



UHA Trustee Council

What is it?

The Trustee Council was formed by UHA, Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association, to serve the educational and networking needs of Utah hospital and health system trustees. It was started in 1983 as a standing council of UHA.

What are its purposes and mission?

1. To provide a forum for trustees to exchange information or to discuss trustee issues.
2. To provide limited trustee governance education and training opportunities.
3. To help communicate vital state and federal healthcare issues to local boards.
4. To advocate for trustees, hospitals, healthcare systems and healthy Utah communities.

Who are members of the Council?

One representative from each hospital or system is nominated by a CEO or administrator to serve a two-year term. Council members may be reappointed for one or more consecutive terms. A council chair is elected every two years by members of the Council. The Trustee Council chair also serves on the UHA Board of Trustees. The Council also has a representative on the Government Relations Committee.

What has the Council done?

Council projects have included:

- Providing educational program input and logistical support for the Western Regional Trustee Symposium. This program will take place in Boise in 2008.
- Responding to trustee educational needs of member hospitals.
- Hosting the annual Trustee Service Award, recognizing a rural and urban hospital trustee for their service.
- Participating in the legislative agenda of UHA.

What projects will the Council pursue in 2008?

Based on the purposes stated above, the Council can set objectives and decide how it can achieve them within a limited budget. Developed policy and proposed actions are to be within UHA's mission, approved by the UHA Board and included in the Association's annual business plan. Activities are not limited to what's been done in the past, but might also include such things as taking a more active leadership role in encouraging local healthy community discussions, supporting a national trustee credentialing program, or participating in grassroots advocacy efforts.

How often does the Council meet?

The Council convenes quarterly. Members may participate in person at UHA's office or via conference call. As an appointed liaison of a hospital or healthcare organization, and a community representative, Council members are encouraged to actively participate in each meeting.