



# NoteWorthy<sup>Lite</sup>

MA Society for Healthcare Risk Management

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## Congratulations to our new Leaders

Thank you to all MSHRM members who voted in our recent election for President Elect and two Board members. And a *special thank you* to those members who agreed to be placed on the ballot.

And the winners are:

- President Elect Sue Cornacchio
- Board Member (2 year) Denise Peterson
- Board Member (3 year) Steve Pires

Congratulations to the newest additions to the MSHRM Board.

*Ellen Venditti*, Chair, Nomination Committee, MSHRM

## MSHRM Board Retreat Scheduled in 2010

We are pleased to announce that the MSHRM Board of Directors, including newly elected members, will hold a Strategic Planning retreat in January 2010. The Board is currently developing an agenda and would like to hear from the membership. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments for the Board to consider please send them along to current President, Barbara McCarthy. Barbara can be contacted at [bmccarthy@nhs-healthlink.org](mailto:bmccarthy@nhs-healthlink.org).

The retreat, scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> in Providence will be facilitated by Fay Rozovsky resulting in a Strategic Plan for the Society. An update will be provided to the membership at the February, 2010 meeting.



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SAVE the Date

## MSHRM Winter Meeting

February 26, 2010



### ASHRM RM Department staffing survey closes today

Today, December 11<sup>th</sup>, is the last day for ASHRM members to complete a brief [risk management staffing survey](#) and encourage colleagues at other facilities to do so as well. Results will help illustrate current practices in risk management staffing. Data will be shared (and reported anonymously) in 2010.



### The Education Committee Needs your Help...

The Education Committee will be meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the Winter Meeting. We would appreciate and all ideas for content and/or speakers! Have you attended a great conference, a super seminar or heard a great speaker? Let us know. Please contact Kathy Murray, Chair of the Education Committee at [Kathleen.Murray@awac.com](mailto:Kathleen.Murray@awac.com).



### *Now, that's Noteworthy!*

Congratulations to Katie Rodriguez on earning her CPHRM from the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management. Katie is a Risk Analyst with Fallon Clinic, Worcester, MA. Great news!

### FDA has sterilizer system safety concerns

The Food and Drug Administration on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, advised healthcare facilities that use the STERIS System 1 Processor to sterilize endoscopes, bronchoscopes and other medical devices to replace the system as soon as possible, citing reports of system malfunctions. The agency said it is not satisfied that the manufacturer has been working effectively to transition its customers to replacements for the SS1 processor, and that facilities should transition to an alternative device **“as soon as possible to ensure continued patient safety.”** A recording of the FDA’s informational call held this week can be accessed today, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, at (800) 308-6785 (U.S.) or (203) 369-3242. If requested, the participant pass code is “FDA.” For details on this alert, please see the [FDA notice](#) at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).