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**Christopher E. Laxton, CAE**

Christopher Laxton is a career healthcare association professional with over 40 years of experience in healthcare policy, nonprofit leadership, governance, and strategy. Mr. Laxton served as Executive Director of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA) from 2013 until his retirement in May 2023. He is now an independent consultant in aging.

In addition, Mr. Laxton serves as Vice-Chair of the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living, now CEAL@UNC, a program of the University of North Carolina. He is an active Past-Chair of the Advancing Excellence in Long-Term Care Collaborative and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Moving Forward Coalition.

From 2008 until 2019, Mr. Laxton has served as a National Examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation’s highest award for organizational performance excellence. He was designated a Master Examiner and appointed to the Judges’ Panel for the Baldrige Award in 2019 and completed his term as a Baldrige Judge in 2021. He now serves on the Board of Overseers for the American Health Care Association’s Baldrige-based National Quality Award.

Mr. Laxton’s full-time job now is to be a proud grandfather to his four grandkids. He lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife of 46 years