

## Welcome to the Wisconsin Homecare Organization's Board of Directors!

By accepting this leadership role you have distinguished yourself as an exceptional individual among a group of very good people. Your investment in time and energy will benefit the entire state of Wisconsin, including its home care patients and their families, its tax payers, its home care providers and your own agency.

WHO's mission statement sums it up nicely:

*"WHO endeavors to make positive differences in the lives of Wisconsin's providers of home care and the growing number of families that depend on them, primarily through education and advocacy. WHO will help providers achieve their highest potentials, and help families receive high quality compassionate care, by providing leadership and training, building cooperation and awareness, and championing the causes of appropriate accessibility and regulation."*

This packet is designed to give you an overview of WHO's activities and opportunities. If you have any questions about what you find (or do not find) here, please feel free to contact the WHO staff or a fellow board member.

### WHO Structure

WHO divides Wisconsin into four geographical areas, from which eight members of the board are elected (two from each region). Each region holds meetings and elects its own board representatives. The regions may meet as often as the members like, but are required by WHO bylaws to meet at least four times each year and within three weeks of WHO Board of Directors meetings.

WHO recognizes three auspices within the home care industry – proprietary (or for profit), nonprofit and governmental – each of which has a seat on the board. These seats are elected by an at-large election during the annual business meeting.

