



## *NAHC Report Article*

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### **Mark Heaney Wins Run-Off Election for Home Care Aide Seat on NAHC Board**

*Third Run-Off in NAHC's 27-Year History*

Val J. Halamandaris, President of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC), today announced that Mark Heaney, president and CEO of Addus Healthcare based in Palatine, IL, has won the run-off election to determine who would represent the Home Care Aide Section on the NAHC Board. The run-off was between Heaney and Laurie Edwards-Tate, president of At Your Home Family Care in San Diego, CA.

"I want to congratulate both Mark and Laurie Edwards-Tate. While the membership voted to place Mark in this seat, we feel blessed to have had two great candidates for this position on the NAHC Board. NAHC and the home care community were the ultimate winners here," Halamandaris said.

NAHC members voted in late September and early October for officers and Board representatives whose term will begin on Jan. 1, 2009. For the third time in NAHC's 27-year history, the votes for a position on the NAHC Board ended in a tie. All of the NAHC members who are members of the Home Care Aide Section were called upon to vote again by the usual secret ballot process. The ballots were tabulated and certified by a CPA firm.

The Home Care Aide Section of NAHC has as its primary focus the well being of home care aides who are the bedrock not only of home care and hospice but of all health care. In addition to advancing the interests of the employees who make up a key section of industry, the section represents the interests of home care organizations which specialize in the provision of personal care services.

The importance of the Home Care Aide Section is best illustrated by data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which tracks all kinds of employment needs. According to BLS, home care aides are the number one ranking job that will be needed most over the next few years, followed by personal care assistants ranked at number two. In addition to focusing on the issue of supply, the Section has worked hard to establish standards and to ensure the highest quality of home care services.

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