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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rick Helfrich
WHEA President

Summer has finally reached us, as we gear up for another round of fishing, four wheeling and hiking trails. I think that this will be a good summer for us. We are really getting over the whole public health emergency and moving forward with new thoughts and guidelines for keeping our patients and staff safe.

As we progress, we have several people attending the NFPA Annual Conference where we will be voting on NFPA 99, and 101. This is an important advocacy task that the WHEA Code Committee has undertaken to help with getting the codes adopted that meet what we need to help keep our patients and staff safe.

Along with that, at the ASHE Annual Conference this year, WHEA will again receive the Platinum Level Affiliation award. Thanks to the hard work of our new Energy and Sustainability Committee, led by Eric Braun, next year we should be able to achieve the Platinum Elite Affiliation. Eric will also be sending out updates on quick tips for saving energy. Look for those on the WHEA website and on LinkedIn. If you see Eric congratulate him for his hard work on this committee.

We have a great line up for our annual conference that will be held in Green Bay this year, which will include Charlie Berens to kick off our conference. This is a great place to catch up with old friends and make new ones. If you are planning on going don't forget to get your hotel room, they are filling up fast.

If you haven't already signed up for the Lunch and Learn webinar subscription, please check out what they have for this year and see if the education is something you might need and sign up. Once you sign up you will receive the links to the past ones from this year and have access to the rest of the 2023 webinars. These are great educational opportunities along with receiving continuing education credits for them, if you send in the feedback questionnaire.

ASHE also has a lot of educational opportunities on their website. Just go to ASHE and click on the Education and Events, the go to all education offerings. There are online and in person education opportunities.

And lastly, I would like to thank everyone for your time and commitment to WHEA. Without our members this would not be a great organization and have all the opportunities that we provide to our members along with all the educational opportunities.



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All scheduled events are subject to change. Be sure to check with your Chapter, Committee or the WHEA website for a possible schedule change.

W H E A C A L E N D A R

For additional details on calendar events (time, location address, etc.), go to www.whea.com and click on the individual event under the “CALENDAR” tab.

- 7/11/2023 Chapter IV Golf Outing, Indianhead Golf Course
- 7/13/2023 Lunch & Learn Series July Webinar
- 7/14/2023 Conference Committee Meeting, KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency
- 7/14/2023 WHEA Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Discount Ends
- 7/20/2023 Chapter III Meeting, Kohler
- 8/1/2023 Codes & Standards Committee Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 8/1/2023 Chapter VI Meeting, Black River Neighborhood Center - Maplewood Room
- 8/4/2023 Member Services Committee Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 8/4/2023 State Board Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 8/10/2023 Lunch & Learn Series August Webinar
- 8/11/2023 Education & Professional Development Committee Meeting
- 8/17/2023 Chapter V Meeting, Spooner Health
- 8/18/2023 Chapter II Annual Golf Outing, Lake Windsor Country Club
- 9/7/2023 Chapter III Meeting, Royal St. Patrick Golf Course
- 9/8/2023 Chapter I Golf Outing, Edgewood Golf Course
- 9/14/2023 Lunch & Learn Series September Webinar
- 9/14/2023 Chapter I Monthly Meeting
- 9/19/2023 WHEA Annual Conference, KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency
- 9/20/2023 WHEA Technical Exhibition, KI Convention Center
- 9/29/2023 Education & Professional Development Committee Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 10/12/2023 Lunch & Learn Series October Webinar
- 10/12/23 Chapter I Monthly Meeting
- 10/19/2023 Chapter V Meeting/Annual Trap Shoot, Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club
- 10/20/2023 Conference Committee Meeting
- 10/22/2023 Maintenance & Plant Operation Employee Recognition Week

IN MEMORIAM

Harold Walters

Harold Leonard Walters 83, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side at Luther/Mayo Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. on March 26th. Harold was born to Albert and Helen Walters on October 17th, 1939 in Albertville, WI and was raised on a small farm in southern Chippewa County on Highway 29. He attended Sunnyside Elementary school in Chippewa County and Chippewa Falls Middle and High Schools. As a teenager his family moved to Eau Claire, where he later graduated from Eau Claire Senior High School in 1957.

Shortly after graduating high school, he enlisted in the US Navy where he served as a Machinist Mate. He served ten years on active duty, sailing often throughout the Pacific and Asiatic waters in the mighty Destroyer ships known as the "Tin Can Navy." Harold served onboard three different destroyers: USS Ernest G. Small (DD-838), USS Trathen (DD-530) and the USS Lowrey (DD-770), where he achieved the rank of 1st Class Petty Officer (MM1).

Harold was a soft-spoken man with a strong and fast work ethic that few could keep up with. As a young man he was instilled with a strong sense of honor, devotion and patriotism and had a deep sense of duty to protect and preserve the freedoms of his country. He often spoke fondly of his military service and his Navy buddies and was especially fond of the days he got to spend in Japan, where he fell in love with the culture and picked up some of the language. In 1967, after serving his country with pride and receiving several service awards, he earned an honorable discharge and returned home to raise a family. In addition to serving in the Navy, he later joined the US Army reserve where he served his country for an additional 10 years.

In 1964 Harold married Judith R. York and together they raised three children on the southwest side of Eau Claire (Brunswick), in the same house where he grew up in as a teen. Through the years Harold worked at Luther Hospital and later at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls as the Director of Plant Services. In 1973 Harold became a member of Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA) Chapter V where he served on several committees, as President of Chapter V and as President of the state WHEA in 1997. He received a WHEA 30-yr membership award in 2003 and retired in 2005 from St. Joseph's Hospital, becoming a WHEA Life Member.

Harold is best remembered for his love, dedication and commitment to his family and for the dozens and dozens of friends he made through the various organizations for which he volunteered his time. His love and dedication to his family was extremely strong as he spent his early fatherhood with his children, actively leading them in several years of 4-H activities and instilling his strong work ethic into each of them. He spent time with them traveling, vacationing, hunting, camping and sharing with them his love for the great outdoors.

In his later years he took his love of country and dedicated it to his fellow veterans, spending many years serving them and their families around western Wisconsin through his involvement and leadership positions with the Eau Claire American Legion, Post 53. He was very dedicated to all who served in the military, participating in Veterans Day parades, Memorial Day events, Honor Guard, bingo and many other events. He participated as a member of the American Legion honor guard team for dozens of veterans' funerals.

Harold also had more hobbies than most people could ever imagine. He loved to travel to various historic war sites, he was an avid reader and had his own library of military and politically conservative books. He also loved gardening, yard work, competitive trap shooting, reloading all types of ammunition, tying fishing jigs, darts, white tail, turkey and goose hunting and war reenacting. He owned a collection of Civil War, WWI and WWII uniforms, tents, weaponry and numerous other artifacts, which included a 1914 WWI Ford "Lorrie" troop carrier he built in his shed from parts he purchased from around the country. He also loved to shoot his civil war cannon, which could be heard for miles. Harold's reenacting work and period uniforms were so authentic that he and several of his reenacting buddies were invited to be part of the 1993 Civil War movie "Gettysburg."

Harold was a war historian and loved to teach the history of war and politics to anyone that would listen. He had an uncanny ability to recall the smallest of details of just about any battle of any war and everyone often marveled at the stories he would tell. Harold also enjoyed wood carving, gun building, gun collecting, building antique cars and engines (Model T's) and he was the quintessential handyman, always referring to himself as a "Jack of all trades but master of none." In reality, we all learned a great deal from his vast knowledge and talents. He was a hard act to follow.

In his later years he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his group of breakfast club buddies. From all of his Veteran friends- we wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Helen Walters, step-father Tony King, and daughter Heather Walters.

He is survived by his loving wife Judy of 58 years; children Karl (Suzi), Melissa Haller and Mindy (David) Nyseth; siblings Darlene (Gene) Close, Janice (Jack) Nelson, Bob Walters, Jeff Walters, and Connie Walters Gomm. Grandchildren: Nathan (Katie) Walters, Jacob (Nancy) Holmberg, Seth (Alom) Walters, Katie (Caleb) Horner, Abby Nyseth (Luke Kasten), Garrett Haller, Maddy Haller, Kaleb (Ali Koel), and Thane Nyseth. Great grandchildren: Soren Walters, Arlo Walters, and Julian Holmberg. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harold's memorial service was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at St. John's Church, 1804 Highland Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701.



Conference Committee News



Ed Cosner

We are thrilled to bring you exciting news about the upcoming 2023 Annual Conference in Green Bay.

The Conference Committee has been working tirelessly to ensure an exceptional event that will leave you inspired and informed. Get ready to embark on a journey of knowledge and networking as we explore the ever-evolving world of healthcare maintenance engineering.



Kevin Feyen
Co-Chair

Our education topics have been carefully curated to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the latest developments in the field. From emerging technologies to ground-breaking practices, our sessions are

designed to equip you with the knowledge and insights needed to stay ahead of the curve. Whether you are a seasoned professional or just beginning your journey, these sessions promise to deepen your understanding and spark your enthusiasm. The conference agenda is included on this page and complete information can be found on page 15.

Our lineup of esteemed speakers are experts in their respective domains. These industry leaders will share their wisdom, experiences, and perspectives, giving you a holistic view of healthcare maintenance engineering. With diverse backgrounds and expertise, our speakers will deliver thought-provoking sessions that will challenge your thinking and inspire new ideas. Get ready to learn from the best and engage in meaningful discussions that will shape the future of our industry.

We are honored to announce that this year's conference will feature a very special keynote speaker: Charlie Berens, a renowned comedian and proud Wisconsin native. With his unique blend of humor and wit, Charlie will add a touch of lightheartedness to open our event. Prepare to be entertained and uplifted as Charlie brings his infectious energy to the stage. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Save the Date and Register Soon

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Annual Conference, taking place from September 19th to 22nd. Registration for the conference is open at www.whea.com and hotel rooms are going fast.

In conjunction with the Annual Conference, we are excited to present the 2023 Technical Exhibition. This year, the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, September 20th, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, with lunch included. It is an excellent opportunity for you to explore the latest advancements, connect with

Conference AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00–11:00 AM	Conference Committee Meeting
11:30 AM	Registration Opens
12:30–12:45 PM	Conference Welcome: Jeffrey Weber, WHEA Vice President
12:45–1:45 PM	Keynote Speaker: Charlie Berens
1:45–2:00 PM	Break
2:00–2:45 PM	<i>Building Assessments for Life Safety Code Compliance – Making the Process Meet Your Needs</i> , Dale Wilson, Code Consultants, Inc.
2:45–3:30 PM	<i>Establishing Your Fire Protection Concept for Defend in Place</i> , Dale Wilson, Code Consultants Inc.
3:30–3:45 PM	Break
3:45–4:30 PM	<i>Misunderstanding ASHRAE 170</i> , Bill Middleton, Critical Environment Professionals (CEPro)
5:00–7:00 PM	Conference Open House *Name Badges Required*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 AM	Registration Opens - Breakfast Available
7:00–8:00 AM	WHEA New Board Orientation Meeting
8:00–9:30 AM	<i>Acute Care and Ambulatory Care Code Updates</i> , WHEA Code Committee
9:30 AM–1:30 PM	Technical Exhibition
2:00–3:30 PM	<i>Track 1: Acute Care and Ambulatory Care Code Updates</i> , WHEA Code Committee
	<i>Track 2: Federal Surveys Long Term Care Plus Code Updates</i> , WHEA Code Committee
3:30–3:45 PM	Break
3:45–5:00 PM	<i>Track 1: Acute Care and Ambulatory Care Code Updates</i> , WHEA Code Committee
3:45–5:00 PM	<i>Track 2: Federal Surveys Long Term Care Plus Code Updates</i> , WHEA Code Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:25–8:25 AM	Chapter II Meeting Chapter III Meeting
8:00 AM	Registration Opens - Breakfast Available
8:30–10:15 AM	<i>Beyond COVID-19: Infection Prevention Hot Topics</i> , Marge McFarlane, PhD, MS, MT(ASCP), CHFM, CHSP, CJCP, HEM, MEP
10:15–10:30 AM	Break
10:30–11:30 AM	<i>Establishing Water Resilience in Healthcare Facilities</i> , Joss Hurford, Affiliated Engineers, Inc.
12:00–2:00 PM	Lunch & Annual Meeting
2:15–3:15 PM	<i>DNV Updates</i> , Brennan Scott, DNV
3:15–3:30 PM	Break
3:30–4:30 PM	<i>DNV Updates (continued)</i>
5:00–10:30 PM	Social Hour / Annual Banquet & Awards Presentation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 AM	Registration Opens - Breakfast Available
8:30–9:45 AM	<i>Maintaining Rural Healthcare Access Through Facility Cost Control & Flexibility</i> , Dave Sheedy, PE, CDT; Aaron Anderson, PE, LEED AP; Laura Rackley, CHFP, Kahler Slater
9:45–10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	<i>2023 Joint Commission Updates</i> , Jim Kendig, The Joint Commission

Conference Committee News (continued)

industry-leading vendors, and discover innovative solutions. Unfortunately our technical exhibition is fully booked. We apologize for any inconvenience caused and encourage you to look out for future opportunities to participate. The registration for the 2024 WHEA Technical Exhibition will open the first week of January. Be sure to sign up early!

The 2023 Annual Conference in Green Bay is set to be an unforgettable event filled with learning, networking, and camaraderie. We are committed to providing you with a platform that fosters growth, knowledge exchange, and professional connections. Together, let's make this conference a resounding success.

The 2023 Conference Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Co-Chair & Resource Committee Liaison: Ed Cosner
- Co-Chair: Kevin Feyen
- Conference Coordinator/Spouse Program: Jane Bruvold
- Special Events/Education Committee Liaison: Darrell Courtney
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An advertisement for the ARMADA Hot Water System for Healthcare. The top section features the ARMADA logo and the text "SUPERIOR USER SAFETY, INFECTION CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE, FROM MECHANICAL ROOM TO POINT OF USE". Below this, a paragraph describes the system as a total, end-to-end domestic hot water solution designed to mitigate waterborne pathogens, resist infection, and reduce scald risk. A diagram illustrates the system's components: GENERATION, CONTROL, REPORTING, and POINT OF USE, all connected to a central building icon. The bottom section features the Armstrong and AFFILIATED STEAM & HOT WATER logos, along with contact information: sales@affiliatedsteam.com, www.affiliatedsteam.com, and (800) 424-5392.

Annual Conference Registration Open!

SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2023 | KI CONVENTION CENTER

PURPOSE

The annual conference provides a variety of educational programs including code updates and additional current topics for all healthcare facility managers and engineers. In addition to the opportunity to enjoy time at the technical exhibits, you will be provided ample time to relax, network with your peers, and enjoy the Green Bay area.

EDUCATION AGENDA

This conference revolves around three days of intense healthcare engineering educational programs. (Specific program information and a timed agenda will be available at www.whea.com under the Conference tab.) The conference registration is open at www.whea.com.

TUESDAY – beginning at noon we will open the conference with our special keynote speaker, Charlie Berens, then continue with current education topics.

WEDNESDAY – sessions will include a review of state codes by WHEA's very own Codes and Standards Committee with a split track option for hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes.

THURSDAY – is a full day of hot topic education sessions and concluding with important compliance updates from DNV Healthcare.

FRIDAY – closes the conference with an update from The Joint Commission.

The conference agenda is subject to change. All speakers will have exceptional credentials and you will leave the conference with the most current information available to give you the tools to excel.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The 2023 Annual Conference special events have been planned to give you the opportunity to network professionally and socially with peers.

Tuesday Open House / Social Evening – this social event is an evening of relaxed conversation with the emphasis on renewing friendships and making new ones. Members and guests, retired members and guests, and registered exhibitors are invited.

Wednesday Annual Technical Exhibition – this exhibition will provide you with an update on all of the latest technology in the health care engineering field with a chance to meet the excellent firms that can supply and provide service of that technology to you. This technical exhibit will be held in the KI Convention Exhibition Hall.

Thursday Annual Banquet and Awards Program – Aloha from Green Bay! We are planning on a night of recognition to the hard work and dedication of our members. Then we will have a night of Hawaiian fun. Iron that aloha shirt, trim up the grass skirt and tighten up the coconuts for fun night of friends and fun.

FEES AND REGISTRATIONS

Go to www.whea.com and follow the "Annual Conference" tab to registration. Only online registrations will be accepted.

\$240 - Early Bird Full Conference Register and pay by July 14 (covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, breaks, noon luncheons, annual banquet*, and special events.)

\$280 - Full Conference Register and pay after July 14 (covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, breaks, noon luncheons, annual banquet*, and special events.)

\$140 - One Day Conference (covers the cost of educational programs, program materials and breaks. Does not include special events passes or banquet tickets*.)

\$50 - Spouse Program (includes programs planned for spouses, entry into the Tuesday Open House and Wednesday's Technical Exhibition and a banquet ticket*.)

All fees must be received by the beginning of the conference. If your registration fee is not received before the beginning of the conference, you will be asked to pay with a credit card when you register.

*Additional banquet tickets can be purchased at the conference for spouses of the conference attendees who do NOT sign up for the Spouse Program. This banquet ticket grants spouses entry into the Thursday night Annual Banquet only. It is not good for entry into any education sessions.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A non-refundable charge of \$50 will be retained for any cancellation received after August 22. All cancellations must be emailed to info@whea.com. No refunds will be made after the virtual conference binder is sent out (approximately 2 weeks before the conference).

EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAWING

If you register and pay before June 16th, you will be eligible for a special drawing. If your name is drawn, you will receive free lodging for the entire conference at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay. The winner will be notified by email.

LODGING

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay for education conference attendees at a discounted rate. This hotel has a 3 night minimum on conference reservations, but if you are a one day education attendee, please contact Jane at info@whea.com and she will be able to offer you information on rooms. There is a list of other hotels in the Green Bay area with discounted rates for our attendees on the Travel & Hotel webpage under the Conference tab on www.whea.com. Be sure to book your room early!

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact: Jane Bruvold, WHEA Administrative Assistant • 920-570.4081 • info@whea.com

Conference Spouse/Guest Activities

For the 2023 Annual Conference, we will be back at the KI Convention Center/ Hyatt Regency Green Bay after being away for quite a few years. Plans are still in the works for the spouses and guests of our conference attendees. Tammy Kleinschmidt and I will host a Tuesday Welcome Reception, which is always a relaxing, casual way to sit back and let everyone know what there is to offer for the week. Thursday will be a day of shopping. There will also be the scheduled conference activities that will be open to our spouses and guests.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 WHEA Annual Conference. *Be sure to join us!*

Jane Bruvold, WHEA Conference Coordinator

Tuesday Afternoon Keynote Speaker



CHARLIE BERENS is a comedian, New York Times Best Selling Author, Emmy-winning journalist, musician and creator of the Manitowoc Minute. The Wisconsin native has been featured on Comedy Central, Fox, CBS, Funny or Die, TBS, Variety, MTV News and more. He creates weekly content for his various social platforms and has amassed over 7.5 million followers.

New Sponsorship Opportunities Available for the 2023 Annual Conference

WHEA's Sponsorship Committee is thrilled to announce an expanded, wide range of sponsorship opportunities at this year's annual conference in Green Bay.

Sponsoring the WHEA Annual Conference provides your organization with numerous benefits and unique opportunities to enhance its visibility among industry professionals and thought leaders. By aligning your brand with this prestigious event, you can both expand your network and engage with the attendees and increase your company exposure through a heightened visibility.

We have carefully curated a selection of sponsorship opportunities to suit different preferences and budgets. To see all the available choices, go to www.whea.com under the Conference tab for the Sponsorship Opportunities page or follow this link: <https://www.whea.com/annual-conference-sponsorship-opportunities/>

Don't miss out on these remarkable opportunities to showcase your organization's commitment to the healthcare engineering industry. Remember, sponsorships are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and you are not limited to sponsoring just one event.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dennis Havlik, our Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair, at (608) 780-7555 or via email at dennis.havlik@gmail.com.

We look forward to partnering with you and making the WHEA Annual Conference an unforgettable experience for all attendees. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to advancing healthcare engineering excellence.



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Chapter II News



Steve Mumm
Chapter President

Chapter II had a full slate of educational presentations and tours this spring and are in the full swing of our summer programming.

We completed tours of the Emergency Power Upgrades at UnityPoint Health – Meriter as well as the ongoing construction at UW Health's Eastpark Medical Center. Our educational topics also included an interactive presentation from the Code Committee on 'Who Wants to

be an AHJ'. A big thank you to our presenters and special thanks to our meeting hosts and lunch sponsors: Findorff and Mortenson|Cullen.

At our May meeting, we celebrated with over 50 members at our annual banquet at Green Acres in Sauk City. And just as the newsletter is getting ready to be published, we're embarking on our First Annual Clay Shoot at Milford Hills in Johnson Creek. We had 48 participants in this successful event. Another BIG thank you to our sponsors for these events: Platinum Sponsors – CG Schmidt, Ring & DuChateau. Gold Sponsors – CDP, Cornerstone One, Findorff, IMEG, NAMI, Staff Electric. Silver Sponsors – Affiliated Engineers, Quality Power Solutions.

We will wrap up our events this year with our Annual Golf Outing at Lake Winsor Country Club in Windsor on Friday, August 18, 2023. Registration is due to Jim Schabowski by Friday August 11th. With Jim's support we are sure to have a full slate of golfers and sponsors!

I wanted to pass along my gratitude to all of Chapter II, especially our Executive Board, committee members and meeting participants for the excellent year or events. It has been a fun-filled calendar and we were able to see increased attendance with solid networking and team building opportunities. Hope to see you all in Green Bay in September.



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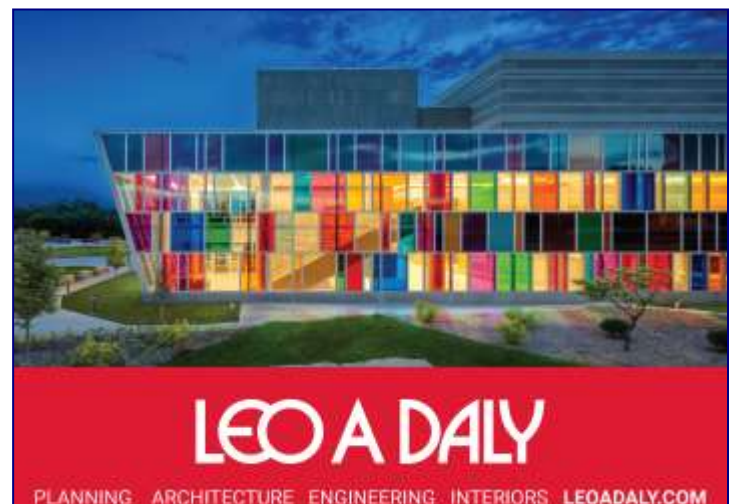
May 11th Chapter II annual banquet held at Green Acres.



June 9th Chapter II clay shoot held at Milford Hills Hunt Club.



The weather could not have been better for the 48 members that participated in the Chapter II clayshoot.



Code Critical



Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair

David Soens
Co-Chair

WHEA GOES TO LAS VEGAS

Ten representatives from WHEA, 6 full members, and 4 associates are planning on attending the upcoming 2023 NFPA Conference, Expo, and Technical Meeting. The event is anticipating an international audience of industry professionals focused on facing the world's toughest challenges. WHEA members are focusing our efforts on the future of healthcare codes given the 2024 editions of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and NFPA 99 Healthcare Facilities Codes are up for vote. This collaborative effort is appreciated given the WHEA board supported this group effort to help the larger ASHE national advocacy effort to positively influence future healthcare codes. The conference offers training, exposition of products, and technical code meeting June 19-22, 2023, hosted at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV.

Few of the educational opportunities our WHEA members can attend and bring said knowledge back to Wisconsin are:

- Health Care and Life Safety Changes: Major Proposed Revisions for NFPA 99 and NFPA 101
- Life Safety and Cybersecurity: A Threat from Withing (An Owners Perspective)
- NFPA 101 in Health Care Facilities: Managing Noncompliance and Construction

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Codes & Standards Committee (continued)

- Sustainability vs. Life Safety: The Debate of the Decade
- Fire Protection Water Supply Evaluation and Testing
- Life Safety Damper Installation and Testing, and
- Introduction to Energy Storage Systems

Lastly, the Technical Exhibit is a great opportunity to bring some of the tough questions to the NFPA Ask an Expert sessions or kick the can with a product vendor about their detectors, transfer switches, to fire pumps ... Viva La Vegas.

Other Updates:

Wisconsin Commercial Building Code ICC Updates:

IBC/ICC/IMC (International Building Code, International Code Council, International Mechanical Code) looks to be updated to the 2021 Edition. On May 30, 2023, a Notice of Submittal of Rule was sent to the Legislature i.e., this is the proposed rules relating to the adoption of the 2021 I-Codes.

Code Committee Monthly Updates

Please check out our Monthly updates at:

<https://www.whea.com/education/code-committee-monthly-updates/>

We've been providing these for about 8 months and are always looking for feedback. So, if you like them or would like to see something more or different, just let Jeff know at: jeckstein@findorff.com.



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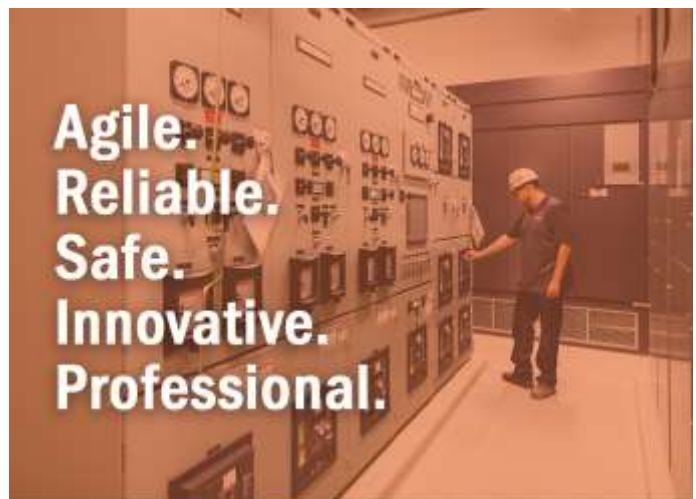


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History of the Free ASHE Membership Program

For many years the WHEA board of directors has provided a FREE ASHE membership to one member of each chapter. The free membership program has been coordinated by the Member Services Committee as one of that committee's annual goals. It has always been very important for chapter leaders to understand the purpose of the ASHE membership scholarships and who would be considered eligible to receive them. That purpose was (and still is) to promote ASHE membership from within the ranks of the WHEA membership. These free ASHE memberships were not to be provided to anyone who was currently or previously had been an ASHE member! A final list was compiled and the recipients of the free ASHE memberships for each chapter for the forthcoming year would be announced at the annual meeting during the WHEA Annual Conference.

The New ASHE Free Membership Program

Beginning in 2019, the process for selecting candidates for free ASHE memberships is open to anyone who is currently a paid Full member of WHEA and who has never previously been an ASHE member.

It's a first come – first served process, but there can only be one application received each year from any one facility. There is an application for these memberships included on the next page and the first six eligible applications received will be awarded a free ASHE membership. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1st and will be closed as soon as the first six candidates have been approved, but no later than the first day of the annual conference.

If the application process closes earlier than the beginning of the annual conference an email notification will be sent to all WHEA members and the successful applicants will be notified of their selection. Just as in previous years the recipients will be publicly announced at the annual meeting and in the earliest newsletter after the close of the application process. The Member Services Committee will provide each recipient with instructions for how to process their ASHE application.

For further clarification of anything involving free scholarships for ASHE membership, please contact Roger Elliott at (715) 563-2019, or rwelae@charter.net.





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Process for applying for a free ASHE membership:

- Applicant must be a paid Full WHEA member for the current year.
- Applicant must certify that they are not now nor have ever been an ASHE member.
- Applicant must submit a completed application the Member Services Committee Chair, Roger Elliott, no earlier than July 1st of the current year and no later than noon of the opening day of the WHEA Annual Conference.
- Applications must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
- Completed applications should be scanned and attached to an email addressed to rwelae@charter.net.
- Applicants must keep this original completed document to be included with their completed ASHE application subsequent to being notified of selection for a free ASHE membership.

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Chapter V Quarter 2 Update



Kris Hahn
Chapter President

We held our April meeting on April 20, 2023 at Mayo Clinic Health System Luther Campus in Eau Claire. We had a great turnout of (49) attendees and enjoyed networking. This meeting was our annual mechanic training and the education for the meeting was pressure relationships in a hospital, joint commission common issues to look for, and drywall patching and repair. Following the meeting Mayo Clinic Health System provided a tour of the Hospital in Eau Claire. Meeting topics included board reports, discussed the June Annual Golf Outing, voted in (7) new members, discussed remaining 2023 meeting dates and times, and discussed education topics for upcoming 2023 meetings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023 at Princeton Valley Golf Course in Eau Claire and it will be our annual golf outing.



Chapter V Officers for 2023

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Terry Phillips
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2023, how can it be half over?

2023 is cruising right by our very eyes. Here we are knocking on the doorstep of July. How can it go by so quickly? Our lives are busier and more congested with all that we need to accomplish. 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 Webinar Subscription program is a reasonable, inhouse training for a \$300 per year per location fee. 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 2023 year, we have had a great list of programs directed to everyone in your facility.

We have 1 Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) program remaining for 2023 and are planning on holding it in Wisconsin Dells in November. This will be the regular HCC that anyone can attend and receive a certificate good for 3 years on completion. Keep checking www.whea.com under the Education tab for further information on a date. We will not be offering an Advanced HCC this year. Thank you to the Code Committee for their continued efforts to keep our quality programs at a reasonable cost for our association.

We look forward continuing to provide great educational opportunities in 2023 to all of our WHEA members.
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February 9 Humidification in Healthcare	August 10 Water Treatment
March 9 Joint Commission Updates	September 14 Fire Stopping
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May 11 Fire Door Codes & Inspections	November 9 Emergency Management
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Besides the commemorative buttons, there are also posters and banners that may be purchased to make this day special for plant operations and maintenance employees. You'll note that our buttons and posters are specific to the date of the annual Recognition Week, but the durable vinyl banners (either horizontal & vertical versions) have been designed so they are not year-specific and, therefore, can be used year after year for your Recognition Week celebrations — a great investment at a modest price. The buttons are limited, so order them early if you can!

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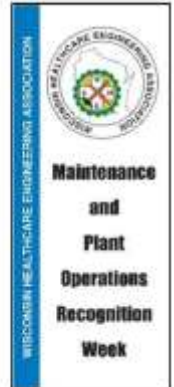
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