratesins.com">kharmon@fratesins.com</a>	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Ashley Goggans</p> <p>Prepare &amp; send out monthly meeting info through website / email Help with Newsletter - gather info, help create draft Send out Announcements Keep website up to date Track Awards criteria</p>	<a href="mailto:ashley@thehawleygroup.com">ashley@thehawleygroup.com</a>	
<b>CORPORATE SPONSORS</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Megan Hutton</p> <p>Communicate with sponsors/annual partners for renewals Recruit new sponsors / annual partners Keep website, table signs, &amp; meeting scroll up to date with current sponsor logos Track Awards criteria</p>	<a href="mailto:megan.n.hutton@icloud.com">megan.n.hutton@icloud.com</a>	
<b>EDUCATION / CE / SEMINARS</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Carrie Cox, Diane Barton-Lewis</p> <p>Plan topics Recruit speakers Prepare speaker gift / certificate Pass out &amp; pick up CE pages Update CE credits Track Awards criteria</p>	<a href="mailto:carrie.cox@nfp.com">carrie.cox@nfp.com</a>	<a href="mailto:diane_barton@ajg.com">diane_barton@ajg.com</a>
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Jana Pitt</p> <p>Check in table Door &amp; table greeter Help set up for meetings, symposium, events</p>	<a href="mailto:jana@itinsurancex.com">jana@itinsurancex.com</a>	
<b>HUPAC</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Mike Dollins</p> <p>Bring HUPAC forms to monthly meeting Track HUPAC contributors Track Awards criteria</p>	<a href="mailto:mike.dollins@coxinet.net">mike.dollins@coxinet.net</a>	
<b>LEGISLATIVE</b>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Emily Hedinger</p> <p>Update members on legislative activity Operation Shout Track Awards criteria</p>	<a href="mailto:emikay@sbcglobal.net">emikay@sbcglobal.net</a>	

**MEDIA**

**CHAIR:** Megan Hutton

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Post meeting info / announcements on social media  
Post recognitions on social media  
Turn in meeting info to newspaper  
Track Awards criteria

**MEMBERSHIP**

**CHAIR:** Cathy VanZant

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Track membership - update new members, renewals  
Promote Member benefits  
Pull membership list from NAHU every month, upload to website  
Track Awards criteria

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**CHAIR:** Theresa Wormington

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Inform members of public service opportunities  
Track tickets sold for charity  
Track winner & donations  
Track Awards criteria

**VANGUARD**

**CHAIR:** Susie Brown

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Work in collaboration with other committees  
Help Implement pilot test programs in the meetings & Association  
Help Implement possible Internship program  
Provide feedback to Regional Vanguard team

*Find something you like?*

*Interested in learning more?*

*Serve & help a Committee!*



**JOIN US**