Healthcare Trustees of New York State (formerly Hospital Trustees of New York State) was established in 1981 to address a growing need for governance education among New York’s health care trustees and to provide trustees new opportunities to participate in health care advocacy.

The 1970s was a challenging decade for New York State’s hospitals, health systems, and continuing care providers. Health care trustees across the state and the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), then known as the Hospital Association of New York State, recognized that the challenges posed by New York’s highly regulated health care environment demanded an even more knowledgeable and engaged group of health care trustees. These trustees would need more opportunities for tailored education and learning opportunities with their peers throughout the state. Under the leadership of then-HANYS’ President George Allen, HANYS surveyed its members to obtain their views on how best to deliver valuable, relevant trustee education.

In 1979, HANYS’ Board of Trustees established an Ad Hoc Committee on Hospital Governance. Founders of this group included trustees Andrew Craig from Buffalo General Hospital, Joyce M. Black from New York University Medical Center, James Kingsbury from Long Island College Hospital, Howard Howlett from Woman’s Christian Association Healthcare System, and Arnold Cogswell from Albany Medical Center Hospital.

In September 1980, the HANYS Board of Trustees approved the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Hospital Governance, which recommended the establishment of an organization to help educate hospital trustees and to urge their participation in public policy forums. Hospital Trustees of New York State changed its name to Healthcare Trustees of New York State (HTNYS) in November 1996.

Through the years, education and public policy advocacy have continued to be HTNYS’ focus. The mechanisms for promoting the education and public policy advocacy work of HTNYS over the years have included annual and regional meetings, audioconferences, Webconferences, customized board presentations, and trustee publications. HTNYS has contributed to many policy debates at the state and federal level and has promoted policy positions on uncompensated care, bad debt and charity care pools, medical malpractice issues, public ownership of hospitals and nursing homes, addressing the problem of the uninsured, state budget issues, and national health care reform.

The HTNYS mission states: “We shall assist voluntary health care trustees through education, communications, and advocacy to promote the delivery of quality health care to all communities in a cost-effective manner.”
SARAH J. SCHERMERHORN  
Chair  
Sarah J. Schermerhorn serves on the Board of Trustees of Ellis Medicine and on the Board of the Ellis Medicine Foundation. She previously chaired both boards. Ms. Schermerhorn also serves on HANYS’ Board of Trustees and chairs The Schenectady Foundation.

Ms. Schermerhorn is a committed community volunteer who dedicates her time and leadership to organizations throughout the Schenectady region and beyond. She serves on the boards of Visiting Nurses Association of Schenectady County, Oak Hill School, and Amsterdam Memorial Hospital. She served as President of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools Board of Education for nine years. Her involvement in advancing education has earned her honorary lifetime membership in the National Parent Teacher Association.

Ms. Schermerhorn received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

JOHN LANE  
Vice Chair  
John Lane serves as a trustee at Winthrop-South Nassau University Health System. He is a retired Managing Director of JP Morgan & Co. where he worked in leadership positions in the corporate finance, private clients, lending, and investor services groups. He is currently a private investor.

Mr. Lane’s community service activities include serving as a Director of Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola. He is also a Trustee of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine and RotaCare.

A cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College, Mr. Lane earned a Master’s Degree with honors in Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

DANIEL E. CLARK  
Treasurer  
Daniel E. Clark has been a member of the Board of Directors of Alice Hyde Medical Center since 1980 and served as Chairman of the Executive Committee from 2001 to 2005. He remains an active member of several Board committees.

Mr. Clark is also the owner of King-Clark, Co., Inc. and co-owner of North Country Realty and Adirondack Quarry, Inc./Rainbow Quarries, Inc. Mr. Clark is an active member of the Malone Economic Development Corporation, a member of the North Country Workforce Investment Board, and a member of the Housing Council.

Mr. Clark is a graduate of State University of New York at Canton, where he earned his Associate’s degree in Banking, Insurance, and Real Estate.
RICHARD H. HAWKS, JR.
*Immediate Past Chairman*

Richard H. Hawks, Jr. serves as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of Thompson Health and is a Senior Vice President and Trustee Officer for the Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company. He is the Immediate Past Chairman of HTNYS and a member of HANYS’ Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hawks is very active in the community, serving on various boards including the United Way, YMCA, Ontario County Historical Society, Finger Lakes Council, The Boy Scouts of America, Canandaigua Rotary Club, and the Naples School District Board. He has served as President of the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce. In 2002, the Chamber of Commerce named him “Mr. Canandaigua.”

Mr. Hawks is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology and several professional banking schools including Wharton’s Executive Development Program in Trust Banking.

STEPHEN L. ALBERTALLI

Stephen L. Albertalli serves as a member of the Board of Corning Hospital. Mr. Albertalli also serves on the Leadership Development Committee of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Committee on Governance and serves on committees of the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

He is retired from Corning Incorporated, where he held numerous management positions in engineering, manufacturing, product development, marketing, pension management, and long-range planning, before attaining the position of Vice President and Director of Investor Relations.

He is a former HTNYS Chairman and a past member of HANYS’ Board of Trustees. Mr. Albertalli is Past President of the Board of Clemens Center for the Performing Arts, and a past member of the Board of Guthrie Health System and Guthrie Health in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Albertalli received a Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering at Rutgers University and is a graduate of the Advanced Management program at Harvard University.

ERIC ALLYN

Eric Allyn is Chairman of the Board at Auburn Memorial Hospital and has served on the Board of Directors of Hand Held Products, Everest-VIT, and The Allyn Foundation (Chairman of Investment Committee).

Mr. Allyn is an owner of the family company Welch Allyn, and now sits on the company’s board. He began his career with Welch Allyn in 1982, working in a variety of roles including sales management, business development, product management, marketing communications, and product development. He lived in Europe for five years and had
Mr. Allyn led the transition of the company from the third to the fourth generation of leadership and ownership. He has extensive industry knowledge in medical devices, health care delivery, and international business. His functional experience includes product development, sales, marketing, governance, finance, and estate planning.

Mr. Allyn earned his Master of Business Administration degree at the Darden School at the University of Virginia, and is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

Neboysha R. Brashich is Representative for Governmental Affairs and Immediate Past Board Chairman of Eastern Long Island Hospital, and the Region 2 Member of the American Hospital Association Committee on Governance.

Mr. Brashich is a retired Vice President of International Assets Recovery Services, Inc., where he directed contract projects specializing in matters relating to Africa, Central America, and former Eastern Bloc countries. He also served as Minister-Counselor for the U.S. Senior Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State, Agency for International Development. He was a special assistant to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Conference on Africa and an economic analyst for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland.

He has volunteered his time and talents to the Boards of Peconic Health Corporation, Southold Town Transportation Commission, Arts in Southold Town, North Fork Promotion Council, and East End Tourism Alliance.

Mr. Brashich received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Trinity College and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

C. William Brown is a Life Trustee of the University of Rochester, a senior member of the University of Rochester Medical Center Governing Board, a trustee at Strong Partners Health System, serves on the University of Rochester Medical Center Health Affairs Committee, and is a past Chair of the Strong Memorial Hospital Board of Governors. He is a member of HANYS’ Board of Trustees and is a past Chairman of the Hospital Consortium of Greater Rochester.

Mr. Brown is a risk management consultant and property/casualty insurance broker. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Rochester and holds the designations of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter and Associate in Risk Management.
JOAN S. CONBOY

Joan S. Conboy is a member of the Governing Board of Little Falls Hospital and a member of the New York State Rural Health Council. She is Past President of Little Falls Hospital and Central New York Hospital Trustees. Ms. Conboy is a member of the State Hospital Review and Planning Council and serves on HANYS’ Board of Trustees. She has served on HANYS’ HIV Task Force and the Governing Board of the Mohawk Valley Network.

Ms. Conboy has been actively involved in the American Hospital Association (AHA), served as Trustee Regional Alternate to the AHA House of Delegates, and was Trustee Regional Delegate to AHA’s Region 2 Regional Policy Board for two terms. She is a graduate of Cornell University and a retired English teacher. She serves on various local boards.

ARTHUR DAWSON, PH.D.

Dr. Arthur Dawson serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of New York Hospital Queens. He is Chair of the Major Modernization Committee and also serves on the Executive, Patient Safety, Finance, Real Estate, Risk and Claims, and Audit committees.

Mr. Dawson is retired from Becton, Dickinson and Company. He was recently re-elected to the Borough Council of Glen Ridge in New Jersey, where he serves as Chairman of the Public Works Committee. He is a Founding Trustee and serves as Secretary of the Glen Ridge Education Foundation. He is a past Chairman of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society. Mr. Dawson is also a member of the New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association; the Royal Society of Chemistry; and Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Doctorate in Organic Chemistry from Temple University.

S. JAN EBERHARD, M.D.

Dr. Stephen Jan Eberhard is the Board Chairman at Arnot Ogden Medical Center. Dr. Eberhard practiced pediatrics until his retirement in 2007. During that time, he served a term as President of the Medical Staff at Arnot Ogden Medical Center and was elected to its Board of Managers in 1998. He was also a Trustee and officer of Chapter I, District II of the American Academy of Pediatrics and served on the Boards of United Cerebral Palsy and Glove House.

Dr. Eberhard received a Bachelor’s degree from Case Western Reserve University. After graduating from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, he completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio and served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.
JUDITH FOSTER

Judith Foster is a Board Member of The Samaritan Medical Center and Samaritan Foundation. Ms. Foster also sits on the boards of The Antique Boat Museum, The Northern New York Community Foundation, and The Handweaving Museum and Arts Center.

Ms. Foster received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Smith College.

PETER HAMILTON

Peter Hamilton is Chairman of the Board of Directors of O’Connor Hospital. He is a trustee of Bassett Healthcare and a member of the Bassett Quality Improvement Committee, Executive and Finance Committee, and Bassett Audit Committee.

Mr. Hamilton is the Director of Bassett Regional Corporation and Regional Vice President of the philanthropic organization, The Friends of Bassett. He is the owner and President of Delhi Motor Company.

Mr. Hamilton is a graduate of the State University of New York at Delhi and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University.

HOWARD J. HOWLETT, JR.

Howard J. Howlett, Jr. is the Chairman of the Board of Southern Tier Health Care System. He is also Chair of Starflight MedVac Helicopter Corp.; is on the Board of Corporators of Hamot Hospital of Erie, Pennsylvania; and is a Board member and past officer of Chautauqua County Health Care Network, WCA Hospital, WCA Group Inc., and WCA Foundation. He has served on HANYS’ Board of Trustees, the American Hospital Association Committee on Governance, and is a past HTNYS Chair/Founder. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. Howlett has often been a speaker on governance and trustee advocacy. He has received awards including the Buffalo Business First “Healthcare Hero” Award, the New York State Association for Rural Health’s Rural Health Volunteer of the Year Award, and Healthcare Trustees of New York State’s Trustee Advocacy Award. Mr. Howlett also served on the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century.

Mr. Howlett attended Denison University and Ferris State University and graduated with a degree in Advertising and Printing Management. He was an executive of General Motors Chevrolet Motor Division and had dealerships in Ohio and New York. Currently he is President of Three Circles, a consulting firm in Lakewood, New York.
BRENDA J. IRELAND

Brenda J. Ireland is Vice Chair of the WCA Hospital Board of Directors. She owns J. Edwards Insurance Agency, Inc., and is a member of the Board of Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company and Vice President of Alpha Associates, Inc. She served for 11 years as the Town Clerk for the Town of Harmony.

Ms. Ireland received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Alfred University.

RONALD MILCH

Ronald Milch serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Jewish Health System. Mr. Milch is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has served, and continues to serve, on various professional, community, and publicly traded company boards, including service as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, New Jersey, and as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jersey City Medical Center.

Mr. Milch has more than 40 years of leadership experience in health care management. His most recent position was that of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Combined Coordinating Council, Inc. (CCC) in New York. CCC is the risk management advisor to seven New York City hospitals participating in the CCC program of insurance, self-insurance, claims, and risk management.

Before joining CCC, Mr. Milch served as President and CEO of Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, and CEO of Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, New Jersey. He also held senior administrative positions at Montefiore Hospital Medical Center in the Bronx, New York, and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

GEORGE MUSCATO

George Muscato serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Eastern Niagara Health System. He is a general trial attorney for Muscato, DiMillo & Vona, LLP, and a member of the state and local bar associations.

Mr. Muscato received a Juris Doctor degree from The University of Akron School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Canisius College of Buffalo.
JOHN NEUBAUER

John Neubauer has been a member of the Putnam Hospital Board since 2000 and in 2006 became the Chairman of the Board. Since joining the Putnam Hospital Board, he has become involved in advocacy regarding the health care crisis in New York State.

Mr. Neubauer is the owner of AVP Business Products, an office machines business that is the largest copier dealer in Putnam County. He is a graduate of the University of Miami, State University of New York at Oswego, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Mr. Neubauer also served in the New York Air National Guard as a 2nd Lieutenant, Maintenance Officer.

THOMAS T. PATTERSON

Thomas T. Patterson is currently the Chair of the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation. He also chairs the Board of Directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg.

Reverend Patterson is pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg, and is a graduate of Dartmouth College and McCormick Theological Seminary.

DAVID PRINCE

David Prince is the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Olean General Hospital and is an active member of the Olean Rotary Club.

Mr. Prince is President of Databranch, Inc. He founded the company in 1985 after identifying a growing need for information technology solutions in the Olean area. Mr. Prince holds numerous certifications, including IBM Professional Server Expert, Compaq Master Accredited Systems Engineer, Novell Master Certified NetWare Engineer, Microsoft Microsoft Certified Professional, and Citrix Metaframe Certified Administrator.

Mr. Prince received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engineering from Dartmouth College, a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Thayer School of Engineering (Dartmouth), and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth).
JOHN B. ROBINSON, JR.

John B. Robinson, Jr. has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Albany Medical Center for 20 years. He was Chairman of the Board from July 2006 through June 2009 and currently chairs its Strategic Planning and Horizon committees. He is immediate Past President of the Board of Trustees of The Doane Stuart School and has been involved in numerous other charitable and civic endeavors.

Mr. Robinson is a retired Managing Director of Government Banking of FleetBoston Financial. He received his undergraduate degree in economics from Fairfield University and was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree from Adelphi University.

LAWRENCE SCHERR, M.D., M.A.C.P.

Dr. Lawrence Scherr is the Betsey Cushing Whitney Academic Dean Emeritus and Historian for the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. From 1967 to 2001, he was David J. Greene Chairman, Department of Medicine, North Shore University Hospital, and Professor of Medicine, Cornell University Medical College and New York University School of Medicine. He is now Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

Dr. Scherr is Master and former Chairman of the Board of Regents, and President Emeritus of the American College of Physicians; a past Officer of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Medical Specialties; Chairman, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and Chairman of the Residency Review Committee in Internal Medicine. He served on the New York State Health Commissioner’s Task Force on Health Reform and the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Committee on Health Care Reform.

Dr. Scherr was Chairman of the New York State Board for Medicine and Chairman of the New York State Council on Graduate Medical Education. He served with President Clinton’s White House Review Group on health care reform and other committees nationally involving health care issues.

Dr. Scherr received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, served in the United States Navy, and received the Doctor of Medicine degree from Cornell University Medical College.
CALVIN SIMONS, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dr. Calvin Simons serves on the Board of Trustees at The Brooklyn Hospital Center and is the Chairman of the Quality Improvement Committee. He also serves on the Audit and Compliance and the Academic Affairs committees.

Dr. Simons served as Chief, Department of Community Medicine at The Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center from 1970 to 1977. He also served as Director, Department of Ambulatory Care and Community Medicine at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center from 1977 to 1991. He was awarded the Walter E. Reed Medal in 1995 by the Board of Trustees of The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Dr. Simons served on the Board of Directors of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and was Chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee. He served as President of both the Brooklyn Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of the County of Kings. He also served as the Assistant Treasurer of the Medical Society of the State of New York. He continues as a Board Member of the State of New York Department of Health Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

Dr. Simons is a practicing physician in Internal Medicine. He is the Medical Director of the Concord Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and is a Senior Attending Physician in the Department of Medicine at The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Dr. Simons received his undergraduate degree from City College of New York and his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. Dr. Simons was Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, and Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Social Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

RICHARD J. J. SULLIVAN, JR.

Richard J. J. Sullivan, Jr. chairs the Board of Catholic Health Services of Long Island. He is past Chair of Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home in West Islip, New York and a former member of the Board of Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip.

Mr. Sullivan is Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of The CM&F Group, Inc., a New York City-based insurance brokerage and program administrator that provides professional liability insurance to health care professionals. Mr. Sullivan, a specialist in malpractice, is a Corporate Advisor to the Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation and is a former President of the Insurance Brokers’ Association of New York, as well as Past President of the Insurance Federation of New York, and Board Member of the National Association of Insurance Brokers. He has served for many years on the Insurance Board of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Mr. Sullivan is a Former Foreign Service Officer with Special Expertise in Sub-Saharan Africa. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the State University of New York at New Paltz and his Master of Arts degree from The School of Advanced International Studies of The Johns Hopkins University.
WILLIAM H. WRIGHT II

William H. Wright II is a member of the Board and Executive Committee of Continuum Health Partners and its four member institutions—St. Luke's-Roosevelt, Beth Israel, Long Island College, and New York Eye and Ear hospitals.

Mr. Wright is a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, where he began his career in 1982. Currently, he is Director of Community Development Advocacy and Grants with respect to the firm’s Community Reinvestment Act initiatives.

Mr. Wright is also a Trustee of the Morgan Stanley Foundation and is Senior Warden of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Mission Society and the Board of Managers of Episcopal Social Services, Chairman of the Board of the Yale Alumni Fund, and served as a board member of Episcopal Charities.

Mr. Wright received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1982 and a Master of Business Administration degree from The Darden School of the University of Virginia in 1987. In 2008, Mr. Wright was awarded the Yale Medal for distinguished service to the University.