



# KHEA Newsletter

March 2023

## Letter from the President

As 2023 KHEA president I would like to start this newsletter off by thanking Lance Smith, past president, for his leadership and guidance over the last few years. He accepted the role early when Brian Lebo moved and he did a great job of leading the organization during a difficult time. In addition, hats off to Melissa Willey and Jennifer Findley at KHA for all their work behind the scenes, keeping us current with reporting requirements. Thanks for all you do!

Education is the heart of KHEA and the program committee members have been working hard securing presenters for a great spring conference. The conference will start on the 18th with a fundraising golf tournament at Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays followed by meetings on the 19th and 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hays. Don't miss it!! There will be a lot of great information (and of course all the really cool people will be there)!

Other dates to get on your calendar:

- June 7 Scholarship golf tournament - Salina Municipal Golf Course
- September 19-21 Fall Conference – Manhattan

As we get ready to attend the spring conference, I would like everyone to think about how KHEA can serve its members better. Over the last ten years our jobs have changed as accreditation organizations like the Joint Commission and DNV have focused on facilities and life safety much more. What can we, (KHEA) members do to help each other out? Different education topics? Sharing best practices? We can discuss it at the opening conference and roundtable.

One last thing, your KHEA membership renewals are now due. Our memberships run on the calendar year and expired at the end of 2022. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so right away. Dues become delinquent on March 31 and if your fees aren't in by that date you will no longer receive KHEA's notifications and newsletters. You can find the application online [here](#). For questions about membership please contact Melissa Willey, [mwilley@kha-net.org](mailto:mwilley@kha-net.org).

Thanks for all you do, I'm really looking forward to spending time together in Hays.

Shane Meier

## **Spring Conference**

The KHEA Spring Conference will be April 18-20, 2023 in Hays at the Hilton Garden Inn Hays. A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$120/night, plus tax. Please make your reservations by Sunday, March 19, 2023. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. Reservations may be made [online](#) using group code: **KSHCE**.

Registration for the conference is now open. Download the brochure which includes the registration form [here](#).

The Golf Tournament will be on April 18 at Hays Smoky Hill Country Club Golf Course. Registration for golf is separate from the educational sessions. More information is available [online](#).

## **Educational Scholarships**

KHEA supports those furthering their education. Two \$500 scholarships for members and immediate family of members will be awarded in the Spring of 2023. These can be used by you to attend a training session or national conference, your child or a grandchild to attend a college. Financial need, scholastic status, and degree major are NOT factors in the selection process.

The application is available [online](#) and needs to be returned by April 12, 2023.

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