



WISCONSIN HEALTHCARE ENGINEER ASSOCIATION EMBRACING CHANGE AS SPRING APPROACHES

As the winter chill begins to fade and the promise of spring unfolds, Wisconsin Healthcare Engineer Association (WHEA) is ready for growth and renewal. Spring is a time of transformation, a season when nature wakes up and reminds us that change is a constant part of life. Just as the seasons shift, so too must we adapt to the evolving world of healthcare engineering, especially in light of recent events.

The passing of Jane Bruvold, a valued member of the WHEA community, has left a significant impact on our organization. Jane provided incredible behind-the-scenes support that helped shape our healthcare engineering field and strengthen our community. Her dedication and leadership will be greatly missed, but her legacy reminds us of the importance of resilience and adaptability during times of change.

In response to these challenges, WHEA Executive Board has approved a two-year agreement with Wisconsin Association Management (WAM). This partnership aims to improve our administrative capabilities, allowing the association to focus on its mission of supporting healthcare engineers across the state. With WAM's expertise, WHEA will enhance communication and member services, ensuring that we continue to provide the best support possible as we move forward.

During this time of transition, it is crucial for WHEA members and stakeholders to stay informed. Updates regarding changes to our mailing address and phone number will be available on WHEA's website, a key resource for keeping members connected and engaged. This commitment to transparency shows WHEA's dedication to its members and fosters a strong sense of community in our ever-changing field.

As we look ahead to the new season, we see the parallels between the natural world and our professional

environment. Just as the changing weather encourages us to adapt our wardrobes and activities, healthcare engineering requires us to embrace new technologies and practices. Spring is not just a change in weather; it's a time to reassess our approaches, refine our skills, and prepare for future challenges.

Healthcare engineering plays a vital role in making sure that healthcare facilities run smoothly and safely. With advances in technology and changes in healthcare delivery, professionals in this field must stay flexible, learning new tools and methods to meet the needs of patients and providers. WHEA is committed to supporting its members on this journey of adaptation. Through professional development opportunities, networking events, and educational resources, the association creates an environment where healthcare engineers can thrive.


Spring also symbolizes renewal, a chance to reflect on our achievements and set new goals. We encourage WHEA members to take this opportunity to evaluate their own professional paths. Are there skills you want to develop? Is there a project you've been putting off? WHEA offers resources to help you take the next step, whether through mentorship, training programs, or collaboration with fellow members.

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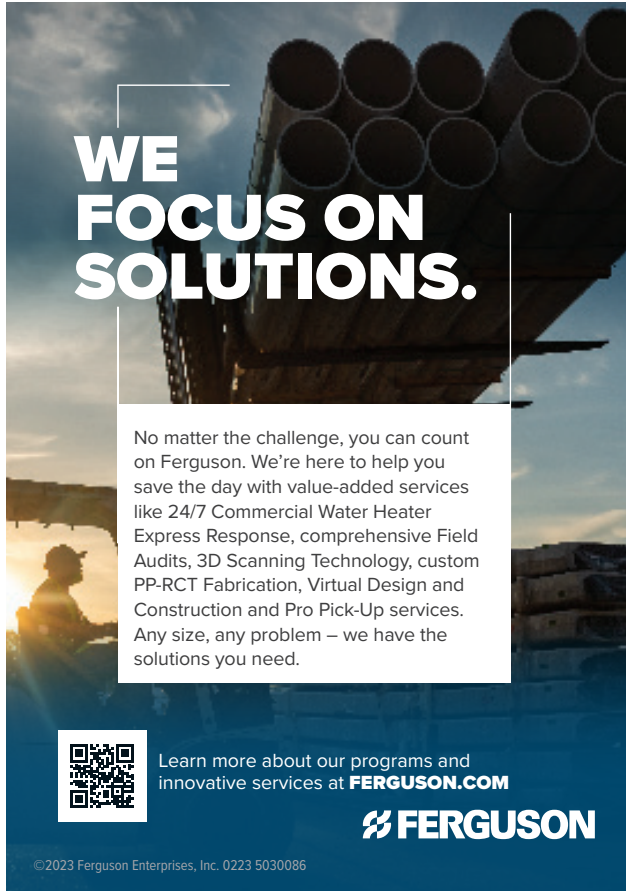
As we celebrate the arrival of spring, let's remember the importance of community within WHEA. The support of peers, shared knowledge, and teamwork are invaluable as we navigate the complexities of healthcare engineering. With the partnership with WAM boosting our administrative capabilities, WHEA is better equipped to encourage collaboration among members, ensuring that everyone has a voice in shaping the future of our profession.

In conclusion, as we welcome the warmth and vibrancy of spring, let's remember that change is a part of our lives and our profession. WHEA is here to support its members through this season of growth and transformation. Keep an eye on WHEA's website for updates on administrative changes and upcoming events, and let's embrace the opportunities that lie ahead together. As we adapt to the evolving landscape of healthcare engineering, we honor Jane Bruvold's legacy by continuing to support one another and move forward with purpose.




Matt Malmin, WHEA President





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2025 WHEA CALENDAR

April 10 April 17	Lunch & Learn Chapter V	Water Management Mech Training, Mayo, Eau Claire
April 17	Chapter III	Annual Banquet @ Van Abel's of Hollandtown
May 8 May 15	Lunch & Learn Chapter III	LO TO Business Meeting, Triple J, Brillion
June 6 June 12	Codes & Standards Lunch & Learn	Committee Meeting Electrical Infrastructure
June 26	Chapter V	Golf Outing, White Tail Golf course, Colfax
July 10 July 17	Lunch & Learn Chapter III	WHEA Conference Preview Business Meeting, Tapped on the Lakeshore, Two Rivers
August 5 August 14	Codes & Standards Lunch & Learn	Committee Meeting Effective Pre- Construction
August 21	Chapter V	Business Meeting, Tech in the Workplace
September 4 September 11 September 25	Chapter III Lunch & Learn Chapter III	Golf Outing, Royal St. Patrick's, Wrightstown MEP Trouble Shooting Business Meeting at Annual Conference
October 9 October 16	Lunch & Learn Chapter V	Air Balancing Business Meeting, Trap Shoot @ Eau Claire Rod & Gun
November 4 November 13	Codes & Standards Lunch & Learn	Committee Meeting Med Gas 2012
December 11	Lunch & Learn	Employee Retention & Hiring



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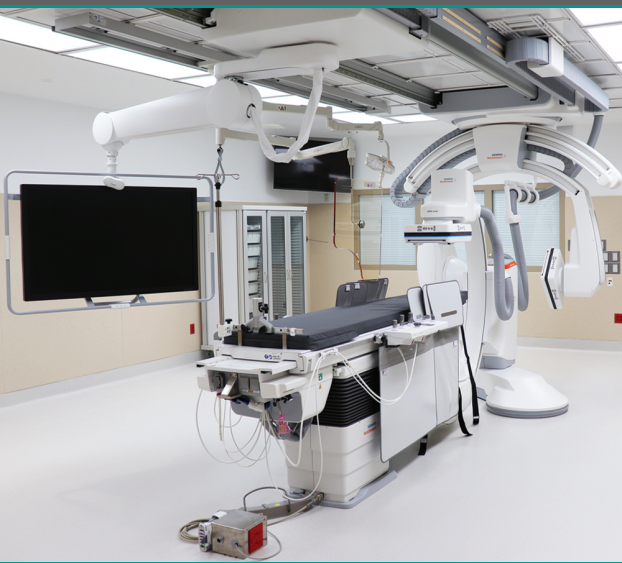

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CHAPTER V

Miron Construction hosted a gathering of Chapter V members, led by Chapter V President Ben Trachsel and Vice President Morgan Weiss, on Thursday, March 27. This year, Chapter V introduced a new addition to its itinerary—a bus trip to Lambeau Field, complete with an overnight stay in Green Bay. The event included a tour of Lambeau Field, with the chapter meeting taking place on the bus in route to Miron Construction's office next to Lambeau. Matt Malmin, the current WHEA State Board President, was also in attendance. That evening, dinner was provided by NEI Electric and Siemens.



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WHEA FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

The current membership of the WHEA Foundation consists of: Gordon Howie (President), Kevin Feyen (Vice President), 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, and Jenni Eschner.

At the end of 2024 the Foundation balance was at \$74,479.53. Since then, the Foundation has received \$13,101.47 from golf outings and expensed \$1,750 in grants. The available operating funds as of this month are \$65,831.

The highlights of recent activities include a grant for technical education of \$750, and two grants to MATC students of \$500 ea. Golf outing planning is moving forward with one course holding the September 22nd date, but with no formal commitment yet.

Our goals for 2025 include:

- a letter writing campaign which has been restarted
- converting the grant request process to an electronic format]
- adopt Basecamp as the Foundation database
- raise \$50,000

Respectfully submitted, Gordon Howie, President



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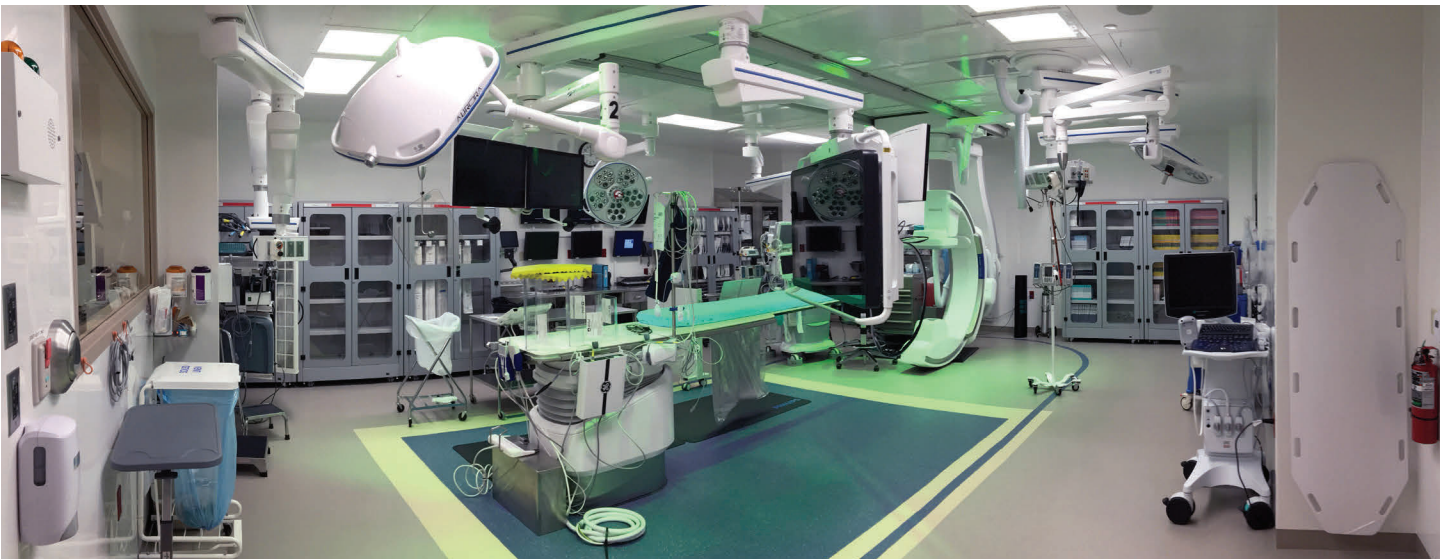
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CODES AND STANDARDS UPDATE

WI has a new/updated Plumbing Code. On February 6, 2025, DSPS developed a document to assist in applying SPS 382.50 to Additions and Alterations for Health Care and Health Care Related Facilities. DSPS has created this document to outline specific situations or scenarios in which the provisions within Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 382.50 and all other code sections apply to additions and alterations for health care and health care related facilities. See the link below.

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/Plumbing/AdditionsandalterationsforHealthCareFacilities.pdf>

Additional insights and options are welcome from the membership to assist all our efforts to help put limited resources to the best use and care for our patients and residents.

Thank you,
 Jeff Eckstein and Richard Helfrich
 WHEA Code Committee Co-Chairs

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CHAPTER II NEWS

By Kelsey Richmond

Chapter II has had a strong first quarter. We held our third meeting on February 6th at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital followed by a presentation on Healthcare Specific Controls by JM Brennan. We had over 50 attendees at this business meeting which makes for one of our largest normal lunch business meeting attendances so far!

Our fourth business meeting was on March 6th where Boldt was the host and provided lunch for this business meeting. At this meeting, Boldt provided an overview of the Acadia Healthcare – Shorewood Behavioral Health Hospital construction. One fun learning fact about this facility is that their heating and cooling is provided 100% by geothermal. After their presentation was finished, Boldt and the CEO of the facility provided an informative tour.

The next business meeting will be held on April 3rd at 11:30AM. Our host is IMEG located at 2323 Crossroads Drive. At this business meeting, IMEG and Findorff will provide a brief presentation on the new SSM ASC in Sun Prairie along with another tour!

May 1st is the date of Chapter II's annual banquet that will be held at Green Acres. The event will consist of cocktail hour, a brief business meeting, dinner, entertainment and door prizes! The entertainment this year will be Mark Hayward who will be performing Yo-Yo Tricks and comedy.

We hope to have a successful turnout and continue to stay strong in our numbers for our business meeting and events!



The above photo is from SSM St. Mary's facility during the Business portion.



The above image is from the March meeting where we toured the Acadia Healthcare Shorewood Behavioral Health facility provided by the CEO

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EPDC)

2025 An Opportunity to Lean More

Thus far, 2025 has been an unguided walk through the formally unknown. While some of our committee and processes have changed, our commitment to our sponsors, members and their staff remains the same. With the loss of Jane, it was discovered that many of the process that were completed, were just done by her. Never a second thought was given. As in any organization, these processes have placed us a bit behind for the year, but we have a wonderful organization. We are working hard to get back to where we once were and possibly move further ahead of the high-water mark that has been set. Thank you for your patience with us while we gather the maps, life vest, and necessary means to get back on the guided trail.

The first Hospital Construction Certificate (HCC) program of the year was a great success. Learn the necessary safety and infection control requirements to perform work in healthcare. Thank you to all of those that attended. This was a one-day virtual seminar that provided a certificate and downloadable reference materials. This is a must for any contractors, facility managers, and facility staff. We will be supplying an Advanced course that will be held later this year for our learners that are looking for more. Watch for more information on the Advanced program in the future.

Our Lunch and Learn programs are back for the 12th year. They offer education on code, operation, energy, and safety issues related to the healthcare industry. Even though the first 3 webinars have already aired, you can still register and have the previous subject available to you through recordings. The programs are all recorded so that you can view at your leisure or as assigned to staff. This is a great opportunity to put on the program, have a meal, and then a discussion the topic after the program with your colleagues.

We are working on putting together a “Technician’s 101” program on May 7th at Glacier Canyon in Wisconsin Dells. This will be a daylong seminar for newer managers, supervisors, technicians or someone just looking to sharpen their skills. While we are working to finalize the exact content of the program, we are already excited to have David Soens, Laura with the Joint Commission and a panel discussion set with WHEA members Gordon Howie and Isaac Larson. This will be limited to 100 registrants. Watch for your invitation and register early. The WHEA EPDC is working hard to provide wonderful programs for those that attend.

We look forward continuing to provide great educational opportunities, with the help of the Resource and Code Committees, in 2025.

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. The past programs are ready to review or watch for the first time. These may be watched at any time that you wish. Go to the Education tab at the www.whea.com site, sign up, and start your learning today. You will receive the login information for the next scheduled webinar and the links to all previous recordings. You never have to miss a program again. The cost for the annual webinar series will again be \$300 for WHEA members and \$500 for non WHEA members. Join now: www.whea.com.

Date	Remaining 2025 Programs
April	Water MGMT
May	LOTO
June	Electrical Infrastructure
July	WHEA Conf
August	Effective Preconstruction
Sept.	MEP Trouble shooting
October	Air Balancing
November	Med Gas (2012)
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