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## President's Message



Kevin Feyen WHEA President

As we transition from summer to fall, things have not changed much other than the color of the trees. Here in Wisconsin cases are on the rise as we enter flu season. This will put an increased pressure on our facilities and staff. Be there and support each other as we continue to push through this.

This week would have been our Annual Conference in Appleton. Listening to all our great present-

ers, networking with vendors and bouncing questions or concerns about your facility off of other colleagues and peers. This year we will still have the Annual Meeting but it will be virtual. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 we will log in and hear each Chapter President discuss chapter activities, committee chairs review the years goals and achievements, organization finances, vote on 2021 Board Members and any other pertinent information. It will be different but still great information, so please be patient as we move through the meeting and provide any feedback.

Thank you for your patience through all of this. We continue to look for new ways to provide education and updates during these tough times. Remember to use the website and the member area to reach out to colleagues and peers for questions or ideas. We also have the LinkedIn page for updates and events for Chapters.

Thank you to everyone who puts in the extra hours to make WHEA this amazing organization. I appreciate everything you are doing. Please maintain your social distancing and wear your mask. Hope to see (hear) you for the Annual Meeting in October. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Kevin Feyen WHEA 2020 President

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all scheduled events are subject to change. Be sure to check with your Chapter, Committee or the WHEA website for a possible schedule change.

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# \* CALENDAR

8 Oct, Thu 11:30am − 1pm / Lunch 🟵 Learn Series Webinar

15 Oct, Thu / Chapter V Virtual Meeting

16 Oct, Fri / Newsletter Article Deadline

23 Oct, Fri 10am – 12pm / WHEA Annual Member Virtual Meeting

**28 Oct, Wed** / ONLINE Basic Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC)

11 Nov, Wed / ONLINE Advanced Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC)

12 Nov, Wed 11:30 am - 1 pm / Lunch ⊕ Learn Series Webinar

10 Dec, Thu 11:30 am - 1 pm / Lunch ⊕ Learn Series Webinar

11 Dec, Fri / Newsletter Article Deadline

11 Dec, Fri 9:00 am / Board Meeting - Glacier Canyon

11 Dec, Fri 1:00 pm / Member Services Meeting - Glacier Canyon



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## COVID-19 Website Postings

WHEA continues to post daily updates to the www.whea.com dedicated COVID-19 webpage. Checking this page before your day begins or throughout the day should be considered a must.

This site is continually updated, sometimes multiple times daily, with the most recent news releases on the pandemic that affect Wisconsin healthcare facilities. We decided to create this webpage instead of emailing our members constantly with important updates. These notices come from our members that possess unique insight into the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Please check this webpage daily for important news and notices.

Go to <u>www.whea.com</u> and look for the red hot button in the upper right hand corner of the masthead.

Please let us know if there is any way we can improve this COVID-19 NEWS site







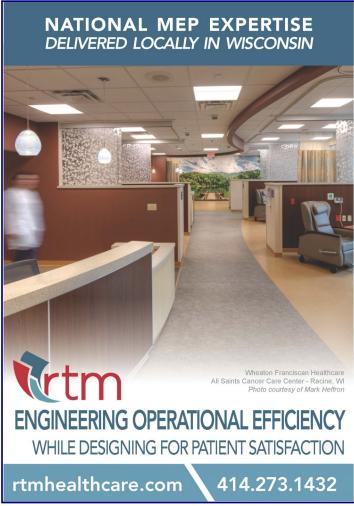


## 2020 WHEA Annual Meeting Notice

Due to the cancellation of the annual conference, the 2020 WHEA Annual meeting for all chapter members will be held **virtually** on Friday, October 23 starting at 10:00 am. You should have received email notice back on September 20th and you will be receiving an additional email with an agenda and login instruction sometime during the first week of October. Documents and login information will also be available on the WHEA Members Only opening website page at <a href="https://www.whea.com">www.whea.com</a>.









## Sustainability & Energy Committee Update



Clark Brenner Committee Chair

#### **Energy to Care Chapter Challenge**

We are looking for at least five facilities to volunteer for the Energy to Care National Chapter challenge this year. You will be representing WHEA in the chapter challenge against all the other chapters nationwide. We have one facility signed up and we would like at least four more. It is not hard to do, just have two years of utility data entered into energy star and Energy to Care from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 through March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 and give WHEA permission to access your data. We would like to have your facility participate so please contact me before February 26, 2021. You can contact me, Clark Brenner at <a href="mailto:cbrenner@uwhealth.org">cbrenner@uwhealth.org</a> for further information if your facility is interested in participating.

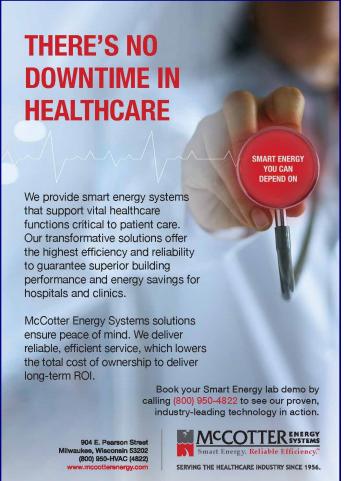
#### Energy to Care Award!

The Energy to Care Awards honor health care facilities that reduce energy consumption by 10 percent in a single year or by 15 percent over two years. The program also recognizes previous year award winners that reduce energy consumption by 5 percent.

#### **Energy Champion Award**

The Energy Champion Award is given out once per year to honor a single facility (acute care hospital or medical office building as defined by Energy Star) that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in energy efficiency. Hospitals and medical office buildings participating in Energy to Care that have an ASHE member on staff are eligible for this prestigious award.





## Chapter I News



Mike McGeorge Chapter I President

Word of the year: "Adaptability" (Noun) the quality of being able to adjust to new conditions.

As we move forward in these everevolving and uncertain times; we continue to strive for a sense of 'normal' in our lives, jobs, and pastimes. And while a lot of these affiliated events

have been significantly altered or cancelled altogether, our WHEA organization and Chapter are working diligently to adapt and bring value to our network of professional members.

Our incoming Board of Chapter 1 officers met on August 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss our options for the coming months. We reviewed the success of our May business meeting, where we had 66 members tune into our Zoom virtual meeting. Our Board decided that we would continue to hold our monthly Chapter business meetings on this platform for the remainder of 2020, and continue to stream all monthly meetings going forward to offer greater exposure to our members. We also made the decision to purchase our own Chapter's Zoom account and streaming camera for this purpose. More details on these meetings will be sent via email, and posted on our Chapter's tab on the WHEA.com site.

#### **Business Meetings**

As previously mentioned, our last business meeting was held in May. At that time, we unanimously elected our incoming Chapter 1 Board of Officers for 2020-21:

President - Heather Slottke
Vice President - Cory Majszak
Treasurer - Dave Guberud
Secretary - Jim Benedict
Officer at Large – Grace Radovich
Junior Past President - Mike McGeorge
Senior Past President - Jason Sipiorski

#### Noteworthy Chapter 1 Happenings

In response to the coronavirus, Chapter 1 Annual Banquet has been cancelled. It was scheduled for August 13, 2020.

The ball drop raffle for the Foundation Fundraiser set for the annual banquet will now be drawn at the golf outing.

The Chapter 1 Memorial Golf Outing is still being held on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at Silver Spring Golf Club. See registration information under our Chapter's tab on the WHEA.com site.

Chapter 1 will swear in our new 2020-21 Board of Officers at the Golf Outing.

#### Future Chapter 1 Events

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 PM. It will be a virtual meeting, and our sponsor will be ESC Midwest. More details will be forthcoming.

Our calendar for the rest of 2020 is still being compiled. Information will be communicated in the near future.

#### Treasurer's Report

#### Beginning Balance 7/1/2020 \$25,195.02

Deposits: New member direct bank deposits (8 people \* \$50/person) \$400.00

Expenses: Electronic withdraw charges - Authnet Gateway Motus Financial process) (\$35.00)

Electronic withdraw charges – CLEARENT LLC monthly fee (\$76.80)

State of Wisconsin, Dept of Finance (yearly Corp fee paid online to State) (\$10.00)

Checks Written Check # 524 WHEA-State (dues owed State WHEA \$6050.00)

#### Ending Balance 7/31/2020 \$19,423.22

I would like to personally thank you all for staying engaged and making this a great year for our WHEA Chapter and for me as Chapter President! Hope to see you all in person someday soon!



### Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) News







Terry Phillips Committee Co-Chair

2020 a year that will be one for the ages and we have 3 months to go. Here we are heading into October; COVID-19 is still at the top of minds as we all patiently await a vaccine. Record

breaking hurricanes, even one that came through Wisconsin. Is there any other reason to stay at home or at least as close to home as possible? May the remainder of 2020 allow you the freedoms that your work and life deserves.

On October 28th we are offering our first ever online Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) program. This will be an opportunity to attend the HCC from the comforts of your home or your office. The Code Committee is, once again, working hard to provide you, the member, with the best program that can be had for the cost.

The Advanced HCC program was created and implemented by our Code Committee. The 2020 program will also be an online program. This one day program, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, will be set up with an opportunity for all to participate. ICRA Solutions will be presenting the advanced program this year. Remember that you have to have a current HCC level certificate to attend the advanced program. If you don't have a current certificate, you could take the October *(continued)* 







#### Education and Professional Development Committee (continued)

28<sup>th</sup> HCC program, receive your certificate, then attend the Advanced HCC on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 2021 Lunch and Learn webinar offerings are currently in the planning phase. The EPDC will again offer programs that our members have requested with their returned program evaluations. Our 2020 programs have been received with very good reviews. We attempt to work with our contractors or suppliers to maintain a high level of training, up to date information and offer them to you for very low costs per program. All of the 2020 programs came from your suggestions throughout the 2019 year. Continue to supply input for future programs after each of the monthly programs. Thank you for your continued support to the education of our members in 2020.

Registration for the 2021 webinar subscription is now open at <a href="www.whea.com">www.whea.com</a> under the Education tab. To receive the remaining 3 webinars of 2020 as a bonus be sure to register soon. As a subscriber, you will also receive the recorded links to all 2021 webinars to watch again or watch for the first time. These may be watched at any time that you wish. You never have to miss a program again. Go to the Education tab at the <a href="www.whea.com">www.whea.com</a> site, sign up, and start your learning today. You will automatically receive the login information for the next scheduled webinar. The cost for the annual webinar series will again be \$300 for WHEA members and \$500 for non WHEA members. Join now and receive the remaining 2020 webinar programs for free. Tentative topics will be available by the end of October.







### Code Critical

#### Codes & Standards Committee







David Soens

Health Advisory

Hand hygiene is an important part of the response to the emergency of COVID-19 in the United States. Practicing hand hygiene, includes the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers or rubs (ABHSR) which typically contain either ethanol or isopropanol. However, some ABHSR that were manufactured in Mexico have been found to contain significant amounts of methanol. Repeated use of these products on the skin may result in methanol poisoning. However, the highest risk for methanol poisoning is by swallowing ABHSR products containing methanol. Recent events included young children who accidentally swallow these products and adolescents or adults who intentionally swallowed these products.

The clinical effects of methanol and ethanol poisoning are similar (e.g., headache, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of coordination, and decrease level of consciousness), but methanol poisoning may result in severe metabolic acidosis, blindness, and if untreated, can be fatal. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified over a dozen ABHSR products on recall available at: https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol

Remember good hand hygiene can involve the use soap and water for at least 20 seconds, which can be just as effective to an ABHSR product, in minimizing the spread of an infection via hand contact. Soap and water also has other advantages; it's readily available via a hand washing sink, non-toxic if ingested, not a fire hazard when in storage, and not a potential ignition source if spilled over an electrical outlet.



## DHS 124 Hospitals

The Wisconsin Administrative Code was updated with a new chapter, DHS 124 Hospitals, effective on July 1, 2020. Online copies of the streamlined and updated administrative code is available at: <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin.code/dhs/110/124.pdf">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin.code/dhs/110/124.pdf</a>

Ten years ago the process started when motivated by Wisconsin's health care industry to re-evaluate the overall plan review process with a Value Streaming methodology. Eventually validity was found and a Rule Proposal process engaged involving many stakeholders, most notably the Wisconsin Hospital Association and WHEA. Review and comment cycled through many legal and legislative reviews, two governors, and today the new administrative code is a reality.

Few highlights from a physical environment perspective:

- Improved consistency between DHS and DSPS plan review processes
- Improved timeframes for DHS plan review responses
- New freestanding emergency department provision
- Removed outdated provisions covered by LSC and IBC



## Maintenance and Plant Operations Employee Recognition Week October 25 - 31, 2020

This year especially, be sure to recognize all the hard work your essential workers have done to keep our healthcare facilities operating safely.

Order your buttons, banners (vertical or horizontal) and posters using the online form on the Recognizations webpage at <a href="www.whea.com">www.whea.com</a> under the "About" tab. Due to the cancellation of the annual conference, all orders will need to be shipped. The order form will add the flat rate shipping charge automatically. Be sure to order early!









#### **COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AVAILABLE**

ITEM	COST (each)	SHIPPING CHARGES
Commemorative Buttons, ea.	\$2.00	A \$10 FLAT RATE SHIPPING CHARGE IS APPLICABLE ON ALL ORDERS
2 ft. x 6 ft. Vinyl Banner Horizontal, ea.	\$100.00	
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Please direct questions to: Jane Bruvold at info@whea.com

Thank you for your support in celebrating Maintenance and Plant Operations Employee Recognition Week

October 25 - 31, 2020

## Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for a change -- an opportunity to advance your career?

Check out the following pages for employment opportunities available for healthcare facilities professionals.

#### Facilities Energy Coordinator, Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Full-Time

Job ID: 33335

#### **Posting Description**

Responsible for development and implementation of the Energy Management Program for the Children's Hospital Health System (CHHS).

Identifies and validates anticipated energy projects and savings as benchmark for continued employment. The position will be instrumental in helping develop a system wide energy policy, energy goals, operating procedures, and baseline, benchmarking, evaluation and monitoring procedures.

- Bachelor's degree required. Degree in science, engineering, business, education or related field is preferred.
- Five years of combined professional experience in energy &/or utility management, environmental services, engineering or equivalent experience is required. Professional (CEP) may be substituted for two years of the desired professional experience.
- Prior energy or facilities management and collaborative process facilitation experience preferred.
- Current certification as either a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) or Certified Energy Procurement preferred
- LEED certification desired
- Knowledgeable about strategies for improving utility usage efficiency and concepts related to high performance facilities.
- Experience working with computers and building automation computer systems (METASYS required, ALC Preferred).
- Requires a valid driver's license, acceptable driving record, ability to be insured by CW carrier.
- Experience with increasing responsibility and demonstrated success.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with leadership, design professionals, contractors, vendors and regulatory agencies.
- Proven expertise in organizing, analyzing, interpreting and evaluating relevant data.
- Documented experience with securing grant funds for related programs.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is required.
- Creative problem solving skills.
- Project management experience

This is a full time position with benefits: Health, Dental, Vision, Paid Personal Leave, and a Retirement Savings Plan.

1st shift - The hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

On call rotation required every 5 weeks

Candidates can apply by visiting <a href="https://childrenswi.org/careers/search-jobs-and-apply">https://childrenswi.org/careers/search-jobs-and-apply</a> and searching for job ID 33335.