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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move into the heart of the year, I want to take a moment to share a few exciting updates and developments within the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineers Association (WHEA).

First and foremost, I'm pleased to report continued progress in our partnership with Wisconsin Association Management (WAM). This collaboration is proving to be a strong step forward in supporting our operations, member services, and long-term strategic goals. The alignment and cooperation between our organizations have grown stronger, and we're seeing positive results that will ultimately benefit all of our members.

In other news, work on the Annual Conference schedule is nearly complete. Our planning committee has been working diligently to build a dynamic and educational program that meets the evolving needs of healthcare engineers across the state. Be sure to keep an eye out—enrollment will be opening soon, and you won't want to miss this year's event.

Finally, after a long winter, warm weather has finally arrived here in Wisconsin. I encourage all of you to take some time for yourself, recharge, and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Whether it's a walk in the woods, time on the lake, or simply a relaxing evening outside, it's important to step away and take care of your own well-being.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to connecting with many of you at the upcoming conference!

Warm regards,

Matt Malmin,
President, Wisconsin Healthcare Engineers Association (WHEA)

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WHEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	9	Chapter IV Golf Outing, Indianhead Golf Course, Mosinee
July	10	Lunch & Learn WHEA Conference Preview
July	17	Chapter III Business Meeting, Tapped on the Lakeshore, Two Rivers
August	5	Codes & Standards Committee Meeting
August	8	Chapter VI Chapter Meeting and Elections
August	13	WHEA Foundation Board Meeting
August	14	Lunch & Learn: Effective Pre-Construction
August	21	Chapter IV Trap Shoot
August	21	Chapter V Business Meeting, Tech in the Workplace
September	4	Chapter III Golf Outing, Royal St. Patricks, Wrightstown
September	11	Lunch & Learn: MEP Trouble Shooting
September	12	Chapter I Golf Outing, Edgewood Golf Course
September	25	Chapter III Business Meeting at Annual Conference

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE



ED COSNER, KEVIN FEYEN, CO-CHAIRS

The Conference Committee meets monthly with our last meeting being virtual. We also are having sub-committee meetings to discuss speakers, keynote speakers and conference agenda. Our July meeting will be an onsite meeting with hotel and convention center staff.

Member Services

- Buttons and banners will be available for pickup at the Conference. Nor orders will be mailed out after the conference so arrange for pick of your order on site that week.

Codes and Standards

- Providing sessions at Annual Conference

Speaker Coordination

- Keynote Speaker: After Burner o Planning on a longer opening session
- All speakers confirmed and speaker agreements being returned

Technical Exhibit

- Smaller footprint for booths in Appleton o 150 booths reserved, 164 is the limit with preference of 154
- Dennis and Donella working through Logistics
- Working on special opportunities for sponsorships at breaks

Banquet

- "Black Tie" Theme
- Darrell working through details of the event

Resource Comm

- Set and ready to go

Tech / Liaison Conference APP

- Cvent is our new app with registration opening June 17th
- List has been provided for "Comp Codes" for registering and will be sent out to those individuals

Overall Conference Planning

- Conference Agenda set. Things are going well and on track



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SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

DENNIS HAVLIK, DONELLA SARAUER, CO-CHAIRS



Since the last board meeting we received 2 additional request from Mortenson and Performance Firestop for Gold Sponsorship. Since they were sponsors in the past the Board did not need to approve them. With the addition of these 2 sponsors revenue for 2025 is \$208,500. Out of the 98 requests, 10 are for platinum, 47 for gold and 41 for silver. Sponsorship opportunities at the annual conference were emailed to Amanda the week of 5/26 to post on the WHEA website.

SPONSORSHIP GOALS FOR 2025

Goal # 1:

Provide Additional Sponsorship Opportunities at the Annual Conference

Expected Outcome: Offer Sponsors an opportunity to sponsor an event at the conference.

Results: The Tuesday evening hors d'oeuvres, Wednesday noon technical exhibition lunch, Thursday noon annual meeting lunch and the Thursday night banquet supper will be added to sponsorship opportunities.

Goal # 2:

Recruit 10 new Sponsors for WHEA

Expected Outcome: Sign up 10 new sponsors.

Results: 7 new sponsors have been signed up to date

WHEA CHAPTER I REPORT

TODD MILLER, PRESIDENT



Recent Meetings

- March 13, 2025 @ 5:30PM
- Location: Cornerstone One
- Presentation: Digital Mixing valve solutions
- April 10, 2025 @ 5:30PM
- Location: LEE Mechanical
- Presentation: Evaluating Total Cost of Ownership for New or Replacement Central Plant Equipment.
- May 8, 2025 @ 5:30PM
- Location: Mortenson
- Presentation: Advancements in BIM technology
- May 12, 2025 – Sporting Clays
- Waukesha Gun Club

Next Meetings

- September 12, 2025 – Golf outing (Edgewood Golf Course)

CHAPTER VI NEWS

JAMIE BOLWERK, PRESIDENT



2025 Chapter Goals:

- Hold First Chapter Trap Shoot-Complete
- Enact Credit Card Payment System-Complete
- Update Chapter Bylaws

Recent Events:

- May 8th chapter meeting and trap shoot at Holmen Rod and Gun Club

Upcoming Meetings:

- August Chapter meeting/New officer voting
- November 2025 Chapter meeting



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CHAPTER III NEWS

TIM KLEIN, PRESIDENT

Chapter III started off the year with a meeting on January 16th with Matt Bond with Badger Balancing presenting. There were 30 in attendance. We had our 3rd annual Mini-Life-Safety Conference on March 20th, at Encircle Health in Appleton with 42 in attendance. We had presentations on emergency generators and fire stopping. Our guest speaker for the day was Rosie Bartel about the importance of ICRA. She will also be speaking at our annual conference. This is a presentation that no one will want to miss.

On April 17th we held our 2nd Annual Banquet at Van Abel's of Holland town. There were 38 in attendance and fun was had by all playing trivia games for prizes. We also had a host of great door prizes donated by our associate members.

May 15th was our annual clay shoot. We started with a meeting with 25 in attendance, Grunau gave an excellent presentation on medical gas.

Our next meeting will be on July 17th at Tapped on the Lake Shore in Two Rivers. There will be a presentation about the OR construction at Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County down the road. We will finish the afternoon by throwing some axes.

September 4th will be our Annual Golf Outing at Royal St. Patrick's in Wrightstown and we will finish off the year on September 25th at our Annual Conference in Appleton.



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CHAPTER V NEWS

BEN TRASCHEL, PRESIDENT

The second quarter was an exciting and productive time for Chapter V, with two events that brought members together for valuable discussions, training, and networking.

Our first event was a special meeting held on March 27 — uniquely taking place on a bus en route to Green Bay. The meeting focused on identifying upcoming training topics members would like to see for mechanical training sessions and chapter meetings. Once in Green Bay, the group was hosted by Miron Construction at their office overlooking Lambeau Field. Miron shared insights into their longstanding partnership with the Green Bay Packers, highlighted past projects, preparations for the upcoming NFL Draft, and discussed future plans. Following the presentation, attendees enjoyed a tour of Lambeau Field, a visit to the Packers Pro Shop, and wrapped up the evening with a group dinner. The event was well-attended, with 25 members participating, and received great feedback.

The second event was our regular Chapter Meeting held on April 17 at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Eau Claire. After the chapter business meeting, members participated in three educational sessions:

- Wall Repair presented by Randy Setzer of Mayo
- Door Security & Safety by Assa Abloy
- Proper Documentation and Reporting led by Matt Malmin of Mayo

This event saw a strong turnout, with 44 members in attendance. The sessions were well-received and provided valuable, practical information for our members.

Additionally, on May 8, the Chapter V President and Vice President attended the CVTC Scholarship Reception. This marked the first year that Chapter V offered scholarships for students at CVTC, and it was a great experience to attend the event and meet the recipients in person. Regan Duda was awarded the HVACR Scholarship, and Dakota Antczak received the Mechatronics Scholarship. Congratulations to both students — we look forward to seeing them thrive in their careers!

Thank you to everyone who made these events possible and to those who attended. Enjoy your summer — and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

CHAPTER V 2024-25 GOALS

1. Implement an online membership renewal process
2. Create a new “meeting” that is a fun activity for the Chapter
3. Increase membership participation in the Chapter

RECENT EVENTS –

- Annual Meeting January 30- We curled at the Eau Claire Curling Club- it was a lot of fun and a new experience for many. Following Curling we had pizza at Geno’s Pizza in Eau Claire.
- February Meeting 2/20- The meeting took place at Mayo Clinic in Menomonie, WI. Training was done by Siemens on AI Facility Management. Following the training, we took a tour of the hospital.
- Special Meeting: March 27th 9:00am-3:00pm. Bus trip to Lambeau. We had a formal meeting on the bus with 17 members in attendance. There was a lot of discussion regarding training topics for the upcoming mech training and trainings at meetings. At Miron we had some members drive separately and 25 people were there. The meeting was at Miron’s office, went over the Packers building history, stadium tour and a dinner afterwards. All that attended enjoyed a different style of a WHEA meeting.

- April Meeting/Mech Training- April 17th 8:30am-2:00pm. Mayo Hospital- Eau Claire, WI. Meeting was a little more condensed to accommodate the training that took place afterwards. We had trainings from Mayo Clinic on Wal repair, Door Security & Safety by Assa Abloy and Proper Documentation by Matt Malmin. 44 members in attendance.

- June Meeting/Golf Outing- June 26th 10:00am-5:00pm. White-tail Golf Course- Colfax, WI

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- August Meeting- August 21st 9:00am-1:00pm. Cumberland Healthcare- Cumberland, WI
- October Meeting/Trap Shooting- October 16h 9:00am- 2:00pm at Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club



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2025 Rolling right along.

The days are about to peak and the heat of summer will be upon us quickly. As we head into summer and all of the fun activities that we planned all winter long, we are working hard to provide you with the best education programs available. The EPDC strives to offer the best education for our members at the best prices available. We have built some of the best programs to offer your staff and offer them at very reasonable fees. We continue to try to make your job easier.

Our Lunch and Learn program is a reasonable in house training for a \$300 fee a year. The offering also allows you to go back and review the last one that you may have missed. You can always assign your team members to review any topic that you feel necessary. For the 2025 year, we have had a great list of programs directed to everyone in your facility.

Our Facility Technician 101 was a well-received program. The program included code updates by David Soens of the Code Committee, The Joint Commission was on site and had a list of hot topics and explanations of what they are looking for in our facilities. Finally, the day wrapped up with panel discussion emergency situations and how to respond to them.

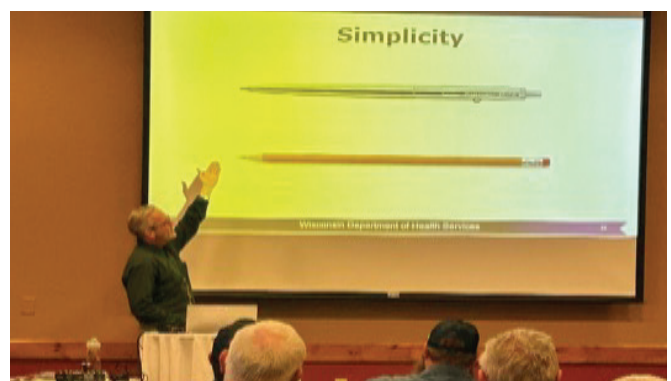
We have 1 Advanced HCC program remaining for 2025 in Wisc. Dells. We will be offering an Advanced HCC on October 15th at Glacier Canyon. Thank you to the Code Committee for their continued efforts to keep our quality programs at a reasonable cost for our members and attendees.

We look forward continuing to provide great educational opportunities in 2025 to all of our WHEA members. Thank you to our EPDC committee members who work to put this together.

You or your organization can still sign up for the 2025 Lunch and Learn webinar programs. As a subscriber, you will receive the recorded links to all the webinars; past ones to review or watch for the first time. These may be watched at any time that you wish. Go to the Education tab

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DATE	PROGRAM
July	Electrical Infrastructure
August	Effective Preconstruction
September	MEP Trouble shooting
October	Air Balancing
November	Med Gas(2012)
December	EMPI Ret & Hiring





CHAPTER IV

MARK HILL, PRESIDENT

CHAPTER IV 2024/2025 GOALS:

- Increase Chapter Membership by 5% - will be just shy of that pending any new members joining mid year.
- Full member Participation in Chapter meetings and events
 - Working on strategy with leadership (More full members attended last meeting than the 3 previous meetings combined)
- Hold a minimum of 4-chapter meetings with quality education. First One 10/22/24
- Chapter Scholarship for the trades and youth apprenticeship implementation has been a success

Recent Chapter Meetings:

- Education Meeting – April 24, 2025 – Marge McFarlane – ICRA 2.0-, held at MCHC. o Sponsored by August Winter

Upcoming Meetings:

- Golf Outing July 9 2025, Indianhead Golf Course, Mosinee WI
 - More foursomes than last year are signed up this year
 - \$13,309 raised last year for the scholarship / apprenticeship program for maintenance or HVAC technicians that are going to work in healthcare
- August 21, 2025 Annual introduction to trap shooting and chapter trap shoot





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WHEA Wisconsin Association Management (WAM) Report

MANDI DUERST, WHEA ACCOUNT MANAGER



- 1. Accounts Receivable Transition**-- The goal was for WAM to fully manage accounts receivable beginning June 1. The accounting team is still awaiting access to a few key systems to move forward with full implementation. Updates will be provided as needed.
- 2. Certificate Distribution** -- All 2024 Annual Conference certificates have been sent to attendees. Additional certificates for 2024 programs that took place prior to WAM's transition remain in progress and will be processed in order of total credits earned.
- 3. 2025 Conference Planning** -- Planning is actively underway for the 2025 Annual Conference. Work is progressing on the Banquet Event Order (BEO) in coordination with the venue to ensure all logistical needs are addressed. Speaker confirmations and contracts have been received for all presenters, except for the Joint Commission, which is in progress. Collaboration with the Technology Committee continues to support registration and event logistics through CVENT and updates to whea.com.
- 4. Website Updates & Technology Integration** -- WAM has assumed responsibility for website management from the Technology Committee. Updates to site content are ongoing. Efforts are also underway with the website vendor (Lion Tree) to implement automatic certificate distribution following program completion.
- 5. Website Platform Review** -- A proposal has been received from Growth Zone for website services. A cost comparison is underway, along with a review of current contracts, to evaluate terms for potential transition. Once the cost comparison is complete, findings will be presented to the Board for review and discussion.



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WHEA FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

GORDON HOWIE, PRESIDENT

The current members of the WHEA Foundation board are: Darrell Courtney (Treasurer), Matt Malmin, Mike Neely, Dan Loest, Kyle Zastrow, Kevin Feyen (Vice President), Rick Helfrich, Jeff Weber, Katie Smith, Dean Pufahl, Cory Fedie, Jenni Eschner, Gordon Howie (President)

2025 Meeting Schedule

August 13, 2025

November 12, 2025

Recent Activities/Highlights

- No grants applied for or award in Quarter 2
- Golf outing planning is progressing for a course in Appleton – save the date will be out in a few weeks.

GOALS FOR 2025

- Letter writing campaign – getting testimonials from recipients to include in the letter. Letters to go out in July.
- Make grant request process electronic – not started
- Adopt Basecamp as the Foundation's database – on hold
- Raise \$50,000

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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

JIM BENEDICT, CHAIR

The Technology Committee is working in collaboration with Mandi from WAM on website updates / information and social media postings. We ask that any edits / additions / postings needed please be emailed to both the Technology Committee and Mandi. As a team, we will determine who will make the necessary changes. Please allow 2 weeks for any actions needed so plan accordingly.

Basecamp is being used by some Chapters and Committees, but still is being underutilized from an organizational standpoint. If you are unsure how to utilize it or have any questions, please reach out to Jim Benedict. The cost has been fully funded by the State so it is important that you use it. Historically, people have kept WHEA info on their personal or work devices, which leaves WHEA vulnerable to losing historical and current data that is helpful for the ongoing success of WHEA as a whole.

The Technology Committee continues to work with Cvent on the platform / app for the annual conference in September. Exhibitor registration is open and has gone rather smoothly. We are planning on member registration to be open mid-June. We have another meeting with Cvent on Monday June 9th to discuss final (hopefully) details.

The Technology Committee and WAM continue to ask for input / content / pictures from all Chapters and Committees on pertinent information that can be posted on social media. Also, if you have any thoughts or ideas on possible future technology needed for your Chapter or Committee, please reach out to us for discussion.

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CHAPTER II NEWS

KELSEY RICHMOND, PRESIDENT

Chapter II continues to get better each quarter! Since we last updated our members, Chapter II has held two more business meetings. On April 3rd, IMEG provided Mission BBQ catering for lunch and hosted the business meeting at their office. Once the business meeting was completed, IMEG and Findorff did a combined presentation on the design and construction of the new SSM Health Ambulatory Surgery Center specializing in ophthalmology. The total number of attendees at this meeting was 43.

Moving into the month of May, Chapter II held its annual banquet at Green Acres in Sauk City. A goal for the chapter this year is to increase banquet engagement, which we succeeded in. At the banquet, we started off with a cocktail hour where guests were welcomed at the door with 20 door prize tickets. Once cocktail hour wrapped up, our members moved upstairs to the banquet hall where they were pleasantly surprised with handmade sunflower mason jars as centerpieces, sponsorship banners throughout the hall, 10 handpicked door prizes and one free drink ticket on their dinner plates! After all members took their seats, we began the business meeting.

When the business meeting wrapped up, we transitioned into our guest entertainer. Mark Hayward performed his Yo-Yo tricks and provided some additional comedy. He was very interactive with the audience and any members that volunteered as guests on the stage received additional door prize tickets! Once Mark finished his performance, the Chapter surprised our sponsors by having custom made plaques for each level of sponsorship. The three levels were Platinum, Gold and Silver. Thank you to our sponsors for helping us raise \$4,500 for our banquet.

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We had a total of 52 people attend our banquet this year! Our upcoming meetings and events are our annual clay shoot at Milford Hills on June 20th, golf outing at Lake Windsor Country Club on August 15th and our annual meeting in Appleton in September this year. 'til next time WHEA Members!



Chapter II first time with door prizes



Riley Construction accepting their surprise plaque as a Silver Sponsor.



Mark Hayward (entertainer) and volunteer Haley Suprenant with Mlazgar Associates during the performance.



Chapter II Members waiting in line for door prizes. Pictured Tom Pertzborn with JP Cullen.

CHAPTER II NEWS *(continued)*



Sponsorship Banner



WHEA Chapter II Members socializing during cocktail hour.



WHEA Chapter II members awaiting dinner to be served at our annual banquet.



April's business meeting hosted by IMEG



Corey Sanders with IMEG and Tony Shepard with Findorff presenting on SSM Health's new ambulatory surgery center.



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- **HYGIENIC FEATURES**

- Features a 24-hour purge system, touchless bottle filler activation, and an offset drain for easy access and simple cleaning.

- **EASY MAINTENANCE & SERVICEABILITY**

- Offers front-access maintenance and filter replacement, flexible filter options, and user-friendly programming.

- **VANDAL RESISTANCE & DURABILITY**

- Features a best-in-class sensor, durable stainless-steel construction, an industry-leading push button, and an anti-rotational bubbler head.



THE MIFAB ADVANTAGE

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Access Doors



HDPE Interceptors, Acid Neutralization Tanks & Accessories



No Hub, Flexible & Transition Couplings & Accessories



Siphonic Drainage: Hydromax



MIFAB provides you with the quality, engineered plumbing and drainage solutions you need. Innovative product designs save the installer time and material cost and provide the owner with higher quality cast stainless steel drains and clean outs for the same cost as the industry standard nickel bronze.



Medical Application Resistant Gloves



Light Commercial Plumbing Products



Specification Drainage Products



Trap Seal Primers



BEECO: Backflow Preventers & Waterworks Products

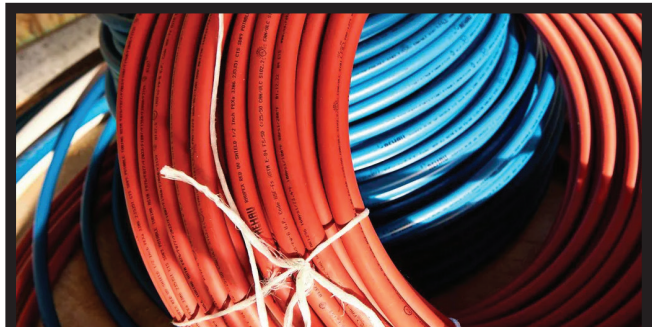


Trench Drains

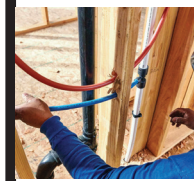


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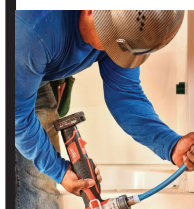
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