

## Thomas W. Hughes

Thomas W. Hughes is currently  
Electronic Attachment, Inc. (

These two companies are the largest in America that process and store electronic attachments for the healthcare industry. Hughes founded NEA in 1998 and founded MEA in 2007. Hughes's partner in these companies is Paradise Venture Partners, a 3 Billion dollar investment company located in Boston, Massachusetts.

Previous to this, Hughes owned Electronic Claims and Funding, Inc., which was the nation's largest dental electronic claims clearinghouse. This company was sold to MedA America and today is known as the dental division of EM EON. From 1988 until 1997, Hughes also owned Premier Dental Practice Management Systems, which was one of the top practice management systems used by dentists. In 1997, he sold the company to MIA in Great Britain, which was owned by Carestream Dental.

From 1984-1987, Hughes worked in Atlanta. This group operated plants in Tacoma and Federal Heights. Hughes had sales offices in 15 states. Hughes acted as Chief Financial Officer after purchasing the entire plant and moving it to North America.

From 1982-1984, Hughes worked in Business Systems in Atlanta for the Savannah River, Inc., and Atlantic Coast Company in Greenville, South Carolina.

Hughes' entire career has been spent earning from the private sector. In order to achieve the high level of success he has achieved, he has had to move from a reactive role into decision-making and leadership.

Hughes is most proud of serving as the Chairman of the Board of Children Ever Here, Inc. (CEH), a school for orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia. CEH is a Christian Alliance for Children in Zambia (ACE) that is the absolute state-of-the-art school in Lusaka, Zambia. There are approximately 2400 students enrolled in 11 schools, and a staff of 52 employed currently in Zambia. This total staff of 135 makes ACE the largest non-government organization hiring of Zambians in the country.

Mr. Hughes is a 1961 graduate of Florida State University, with dual degrees in Marketing and Finance. Hughes earned an MBA from Tennessee State University in 2008, where he currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Michael J. Coles College.

of Business. Hughes in recognition of his professional achievement was selected into Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society in 2009, and was selected as the Board Member of the Year at Tennessee State University in 2010. Hughes currently serves as Entrepreneur in Residence at Coles College.

Hughes is also an investor in The Entrepreneur Advisors, a major entrepreneur education group that is partnered with The Atlanta Business Chronicle. Hughes is a featured speaker at the meetings of this group, which meets monthly at the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta. Hughes is active in working with entrepreneurs and meets monthly with the Gathering of Angels, which is a network of angel investors in Atlanta.

Hughes serves as Co-General Partner of the Hughes Family Limited Partnership, Trustee of the Hughes Charitable Trust, and General Partner of the T. J. Hughes Limited Partnership (a real estate limited partnership).

Hughes is married with three grown children and six grandchildren, and resides in the Atlanta area.