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Health Care Administrators Association (HCAA) Appoints 2026-2027 Board of Directors

Former Board member Jeff Walter to lead association's initiatives as the new president

ST. LOUIS – August 4, 2026 – The [Health Care Administrators Association \(HCAA\)](#), a leader in education, networking, resources, and advocacy for the self-funding industry, today announced its new Board of Directors and Officers serving for the 2026-2027 term. This group of executives will lead the association in its efforts to extend awareness of self-funding initiatives, promote educational forums, engage and grow membership levels, and direct advocacy efforts.

HCAA Officers:

- **HCAA President:** Jeff Walter, President, Professional Benefit Administrators, Inc.
- **HCAA Vice President/Treasurer:** Caryn Rasnick, CEBS, CSFS, VP, Health Benefits Administration, Northwind Health Company
- **HCAA Immediate Past President:** Kirti Mutatkar, President and CEO, UnitedAg

HCAA Board of Directors:

- Michelle Bounce, SVP, Business Transformation, VBA Software
- Carol Adams, VP, Health Operations, Fringe Benefit Group, Inc.
- Julie Wohlstein, President, Centrix Benefit Administrators, Inc.
- Trey Hinson, Founder, Goliath Sales Strategies
- Dallas Scrip, SVP, TPA Segment, Claritev
- Kari Niblack, Esq, President, Boon-Chapman
- George Stiles, President and COO, Planned Administrators, Inc.

“As the self-funded healthcare industry continues to evolve, strong leadership and diverse perspectives are essential to navigating the opportunities and challenges ahead,” said Carol Berry, CSFS, Chief Executive Officer, HCAA. “We are pleased to welcome the Board of Directors and look forward to the insight, experience, and commitment each leader will bring to HCAA. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our outgoing board members for their dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the association. Together, our incoming and continuing leaders will help advance our mission to provide meaningful education, advocacy, and support for our members and the broader self-funding community.”

Departing Board Members:

- Ernie Clevenger of MyHealthGuide, LLC
- Carolyn Jarschke of Northwind Health Company (formerly QVI Risk Solutions, Inc.)
- Julie Mueller of Custom Design Benefits
- Matt Burghardt of Lockton Companies, LLC
- Mike Clayton of VBA Software

For more information on HCAA's Board of Directors and officers, visit our [website](#).

About HCAA

The Health Care Administrators Association is the nation's leading nonprofit membership trade association supporting the education, networking, resource, and advocacy needs of third-party administrators (TPAs), brokers and benefits consultants, stop-loss insurance carriers, managing general underwriters, audit firms, medical management organizations, technology companies, pharmacy benefit managers, human resource professionals, plan sponsors, and other organizations serving the self-funded health benefits industry. For more than 46 years, HCAA has helped advance and strengthen the self-funding industry through education, advocacy, collaboration, and professional development. For more information, visit www.hcaa.org, or connect with us at [HCAA LinkedIn](#) or [HCAA YouTube](#).

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