

Lifetime Membership Award Winners

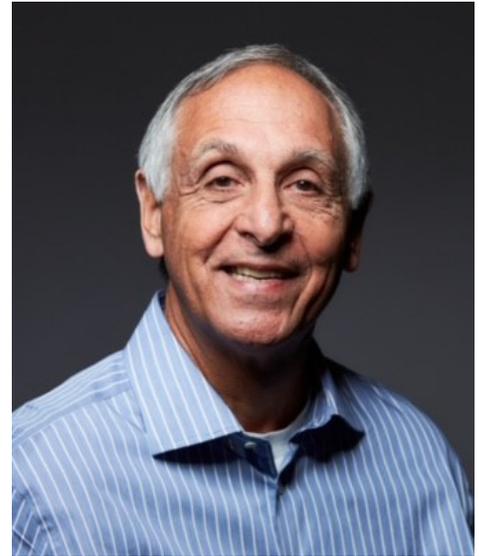
Life Membership in CAHF is designed to provide lasting recognition to those who have provided “outstanding” or “exemplary” service to the association through involvement at the chapter and state level, as well as providing community service.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2022

Hekimian previously served as CAHF's Chairman of the Board, member of CAHF's Executive Committee, member of CAHF's Board of Directors, and has been a longtime CAHF volunteer leader. He has previously served as chair of the Non-Proprietary Conference, and also served on the AHCA Not-for-Profit Council.

Hekimian has worked in long-term care for more than 40 years with a friendly and supportive approach, and a keen eye for detail while handling multiple tasks. Serving as administrator at Edgemoor Hospital in Santee, the facility received the 2017 Gold Excellence in Quality Award from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living. He is also the former CEO and administrator of the Ararat Home of Los Angeles which received four, zero-deficiency surveys over a five-year period.



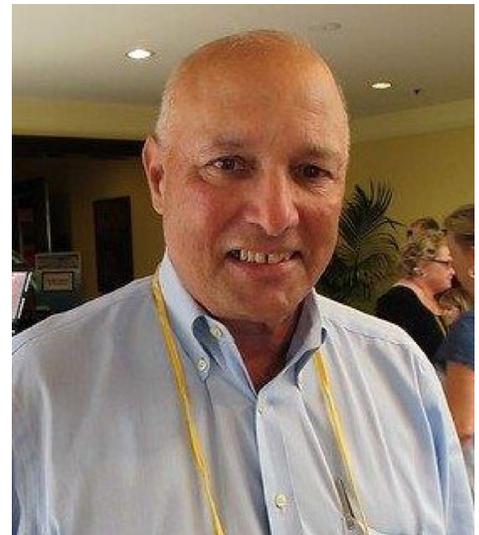
2021

Jim Gomez

During his 15 years as CAHF's CEO, Jim was instrumental in leading the effort to create a new reimbursement system which became known as AB 1629. After that, he negotiated a five-year Medi-Cal rate agreement with the state, which provided a long period of financial stability for members.

During his tenure at CAHF, Jim was honored with the AHCA Joe Warner Patient Advocacy award. Prior to CAHF, Jim served as CEO of CalPERS, the largest public retirement system in the United States and as Director of the California Department of Corrections.

During his long state career, he served as a mentor to dozens of individuals and adopted policies to help promote women into leadership positions. Since his retirement, Jim has been working part-time as a consultant and continues to enjoy travelling with his wife Chris.



2019

James Nappoli

James Napoli, a long-time partner at Hanson Bridgett in San Francisco, retired in 2019 after 27 years with the law firm. A frequent speaker at CAHF conferences, James has shared his knowledge on a variety of legal topics ranging from disputes and citations to responding to government investigations. In addition to volunteering his expertise, James has been a generous Patron of the Association, an active chapter participant and a willing sponsor of a multitude of functions at CAHF events throughout the years.



ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2018	Sally Craven	Marlow S. Baar Art Brandt
2017	Georgia Otterson Clay Green	Mardell Brandt Louise Broderick Doris Dent
2016	Darryl Nixon	Del Callaway Benedict and Angela Cipponeri
2015	David Helmsin	Lois Cornell Frank Drabickas
2014	Jerry Wells	Robert J. Gerst Peggy Goldstein
2013	Richard Hebbel	Brigitta Grimaldi Miriam Harrison Blaine Hendrickson Marian Holden Norman Holden Marshall Horsman Ronald Kurtz Charles McClain Ron O'Haver Robert Taylor Janet Turner Fern Robinson John Williams Ritchie Wills Bruce Yarwood