



## **ASHRM Announces 2026 President, President-Elect and Advisory Board**

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**CHICAGO** (September 30, 2025) — The American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, has announced Katie Du Fresne, RN, MSN, CPHRM, FASHRM will serve as president of the ASHRM Advisory Board for 2026. Du Fresne is Executive Director of Clinical Risk Management at Indiana University Health and succeeds Christopher John Allman, JD, CPHRM, DFASHRM, who will serve as Immediate Past President.

ASHRM also announced the election of Karen Markwith, RN, MJ, CPHRM, CHSP, CPPS, FASHRM as president-elect. Markwith is Northwest Region Director of Risk Management and Loss Prevention for Common Spirit Health System.

In addition, ASHRM announced the election of the following new board members:

- Sarah Bush, MBA, CPHRM, FASHRM, Senior Director of Corporate Risk Management, Bradford Health System
- Jerri M. Kirkland, RN, BSN, CPHRM, CHC, FASHRM, Enterprise Risk Manager, WVU Medicine
- Julie Ann Schneider, MSHSA, CPHRM, FASHRM, Director, Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, UCI Health

Returning as board members for 2026 are:

- Janell Forget, RN, BSN, JD, CPHRM, FASHRM, Associate Vice President, Risk Management, UMass Memorial Health System
- Jean B. Hood, RN, MSN, CPHRM, CPPS, DFASHRM, Executive Director, Clinical Risk Management Services, AdventHealth
- Josh Hyatt, DHS, MBE, MHL, DFASHRM, CPHRM, HEC-C, CPPS, Risk Management & Bioethics Consultant and Adjunct Professor
- Myka Whitman, MHL, BSN, RN, CPHRM, FASHRM, CPPS, CPHQ, CPHFH, Lead Senior Patient Safety and Risk Solutions Consultant, MedPro Group

### **About ASHRM**

The American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, serves 6,000 members representing health care risk management, patient safety, insurance, legal, and other related interests. ASHRM promotes effective and innovative risk management strategies and professional leadership through education, advocacy, publications, networking and interactions with leading health care organizations and government agencies. For more information, visit the ASHRM website at [www.ashrm.org](http://www.ashrm.org).