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2023 Annual Meeting
Excellence in Governance Award
Scoring Guide

Nominee: Marilee Scieszinski, Monroe County Hospital and Clinics		
Letter of nomination and supporting materials (40 points)	Points possible	Points awarded
Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses management attention on the health care needs of the communities served, the resources of the organization and the steps needed to successfully merge this information into a plan for success. • Understands the strategic vision of the organization and the ambassadorial role, and combines the two in organizing and using resources to achieve goals. • Works in concert with management and the medical staff to interface with key members of the public to influence their perceptions and actions taken for the organization. 	40	
Candidate's ability to meet the intent of the award (30 points)	Points possible	Points awarded
Candidates are strategic thinkers, diplomats, leaders, and effective and respected hospital trustees inside and outside the hospital.	30	
Candidate's IHA participation and engagement (30 points)	Points possible	Points awarded
Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and engagement at IHA conferences and signature events (Annual Meeting, Summer Forum, Hospital Day on the Hill, Governance Forum). • Contributions to the IHA PAC. • Received individual or hospital board IHA trustee certification. 	30	
TOTAL	100	
Reviewer comments:	Scoring guide: 0-10 Very weak 11-20 Weak 21-30 Average 31-40 Strong 41-50 Very strong	
<i>Reviewer name:</i>		



Marilee Scieszinski, Chair, Monroe County Hospital and Clinics Board of Trustees

- Years of service at the hospital / organization – 17.

Nominator

- Veronica Fuhs, CEO, Monroe County Hospital and Clinics

Summary

Marilee Scieszinski is the Board Chair of the Monroe County Hospital & Clinics Board of Trustees. Marilee lives in Albia, Iowa and is the Office Manager at Albia Industrial Development Corporation. She has been a Trustee since 2006.

IHA involvement

- 2016 Class of Certified Trustees.
- 2018 Class of Certified Trustees.
- 2020 Class of Certified Trustees.
- 2022 Class of Certified Trustees.
- Attends Governance Forum, Critical Access Forum, Annual Meeting.



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Dear Nominating Committee,

I am the CEO of Monroe County Hospital & Clinics (MCHC) and I enthusiastically nominate Marilee Scieszinski for the Excellence in Governance Award.

Marilee has been a Trustee for our hospital since 2006 and has been a steady beacon of leadership throughout the changing landscape of healthcare.

Marilee has been actively involved in committees, attending education sessions in Iowa and Nationally, being a liaison to other hospital boards, working with MercyOne as a contact for other Trustees at other facilities, and even willing to host visits with other hospital Trustees to share best practices, and learn about the true art of governance.

Marilee has been an integral part of MCHC expansion of services over the years. As the Board Chair, the facility has accomplished an expansion of the medical clinic, infusion center, outpatient clinic, and remodel of rehab services. A couple of projects are in the works and will be starting soon as well. These projects involve the expansion of negative pressure patient rooms and the addition of an in-house MRI Suite.

Marilee has also been the Board Chair over the years where MCHC has been chosen as a Top Workplace seven years in a row and more recently earned a national award as a leader in the health care industry.

Marilee is a strong advocate for health care provided locally for residents and a variety of services to meet the patients' needs. Marilee and her husband have been business owners in Albia and Chariton for several years and their community activities have been a way to interface with the community to ensure MCHC is meeting the needs of the community. Marilee has a knack of listening and knows when issues become an operational situation the best way to ensure that the appropriate people work on the solutions.

Marilee is a proponent of change. She understands the evolution of change in health care whether that is new payment models, financial regulations, quality programming, risk, and safety perspectives in care, she is a student of trends and wants to be knowledgeable of programming, rules, regulations, and laws that govern healthcare. Marilee is a strong advocate for rural health care and takes the opportunity to tell others the importance of care close to home. Marilee has a financial background and understands the financials of the

facility and how it prompts and allows for growth, investment in the facility for the betterment of the community, and that having a strong health care system in our rural community helps with a strong foundation for our community.

I appreciate Marilee's expectation for our Trustees with the IHA Trustee Certification. Marilee has been instrumental in encouraging our Trustees to be certified – in fact this year we had 5 of our 7 Trustees attend the Governance Forum and now we will have 5 Trustees certified. I am proud to be able to attend the IHA Governance Forum with the Trustees and have a chance to relay our day-to-day activities to their role in governance and have those theories and ideas reinforced through the IHA Governance education.

Marilee is also a strong advocate for strategic planning. In my time at MCHC, we have gone through strategic planning as a board and leadership team twice. In those planning sessions, Marilee promotes thinking outside of the norm, pushing what we can be, limitless ideas to see where we can go as an organization. Marilee's work on the board is noticed by our medical staff, our employees, and our community. She has been through the worst of times and best of times and has remained a steady force. I admire her commitment, kindness, leadership, savvy business mind, and her humor.

Respectfully,

Veronica Fuhs

Veronica Fuhs, MHA
Chief Executive Officer
Monroe County Hospital & Clinics

