



## *Monterey Bay Association of Health Underwriters*

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### *Monterey Bay Association of Health Underwriters Receives Charter from the National Association of Health Underwriters*

The Monterey Bay Association of Health Underwriters just received its charter as a local chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). NAHU is an association of professional agents and brokers who specialize in health insurance and employee benefits. The new chapter will serve agents in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties. The Monterey Bay chapter will keep members informed about trends and developments in the health insurance industry; work as an advocate in Sacramento on behalf of consumers who purchase health insurance products; provide members with opportunities for continuing education and professional development; and bring national experts in to talk at bi-monthly membership meetings.

Ward McKalson of Salinas was elected to serve as the founding president of the Monterey Bay Chapter. Jim Goodacre of Carmel is President-Elect; George Chobany of Salinas is Treasurer; Leslie Epps of Carmel is Secretary; Patrick Finch of Monterey is the Media Relations Chair; and Board members at large are Wendy Hart of Aptos and Richard Shelton of Hollister.

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For more information about the Monterey Bay chapter of NAHU, please call Patrick Finch at (831) 373-0603 or Cynthia Downing, the new chapter's Executive Director, at (800) 549-8495.

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