

## Membership notes by Jeff Weir

I am delighted to provide my report to the Ontario Chapter of CHES.

Numbers:

### CHES ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP SUMMARIES

Year	Month	Paid			Outstanding			Grand Total
		Regular	Others	Total	Regular	Others	Total	
2022	August	160	118	278	35	40	75	353
	Δ % vs last report	27%	24%	26%	-47%	-51%	-49%	-4%
	Δ % vs last June			13%			6%	11%

- Paid memberships are up versus last summer in both major categories: Regular and Associate members
- Outstanding, or unpaid members are in decline versus the last report of April 2022
- For the period ended July 31, 2022, the Ontario chapter had gained 30 new members. I would ask long-time members to keep an eye out for less familiar faces and introduce yourself. You may have the chance to welcome a new member
- We may be starting to see an upswing in memberships after a few years of decline.

#### Outreach:

Our most common method of member communication is via the regular e-blasts from Head Office. However, we have no list of contacts who are outside of CHES that, in our humble opinion, should be considering membership. An exercise is currently underway to examine the places in the province in which hospitals have no representative to CHES. We have great representation in some regions and very little in others. A targeted effort to reach out to hospitals in under-represented areas may gain us more members. This is important for the sake of those hospitals, whose facilities teams could be gaining valuable education and networking by being part of CHES.

Outreach will likely need to involve actions like in-person or remote learning opportunities to help promote the value of membership.

#### National Membership

- Across Canada, membership had seen a 1% rise vs last year, and a 2% rise vs 2020, at this same time of the year. Perhaps it is time to start seeing growth again!

Lapel pins for membership in CHES will be part of the registration for the National conference.

The National committee has struck a sub-committee to discuss ways in which to better reach out to the Long-Term Care segment of Canadian healthcare.

**Hans Burgers and Wayne McLellan awards**

- Ontario made a submission this year for the annual Wayne McLellan Award for Excellence in Healthcare Engineering. This submission was not successful this time. I encourage members who have interesting projects at their hospitals/facilities to consider making this application to win some prestige and positive press for them and their organization. Our executive team is ready to help make such submissions, which happen in the springtime.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all new members, and a thank you to the great team at Events Management led by Donna Dennison for another year of engagement in this most interesting and important segment of our Canadian landscape.

Respectfully,

Jeff Weir

Trane Canada ULC