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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Isaac Larson*  
WHEA President

Summer is here! I'm hopeful that each and every WHEA member has plans to get out and enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin weather. Don't wait too long, because the days will start getting shorter again very soon. The bottom line is that rest and rejuvenation is so critically important to our overall health and wellbeing! My challenge to you this quarter is to focus on being intentional with your relaxation time and RECHARGE your mental/physical batteries!!

As stated in previous newsletters, WHEA has a ton of great things in the pipeline for our membership this year! With help from each of our six (6) chapter presidents and each member of the state board, we have an abundance of opportunities for each WHEA member to dive deeper into codes & standards, as well as education and professional development. In alliance with continuously promoting industry advancement, your WHEA State Board and Conference Committee is finished with the agenda for our 2022 Annual Conference! We are excited to announce that Rocky Bleier will be our keynote speaker this year!! Rocky is a former NFL player that spent 13 years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and won 4 Super Bowls! Rocky also served our country during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart for his brave service. Rocky is a Wisconsin kid and was born and raised in Appleton. We are looking forward to his inspirational message to kick off our week together in September. Register now for the 2022 Annual Conference, scheduled for September 20-23 in La Crosse.

The mission of WHEA is to provide quality education, advocacy and outreach within our healthcare community. The key to our success is a commitment to our members and the development of professional relationships. WHEA is recognized by local and national regulatory organizations as an essential partner in ensuring codes, standards and compliance within the healthcare industry. We, as members of this great organization, are fortunate to live out this mission daily. Every moment and every interaction provides an opportunity for us to continue advancing the health and wellbeing of our industry, and our communities ... don't stop pushing for greatness!

Thank you to everyone who puts in the extra time and effort to make WHEA an amazing organization! I, along with your State Board members, appreciate all that you are doing.



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- 12 Jul, Tue – Chapter IV Golf Outing
- 14 Jul, Thu - 11:30am – 1pm / Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- 15 Jul, Fri - 9am – 12pm Conference Committee Meeting, Radisson Downtown La Crosse
- 17-20 Jul - ASHE Annual Conference - Boston, MA
- 28 Jul, Thu - Chapter III Meeting / Axe Throwing
- 11 Aug, Thu - 11:30am – 1pm / Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- 12 Aug, Fri – 9:00am - State Board Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 18 Aug, Thu - Chapter V Annual MECH Training
- 26 Aug, Fri - Chapter II Golf Outing
- 8 Sep, Thu - Chapter III Golf Outing
- 8 Sep, Thu - 11:30am – 1pm / Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- 9 Sep, Fri - Chapter I Golf Outing
- 20 Sep, Tue - 24 Sep, Fri - WHEA Annual Conference, La Crosse Center
- 21 Sep, Wed - WHEA Technical Exhibition
- 22 Sep, Thu - Chapter III Meeting at Annual Conference
- 13 Oct, Thu - 11:30am – 1pm / Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- 14 Oct, Fri - Education & Professional Development Committee Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center



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## IN MEMORIAM

### James “Jim” Hildebrand

James Hildebrand found peace on April 17, 2022 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Kris for 53 years. Loving dad of Jennifer (Mark) Mayer and the late David. Proud grandpa of Alexa and Katrina Mayer. Brother of Royann (Jim) Mathis, the late Yvonne (late

Clarence) Grant, the late Robert (Sylvia) and the late Steven (Pam). Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A private service was held for Jim by the family.



Jim was Director of Operations of St. Joseph Hospital, Columbia St. Mary's, and Luther Manor in Milwaukee. He joined WHEA in 1977 and served the organization in many ways. He was our liaison between WHEA and the MISHE board as the MECH Program Manager from about 1999 to 2014 when he retired. **Jim's last MECH report** in an annual directory was in the 2013 edition where he indicated that WHEA had helped certify over 350 MECH and Sr. MECH mechanics. Our most recent directories indicate that WHEA still has approx. 180 certified MECHANICS, in spite of the fact that MISHE no longer includes program managers to coordinate their certification program in local chapters. He also served in several capacities at the state board level and served as WHEA president in 2006. Page 3 of the 2006 directory features his photo and presidents message.

**Former WHEA President Bill Best spoke of Jim as taking on a big leadership role in the '90's in Chapter I by stepping into the Officer-at-Large position and then progressed through the Chapter I officers' ranks. He followed that with a tour on the State WHEA board while concurrently serving on the Education committee in his role as MECH Program Manager. He was a person that believed there were many roll opportunities to serve WHEA and took advantage of several of them. He was a true champion of WHEA and its programs.**

**Past WHEA President, Wade Rudolph said of Jim: "...I learned from Jim to enjoy life; including the challenges... Jim was always working to make changes within the accepted process. He taught me how to constructively advocate for our organization while nurturing and maintaining the relationships with all parties involved. For this I am grateful to have known Jim. He made me laugh and was a pleasure to be working with."**

**David Soens, current Co-Chair of the WHEA Codes and Standards Committee commented: "I remember Jim's smile and [his] support when I was first crossing the bridge into a greater role in WHEA. He would somehow be able to sit in a large audience, and still make a speaker feel welcome from a distance. Good man in so many ways ..."**

**The other co-chair of the Codes and Standards committee, Jeff Eckstein remarked: "It was about 30 years ago (while working with Jim at Columbia Hospital) when Jim suggested I check out this organization called WHEA and he invited me to my first meeting...that was really good advice! I also seem to recall he and Mike Blackwood may have twisted my arm a bit to Chair the Code Committee – that turned out pretty good too. Lastly, Jim's approach to facilities ops was pretty simple...make sure the patients, their nurses and his team were all being taken good care of. Jim was really good at that."**

## IN MEMORIAM

Don Vance

Donald E. Vance, 91 of Eau Claire, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 21, 2022. He was born on February 8, 1931 to Roy and Amanda Vance. He married the love of his life, Norma Toy, on February 18, 1951. Don retired at the age of 80 from his life-long job at Luther Midlefort Mayo after 60 wonderful years. He walked the halls of Mayo and witnessed the growth of the beautiful facility.



Don was an active member of the Moose Lodge, where he regularly attended dinner and events. Don was also an active member and supporter of WHEA, having joined while at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire in 1972. He served Chapter V in various capacities and became WHEA President in 1981 when the WHEA annual conference was held at the Pioneer Inn in Oshkosh.

Don lived a long and well-lived life. He was always full of love, positivity and always wore a big smile on his face. He would tell you the secret to staying young is all about walking every day, eating healthy, not drinking too much, always keep a project going to keep your mind sharp and hit the church on Sunday. He was a man of superstition and always seemed **to carry a rabbit's foot in his pocket.**

Don will be greatly missed by his wife, Norma; 2 children: Anita (Chuck) Halbleib and Michael (Carol) Vance; 3 grandchildren: Ryan (Anna) Zepaltas, Amber (Ryan) Dewey and Rachel Vance; and 2 great-granddaughters: Audrey and Claire.

Don has gone to meet his brothers: George, Ralph, Roger and Willard; his Ma and Pa; and a very special brother-in-law, Gary.



## IN MEMORIAM

### Dennis McAvoy

Dennis P. McEvoy passed away on June 13, 2022 at the age of 75. Dennis was born and raised in Milwaukee WI and later moved to Waukesha County. Dennis was a 30-year employee of Waukesha Memorial Hospital (Pro Health Care) as Director of Plant, Safety and Security. He was an active member of Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA), beginning in 1989. He served in many capacities as a member of WHEA Chapter I and served on the WHEA state Member Services committee from 1997-2006. His work ethic was unmatched not only at work, but at home. He loved landscaping and took pride in his well-manicured lawn. In addition to **watching the races at Hales Corners and Slinger Speedway, his happy place was “putzing”** in his yard.



Anyone who knew Dennis was well aware of his quick wit and sense of humor. If you were lucky enough to be on the receiving end of his teasing it meant you were well loved. **One of Dennis' greatest joys was attending his grandchildren's sporting events, concerts and plays.** Despite his health issues later in life, he found a way to put one foot in front of the other and remained resilient.

He is survived by his loving wife Peggy (nee Schmidt). Dear father of Carrie (Brian) Ripp, Kelly McEvoy and Cory (Michael) Haight. Loving Papa of Alec, Delaney, Emily and Ally. Son in-law of Junette Schmidt. Brother in-law of Carol (John), Kevin, Kevin (Darlene), Nancy (Ken), Lynda (John), Maria and Nancy. Further survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces, nephews and many friends.

Preceded in death by his first wife, Catherine McEvoy; parents, Leo and Edna McEvoy; brother, Roger McEvoy; sister in-law, Debra Miller; and brother in-law Brian Schmidt.



# 2022 WHEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN AT [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com)

## SEPTEMBER 20 – 23, 2022 | LA CROSSE 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 La Crosse 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](http://www.whea.com) under the Conference tab.) The conference registration is open at [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com).

**Tuesday** – beginning at noon we will open the conference with a keynote speaker and continue with current education topics.

**Wednesday** – sessions will include programs focusing on current hot topics of interest to all attendees.

**Thursday** – is a full day of programs including important compliance updates presented by both The Joint Commission and the DNV Healthcare.

**Friday** – closes the conference out with a review of state code updates by WHEA's very own Codes and Standards Committee with a split track option for hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes.

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 2022 Annual Conference special events have been planned to give you the opportunity to network professionally and socially with peers.

**Conference 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.

**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 La Crosse Center Exhibition Hall.

**The Annual Banquet and Awards Program** — "WHEA: A Night at the Races" will be a time to relax and recognize the hard work and dedication given by our members. Horse racing, games and associated dress for prizes. A fun night of friends and gaming.

### REGISTRATION AND FEES

Go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and follow the "Annual Conference" tab to registration.

**Only online registrations will be accepted.**

Fees and Registrations

**\$240 — Early Bird Full Conference** / register and pay by July 22 (covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, breaks, noon luncheons, annual banquet\*, and special events.)

**\$280 — Full Conference** (register and pay after July 22) (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\*.)

**\*Additional banquet tickets can be purchased at the conference for one day registrants and/or additional guests.**

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.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

A non-refundable charge of \$50 will be retained for any cancellation received after August 23. All cancellations must be emailed to [info@whea.com](mailto:info@whea.com). No refunds will be made after the conference has started.

### EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAWING

If you register and pay before June 10th, you will be eligible for a special drawing. If your name is drawn, you will receive free lodging for the entire conference at the Radisson Hotel in downtown La Crosse. The winner will be notified by email.

### LODGING

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson La Crosse Hotel 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](mailto:info@whea.com) and she will be able to offer you information on rooms. There is a list of many other hotels in the La Crosse area with discounted rates for our attendees. Most within walking distance of the La Crosse Center. You can find a list of hotels at the Travel & Hotel webpage under the Conference tab on [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com). Be sure to call and reserve your room early!

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON KEYNOTE SPEAKER



We are delighted to have Rocky Bleier as our keynote speaker this year. Rocky is a former NFL player that spent 13 years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and won 4 Super Bowls. He also served our country during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart for his brave service. Rocky is a Wisconsin kid, born and raised in Appleton. Be sure to be there for his inspirational message to kick off this year's conference!

### WHEA: A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Thursday evening Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be followed by an exciting night of horse racing with all the fanfare that is had at the Kentucky Derby. Be sure to attend for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Bowties, hats and derby attire optional...but highly encouraged. Grab your mint julep, you could win a special prize!



## Annual Conference Registration Open!



Ed Cosner  
Committee Chair

Be sure to go online at [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and register for the 2022 WHEA Annual Conference. Plans are complete and everyone is working hard to make it an extra special conference. The education agenda is on the next page and the speaker's will be exceptional. The Technical Exhibition is filled to the max and there will be a wide variety of new items and technology to learn about. This year's conference will again be held at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse from Tuesday, September 20 through Friday, September 23 with the Technical Exhibition occurring on Wednesday, September 21 and the Tuesday Evening Open House on the night of the 20th.

Our conference pricing will stay the same this year, with early bird registration at \$240, going up to \$280 after July 22. A one day registration is \$140 and our spouse/guest program is \$50. Go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) to the Conference tab for complete information and the link to registration. Hotel's in the area have blocks of rooms available and you'll find that info under the Conference tab / Travel & Hotel Information page.

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## 2022 WHEA Annual Conference Agenda

### Tuesday, September 20

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conference Committee Meeting ( <i>La Crosse Center Boardroom B</i> )
11:30 AM	Registration Opens ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall Main Floor Lobby</i> )
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Conference Welcome: Richard Helfrich, WHEA Vice President ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Keynote Speaker: Rocky Bleier ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	"Cybersecurity Updates", Steve Brukbacher, Johnson Controls ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	"Preparing for Your Future", Ode Keil, Ode Keil Consulting Group ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Conference Open House * Name Badges Required * ( <i>Radisson Hotel Ballroom</i> )

### Wednesday, September 21

7:00 AM	Registration Opens ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall Main Floor Lobby</i> ) Breakfast Available Outside Education Sessions
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	WHEA New Board Orientation Meeting ( <i>La Crosse Center Boardroom B</i> )
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	"Helpful Hints for a Successful Physical Environment (PE) Survey with the Top DNV PE Findings," Kelly Proctor, DNV Healthcare
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Technical Exhibition ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall Exhibit Hall Lower Level</i> ) 9:30 AM - Coffee & Rolls   12:30 PM - 1:30 PM - Lunch ( <i>in the Exhibit Hall</i> )
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	"Joint Commission Updates", James Kendig, MS, CHSP, HEM, The Joint Commission
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	"Joint Commission Updates, (continued)"

### Thursday, September 22

7:25 AM - 8:25 AM	Chapter II Meeting ( <i>Radisson Hotel / Iowa Room</i> ) Chapter III Meeting ( <i>Radisson Hotel / Illinois Room</i> )
8:00 AM	Registration Opens ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall Main Floor Lobby</i> ) Breakfast Available Outside Education Sessions
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	"AAMI Standard 108 - New Requirements for Sterile Processing Water", Jamie Munda, Nalco Water ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	"3 Vulnerabilities to be Mindful of in Your Water Management Program", Hillary Nardone, Barclay Water Management, Inc. ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	"Planning Party - Upcoming Construction (ICRA)", Christa Mardaus, Jayson Karas, Carpenter's Training Institute
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch & Annual Meeting ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall B1-B4 Lower Level</i> )
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	"What Facilities Staff Need", Jeff Thompson, former CEO Gundersen Health System ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	ASHE Update, Danielle Gathje, ASHE Region 6 Board Member ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B,C</i> )
5:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Social Hour / Annual Banquet & Awards Presentation ( <i>Radisson Hotel Ballroom</i> )

### Friday, September 23

8:00 AM	Registration Opens ( <i>La Crosse Center South Hall Main Floor Lobby</i> ) Breakfast Available Outside Education Sessions
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Track 1: "Code Committee Hospital Updates", Codes & Standards Committee ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B</i> ) Track 2: "Code Committee Long Term Care Updates", Codes & Standards Committee ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom C</i> )
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Track 1: "Code Committee Hospital Updates", Codes & Standards Committee ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom A,B</i> ) Track 2: "Code Committee Long Term Care Updates", Codes & Standards Committee ( <i>La Crosse Center Ballroom C</i> )

# Chapter V Report



Matthew Malmin  
Chapter V President

## Testing our ability to change

In June Chapter V held our first annual golf outing to raise money for the WHEA Foundation and it was a large success for the Chapter. While Summer is finally here, each year as the seasons change, we also must be willing to change. Facilities equipment must also change, air handlers are making their semi-annual switch over from heating to cooling. At the same time, our Facility Mechanic ability to



change gets tested. While outside weather conditions are constantly changing. Staff are being testing on their knowledge of how to cool a space and maintain the level of comfort in their buildings. Staff go from being concerned about parking lot slips and falls to roof leaks and humidity level concerns. The ability to change with conditions is how we all provide the safe environment our patients deserve. Once a piece of equipment or even a staff member loses their ability to change, they may be replaced. So, take the time to recognize staff's adaptableness and thank them for all that they do to provide a safe environment for our customers. Not only to the patients but also to all the staff who work in the buildings we maintain.

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# Chapter / News



*Cory Majszak  
Chapter 1 President*

It was an eventful spring for Chapter 1. We continued to hold in person meetings at our host locations that included lessons learned and valuable education topics. We coupled those meetings with some incredibly enjoyable social events as well. Chapter 1 was proud to hold our inaugural sporting clay event held at the Waukesha Gun Club which was spearheaded by Jenna Jordan and Heather Slotke. Nearly 200 individuals participated in this event and based upon the smiles and the camaraderie we look forward to holding this event year over year. We ended our season with our annual banquet, held at Muskego Lakes Country Club, where we recognized the efforts of our membership, highlighted some notable contributions, and swore in our incoming board for the 2022-2023 season. For me it was an incredibly rewarding year as Chapter 1 President getting to interface and interact with all the talented individuals who contribute to our industry both in and outside of the office.



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# Chapter III Update



Tim Klein  
Chapter III President

### Chapter 3 Officers

- President – Tim Klein
- Vice President – Charlie Johnson
- Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Cote
- Officer at Large – Kelsey Richmond
- Past President – Eric Braun

May 19<sup>th</sup>, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Meeting, Brillion Triple J  
24 Attended our quarterly business meeting and clay pigeon shooting event

Kleenmark presented on Clean vs. Sanitized vs. Disinfected

Fun was had by all.

### Upcoming meetings

- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting and Axe Throwing in Two Rivers
- September 8<sup>th</sup> – Golf Outing
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Meeting at Annual Conference



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Committee Co-Chair

### Time is moving on.

We are halfway through 2022! Believe it or not, the daylight is starting to become less and less. That is fine, fireworks are on the horizon. The EPDC strives to offer the best education for our members at the best prices available. Your EPDC continues to provide quality as we have built some of the best programs to offer your staff and offer them at very reasonable fees.

Our Lunch and Learn programs are a great opportunity for in house training for a minimal \$300 fee per year. This offering also allows you to go back and review programs or maybe that last one that you may have missed. You can always assign your team members to review any topic that you feel necessary. Our programs are always being seen by those that are looking to be informed. We have had persons from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wyoming view our programs.

We have completed a combination in person and virtual HCC program. This turned out to be a success for those attending in person and those attending virtually. Once again WHEA's EPDC is working to provide the best education for all our members. The HCC is a prerequisite for the Advanced HCC. Sign up now. Our Advanced HCC has been a great success and we look forward to continuing the program later this year in Wisconsin Dells.

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*Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) (continued)*

Thank you to the Codes & Standards 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 2022 and beyond to all our WHEA members.



WHEA's Codes & Standards Committee members, Rick Helfrich, Jeff Eckstein and David Soens, run through the initial set up for the May 18th HCC program.



The Glacier Canyon Conference Center made streaming this program to the virtual attendees possible.

You or your organization can still sign up for the 2022 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 at the [www.whea.com](http://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. Register now: [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com).

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## Technology Committee



Heather Slottke  
Past Committee Chair

### Committee Members:

- Jim Benedict, Chair - Chapter I
- Jenna Jordan, Administrator - Chapter I, Chapter III
- Katie Smith – WHOVA App Coordinator - Chapter I, Chapter II

The Technology Committee has made tremendous strides in our two years as an official committee. Jim Benedict from Chapter 1 will be taking the over as chair and we are exciting for what he will bring to the table.

We continue to encourage the WHEA Chapters to send pictures and posts for our LinkedIn Page. We are getting noticed!

We are also working with the State Committees, such as the Code Committee, to post relevant updates with a link to find the information on WHEA.com. We are also working getting an email for the committee, so all information can go to one place.

Many of you enjoyed the WHOVA App that was used at the last annual conference. That same APP will be used for 2022. This year we plan on not only refining some of the features that were used last year, but start to use new items as well. Our goals is to make this easier for the connections made during the annual technical exhibition.

We are also working on getting each chapter set up with the equipment needed as we use more technology to connect, meet and provide education. We look forward to streamlining our processes across the State!

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## 2022 Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award

*Nominations Deadline is July 30, 2019*

The WHEA Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award is presented annually by the state board in order to provide additional recognition to WHEA members who demonstrate significant levels of achievement in, or make significant contributions to the various disciplines within the field of health care facilities management. This award is presented to a candidate who has been nominated by one or more of his/her peers, evaluated by the elected state board members by comparing all nominations received against a criteria-based scoring grid, and subsequently determining a recipient by a simple majority vote.

WHEA members who wish to nominate someone for this award should submit nomination papers prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so the board can evaluate all the nominations at the August board meeting and

be able to present the award at the 2022 Annual Banquet & Awards Program.

A more detailed description of the award concept, its purpose, the qualifications of candidates and an outline of the nomination and selection process is included in the following 2 pages of this newsletter. Please consider placing the name of one of your peers in nomination for the Pioneer Award. There is no shortage of very worthy candidates within our ranks. Please address any questions about the award, the nomination process, or any other concerns you may have to the WHEA Members Services Committee co-chair, Roger Elliott, [rwelae@charter.net](mailto:rwelae@charter.net) or WHEA President, Isaac Larson, [isaac.larson@froedtert.com](mailto:isaac.larson@froedtert.com)

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# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## Robert H. Botts HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

The intent of this award is to annually recognize a member of WHEA who has made significant contributions through personal or professional initiatives to improve and promote health care facilities management or the health care industry, in keeping with the mission statement of the organization: "The Wisconsin healthcare Engineering Association serves the community by providing a safe and comfortable environment for health care through the application and practice of health care engineering developed through education, professional growth, and advocacy in codes and standards."

### The AWARD:

Will be presented annually and consists of an engraved plaque displaying the WHEA logo, the recipients name and chapter, and the year awarded. Additionally, a letter recognizing the award with a brief synopsis of details of the recipient's accomplishments will be presented to both the recipient and his/her CEO/President.

### Qualifications:

In order to be nominated for the WHEA Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a current member of the WHEA
- Must have held continuous membership for a minimum of three (3) years
- Must not be a current elected state board member or an elected board member during the previous calendar year.

### Achievements & Contributions:

In order to be selected for the WHEA Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award, the successful candidate must have attained a significant level of achievement (as a professional working in the field of health care facilities management, or allied health care professions,) in one or more of the following areas:

- through achievement of significant operational efficiencies,
- through implementation or design of cost containment strategies,
- through significant innovation in facility design,
- through innovative facilities management practices,
- through innovative safety initiatives,
- through innovative technology initiatives,
- through innovations in construction management strategies,
- through participation in citizen advisor boards or other advocacy projects where personal facilities management expertise or applied engineering excellence:
  - significantly improved the overall quality of health care in the community(s) being served,
  - significantly improved accessibility to health care services,
  - significantly improved local, state, or national code compliance or code revisions, or
  - significantly improved levels of health care services to the community(s) served.

### Selection Procedure:

1. Candidates must be nominated by another member of the WHEA, in writing, including:
  - A written narrative of not less than 250 words, describing the actions that you feel qualifies your nominee for the Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award.
  - Include one (1) additional letter of support if so desired (not required)
  - Attach other supporting documentation as needed to validate the accomplishments of the nominee.
2. Nomination papers must be submitted to the current state WHEA President for the previous calendar year, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
3. The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteria-based scoring grid.
4. The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.
5. The award will be presented to the selected recipient by the President of WHEA at the Annual Banquet or other appropriate event or venue prior to the end of the calendar year.

# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## Robert H. Botts HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

### Nomination Form

I nominate the following individual for the \_\_\_\_\_ WHEA Robert H. Botts  
Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award. \_\_\_\_\_ Year

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER/CEO/PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATED BY:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ATTACHMENTS/INCLUSIONS: (Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_ Nomination Narrative

\_\_\_ One additional letter of support (Optional) Limit, one (1)

\_\_\_ Support documentation: Published articles, Financial documentation, and other documents as needed to validate the accomplishments of the nominee.

# Code Critical

Codes & Standards Committee

## NFPA Technical Meeting Success



Jeff Eckstein  
Co-Chair

David Soens  
Co-Chair

The 2022 NFPA Technical Meeting was held in-person and was assisted by electronic voting techniques developed over the last few years. Dave Soens - WHEA Code Committee Co-Chair and Rick Helfrich – WHEA Vice President represented our advocacy efforts in voting that took place June 8-9, 2022 in Boston MA.

Good news WHEA, ASHE, and other healthcare industry representatives voted on the next edition of NFPA 25 to help shape testing and inspection requirements for sprinkler systems in the years to come. Voting helped to minimize code conflicts, remove ambiguity, or provide relief of unnecessary burden on the health care industry. Four examples are as follows:

Removed a long-standing and burdensome provision in effect for almost 40 years. The soon to be published 2023 Edition of NFPA 25 s. 5.2.2.2 will now read: Sprinkler piping shall not be used to support non-system components. Traditionally external materials “resting” on sprinkler pipe, for example low-voltage wiring, was a common inspection deficiency, yet this code provision has not been substantiated to degrade sprinkler system performance. With a sweeping vote of support on the floor of 209, versus 13 against, NFPA 25 edition will now be consistent with NFPA 13. (25-3)

CPVC sprinkler piping has made strides in some sectors of the health care industry, yet installation restrictions motivated a new proposal to not permit “incompatible” materials. Unfortunately, NFPA 25 lacks a definition of incompatibility, and the sprinkler industry has no consistent specification for compatible materials, hence this provision is ambiguous and unenforceable. With another sweeping vote of support on the floor of 189, versus 16 against, this proposal was removed. (25-10)

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### *Existing Antifreeze Sprinkler Systems (continued)*

The NFPA 25 committee supported a new 5-year requirement to sample a percentage of concealed sprinklers by removing their cover plates and conducting an inspection. Unfortunately, no technical data substantiated a problem to warrant this new inspection. ASHE agreed to conduct research through its members to assist validation or mitigation of any assumptions related to concealed sprinkler head failures. Hence with another supportive vote from the floor of 168 for, and 20 against, this effort to add more inspection burden was avoided. (25-16)


Lastly, the long standing 18-inch clearance requirement between a sprinkler head and storage was once again debated. The NFPA 25 committee accepted a new revision to only require this clearance be inspected annually as outlined in a Table. ASHE advocated this requirement remain an ongoing requirement given operational conditions in a facility can change on a more frequent or daily basis. Hence with another supportive vote from the floor of 140 for, and 68 against, this proposed conflict was removed, and the text of NFPA 25 for ongoing clearance inspections remains a requirement. (25-17)

Overall results indicate a positive return for the issues identified as critical by the ASHE advocacy team. The complete NFPA technical meeting report is available at [https://www.nfpa.org/conference/technical\\_meeting.html](https://www.nfpa.org/conference/technical_meeting.html)

Appreciation is extended to the WHEA Board for its continued support of the WHEA Code Committee advocacy efforts. We look forward to monitoring the next round of code development of the 2024 editions of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code. The next NFPA Technical meeting could be interesting, which is scheduled June 19-21, 2023 in Las Vegas NV.



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## *Win a Free ASHE Membership!*

### **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 at the end of this newsletter and the first six eligible applications received will be awarded a free ASHE membership. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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# FREE ASHE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The WHEA Board of Directors awards six (6) free memberships in the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) each year. The purpose of the program is to promote the value of membership in ASHE within the ranks of WHEA members and to make the free memberships available to any Full member of WHEA, regardless of chapter affiliation or years of membership.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Fill out the following completely – Please print clearly.

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I hereby certify that I am a paid Full member of WHEA.

I hereby certify that I am not now nor have I ever been a member of ASHE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* Date \_\_\_\_\_

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