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Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, Named New ACHE President/CEO

CHICAGO, Jan. 2, 2013—The American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) has named Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, its new president and chief executive officer. Bowen, 57, will assume the role May 13, 2013.

Bowen has served as ACHE's executive vice president and chief operating officer since 2003. She joined the ACHE staff in 1992 as director, Government Relations. In 1994 she was named vice president, Division of Administration, a role she held until 2000 when she left ACHE to assume the position of deputy executive director for the Society of Actuaries.

As ACHE's COO, Bowen has provided executive leadership in the areas of career services, communications and marketing, finance and administration, human resources, management information systems, member services and professional development for the past 10 years. She serves as the organization's chief ethics officer and primary counsel to members, staff and the public. Bowen has been instrumental in ACHE's pursuit of performance excellence, spearheading the organization's first state-level Baldrige application, which resulted in receipt of the Illinois Performance Excellence Bronze Award.

"The Board of Governors conducted a very competitive national search for the position," said Gayle L. Capozzalo, FACHE, ACHE Board Chairman and executive vice president, Strategy & System Development, of Yale New Haven Health System in New Haven, CT. "We are delighted that Deborah Bowen, ACHE's chief operating officer, accepted the position of president and CEO. Deborah showed us that she has the vision and capability to lead our organization in this time of

significant change. We are confident that, with Deborah as president, ACHE will build upon its past successes and make the changes required to remain the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery."

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Bowen has participated in numerous national organizations and committees. In addition, she has served in board leadership roles for the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, the Institute for Diversity in Healthcare Management and the Association Forum of Chicagoland. Bowen is currently a Baldrige Executive Fellow. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Association Executives and a Certified Association Executive.

"I am tremendously honored to be selected for this role," said Bowen. "I look forward to continuing ACHE's great history of preserving the prestige of the credential and delivering high caliber, relevant programs that help executives address the challenges they face. Healthcare is at a critical crossroads, and the work of our members in leading organizations through this transformation has never been more important to delivering patient care."

Bowen succeeds Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, upon his retirement after 22 years as ACHE's president and chief executive officer.

#### About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management.

ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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