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## *President's Message*



*Isaac Larson*  
*WHEA President*

Autumn in Wisconsin is a wonderful time of year! Leaves are changing, crisp/refreshing mornings, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and a new cast of characters (I mean board members) are settling into their roles on the WHEA State Board. As your newest President, I am excited to get started! Our next board meeting is December 10.

I was sworn-in just a few short weeks ago during our Annual Conference in La Crosse. It was sure nice to be back in person and to see everyone show-up big-time for our first conference since 2019. We had great attendance and a very large number of first-time attendees. The conference itself was very organized and well assembled, thanks to the focus and implementation from your WHEA Conference Committee members! Our time in La Crosse was packed full of education, networking, the trade show, reconnecting with old friends, meeting new industry professionals and certainly a lot of laughter and fun! Thank you to all who attended. Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2022 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 ... don't stop pushing for greatness!

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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.

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Tue, Nov 2  
Chapter VI Meeting

Tue, Nov 9  
Code Committee Meeting  
Wild Rock Golf Club

Wed, Nov 10  
Advanced HCC Education Program  
Glacier Canyon Conference Center

Thu, Nov 11  
11:30am – 1pm  
Lunch & Learn Series Webinar

Chapter III Meeting  
At CD Smith Construction in Fond du Lac

Thu, Dec 9  
11:30am – 1pm  
Lunch & Learn Series Webinar

Fri, Dec 10  
Board Meeting | 9am to noon  
Glacier Canyon Conference Center

Member Services Meeting 1pm to 3pm

Tue, Jan 11  
Chapter VI Meeting

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*Darrell Courtney*  
Committee Co-Chair



*Terry Phillips*  
Committee Co-Chair

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we are offering the Advanced HCC program in Wisconsin Dells. This advanced program was created and is implemented by our Code Committee. The 2021 program is designed for our trades and health care personnel to attend and sharpen their skills. The one day program is set up with an opportunity for all to participate. Remember that you need to have a current HCC level certificate to attend.

The 2022 Lunch and Learn program topics are tentatively set. The EPDC is proud to once again offer programs that our members have requested with their returned program evaluations. Our 2021 programs have been received with very good reviews. We attempt to work with our contractors or suppliers to maintain a high level of training with our very low costs. All the 2022 tentative programs listed came from your suggestions throughout the 2021 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.

Sign up for the 2022 Lunch and Learn webinar programs and receive the remaining webinar of 2021 as a bonus. 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. All webinars will be presented on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting at 11:30 am and running from 60 to 90 minutes. Register today at [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and receive the remaining 2021 webinar programs for free.

### **Month 2022 Tentative Webinar Topics**

November 2021	Fire Door/Fire Compartment Training
December 2021	Water Quality Issues (heating water systems, steam systems, cooling towers, humidification systems, etc.)
January	Room Pressure Relationship in Healthcare Facilities
February	VFD'S
March	Generator Testing
April	Fire Building Separation
May	Leadership Training
June	HC Design Post Covid
July	Infection Control & Construction
August	Boilers
September	BAS
October	TIR 34
November	Electric Motors
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Wisconsin Dells**

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There is still time to register for the Advanced Healthcare Construction Certificate program being held at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center on November 11. Go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) under the Education tab for complete information and the registration form or follow this link:

<https://www.whea.com/whea-news-and-updates/advanced-hcc-program-11-10-2021/>

You must hold a current Healthcare Construction Certificate to attend this advanced course.



**\$275 Regular Fee** *after October 27)*

*Register at [www.whea.com/Education](http://www.whea.com/Education)*

Be sure to register early to receive the discounted rate! You will receive an automated confirmation/invoice via email from the WHEA website once you register. This fee covers the cost of the program, refreshments, lunch and materials. Be sure to register early, as space is limited.

**PROGRAM PREREQUISITE:** You **MUST** hold a current Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) to register for this program. To see if you qualify, go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and under the Education tab / HCC Renewal / HCC Renewal Lists. If you are on this list, you may attend this course.





# WHEA's 2022 Monthly "Lunch & Learn" Webinars

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

*Available by yearly subscription only.*

*WHEA does an amazing job of getting relevant topics and knowledgeable speakers*

*The entire webinar was beneficial.*

*The [Education & Professional Development] committee has done a great job picking topics out.*

*[WHEA] Keep doing what you are doing, it is appreciated.*

*Well presented, good speakers.*

WHEA's Educational and Professional Development Committee is offering 12 webinars for the 2022 calendar year for a one time, low price per computer connection.\*

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Registration is now open at [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) for this 2022 webinar series. Follow the drop downs under the Education tab, click on "Education Programs".

To receive the members only discounted rate, you must log into your WHEA membership account and use the Members Only registration form. If you have forgotten your login, just use the "Forgot Login" feature to gain access.

You may sign up anytime during the year but the cost will stay the same - there is no individual webinar pricing. All webinars will be recorded and you will receive a link to that recording after the webinar has been presented. Even if you are not able to attend, you can still have these important updates to watch at your convenience.

**Each facility/company or location must purchase their own separate subscription. Individuals within that facility may watch the webinar however they wish, by themselves, or as a group.**

The webinars will cover a variety of topics that focus on "hot-topic", code alerts and management level subjects throughout the year.

## TENTATIVE 2022 WEBINAR MONTHLY TOPICS

January 13 Room Pressure Relationship in Healthcare Facilities	July 14 Infection Control & Construction
February 10 VFD's (Variable Frequency Drive)	August 11 Boilers
March 10 Generator Testing	September 8 BAS (Building Automation Systems)
April 14 Fire Building Separation	October 13 TIR 34: Procedures for Providing Optimal Water for Medical Device Reprocessing
May 12 Leadership Training	November 10 Electric Motors
June 9 Healthcare Design Post COVID	December 8 USP 797/800

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Dennis Havlik  
Committee Chair

The Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA) is in the process of acquiring applications for sponsorship for 2022. Depending on which level of sponsorship you choose, there may be opportunities for free advertisements in the directory and newsletters, technical booth registrations and other ways to promote your company within the WHEA membership.

Once you apply for sponsorship using the online registration form, your sponsorship application will be processed. You will be informed by email before the first of the year if your sponsorship request has been accepted and will be contacted regarding your sponsorship level opportunities. Please go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and click on the Sponsorship tab for complete information on each level of sponsorship and the link to the sponsorship application, or follow this link:

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## Annual Conference Recap



*Ed Cosner*  
Committee Chair

The Conference Committee is happy to report that the 2021 Annual Conference in La Crosse was great and went off without a hitch! The evaluations that you sent back were overwhelmingly positive and they showed that our choice of speakers hit the mark for keeping us all informed on the current topics of interest. The technical exhibition did a great job, as usual, in keeping us up-to-date on, both, the current market trends and those items of interest to the healthcare maintenance field.

Our attendance numbers were healthy, with a total of 279 conference attendees registered, 83 of those being first time attendees. We had approximately 188 technical exhibit booths filled and the Tuesday evening Open House & the Thursday night Annual Banquet were well attended.

WHEA would like to thank everyone who attended and took the necessary precautions to make this a safe return to our yearly in-person training and those networking opportunities it provides.

The Conference Committee will begin it's 2022 meeting schedule in January. Planning will begin in earnest for the 2022 Annual Conference that also will be held in La Crosse. The dates are September 20 – 23, 2022. A speaker abstract is now available on [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) under the Education tab. Interested speakers need to download the form as a pdf, fill it out, then hit the submit button at the bottom of the form to send it in. It will be reviewed by our Conference Committee. You will be notified if your topic is chosen for review.

Watch the website for additional info on the 2022 Annual Conference.

The 2022 Conference Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Chair & Resource Committee Liaison: Ed Cosner
- Conference Coordinator/Spouse Program: Jane Bruvold
- Special Events/Technology Committee Liaison: Margaret Palmer
- Technical Exhibit Coordinator/Resource Committee Liaison: Dennis Havlik
- Technical Exhibit Coordinator: Robb Paulson
- Technical Exhibit/Conference Assistant: Donella Sarauer
- Education Development/Code Committee Liaison: Tom Stank
- Education Development: Ed Radtke
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# 2021 Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award Heather Slottke

On September 23, 2021, Kevin Feyen and the WHEA Board presented the Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award to Heather Slottke at the 55th WHEA Annual Conference in La Crosse. This award is given at the Thursday evening Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony in recognition of significant achievement and contributions to the profession of Healthcare Engineering in the field of healthcare facility maintenance, construction management and innovation.

Heather is a dedicated member of WHEA for 7 years, serving as Chapter President and the first chair of the Technology Committee. Heather has taken this opportunity and is pushing the limits. These limits and outside the box thinking are what we need as an organization to stay at the top of our industry. She has started to reach out to all committees to integrate technology into their day-to-day operations and promote different ways to be innovative.

Everyone in WHEA, from our current members to our longest serving members, have not only benefited from Heather’s contributions, but also from having watched her serve WHEA with the utmost class and professionalism.

It was with high regard that she was recognized for her contributions and continuing efforts to improve healthcare engineering in Wisconsin.



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## 2021 Founders Award for Outstanding Service

### Jeff Eckstein

The Founders Award for Outstanding Service recipient is chosen by the WHEA President to bestow special recognition. At the WHEA Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony in La Crosse on September 23, this award was given to Jeff Eckstein, for his endless contributions and volunteerism to WHEA. Jeff, with his almost 30 years, has helped take this organization to its elite level. As Co-Chair of the Codes and Standards Committee, he has the members first and foremost in his thinking. WHEA thanks Jeff for everything he provides WHEA and for being a mentor to other WHEA members. His dedication to this organization, and for maintaining excellence in the healthcare engineering field, is something to follow.



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# Chapter I Recap



*Cory Majszak*  
*Chapter I President*

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- Vice President – Jim Benedict
- Secretary – Grace Redovich
- Treasurer – Dave Guberud
- Junior Past President – Heather Slotke
- Senior Past President – Jason Sipiorski
- Membership Coordinator – Eric McLaughlin

We recapped the Annual Conference at our October meeting, particularly those members who received 'Years of Service' awards but were not in attendance in La Crosse, particularly Chapter I's Paul Van de Sand (right).

Additionally we urged our Members (Full and Associate) to follow in the footsteps of those leading the way for WHEA through participation in Chapter I, highlighted by Heather Slotke (Pioneer Award) and Jeff Eckstein (Founders Award).

At our monthly meetings the 'Lessons Learned' continues to pair contracting partners with healthcare organizations to share their 'Ah-ha!' moments that the rest of the chapter could learn from.

In alignment with our goals we continue to highlight speaking opportunities to create awareness about our industry and the career paths that exist within it, this past month our membership had the opportunity to speak @ MATC's ABS (Automated Building Systems)



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*Tim Klein*  
Chapter III President

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 Vice President – Charlie Johnson  
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 Officer at Large – Kelsey Richmond  
 Past President – Eric Braun

We met on June 10<sup>th</sup> at C.D. Smith in Fond du lac. After a business meeting and lunch, we had two education sessions:

- ~“Virtual Design and Clash Detection” Presented by C.D. Smith
- ~“New Life Safety Code Business Occupancy Requirements and The Joint Commission” Presented by Charlie Johnson of SSM Healthcare

Our next meeting was held at the Radisson Conference Center on September 23, 2021 during the annual conference. It consisted of 20 attendees in person, including 4 Officers. At that meeting we elected our new officer at large Kelsey Richmond from IMEG, and set the meeting dates for the upcoming year.

### Next Meeting Dates Schedule & Locations

- November 11th – at C.D. Smith Construction in Fond du lac. Education on Testing and Balancing by Matt Bond from Badger Balancing LLC
- January 20th- TBD
- March 10th – TBD
- May 19th – Theda Care, Appleton  
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## Technology Committee



*Heather Slottke  
Committee Chair*

### **Committee Members:**

- Heather Slottke, Chair - Chapter I
- Jenna Jordan – Administrator - Chapter I, Chapter III
- Katie Smith - Chapter I, Chapter II
- Margaret Palmer – Liaison to Conference Committee


The WHEA LinkedIn Page continues to grow. We now have 561 followers! All Chapters are invited to send information to make sure we are posting often. Our Goal is to post twice a week. **Please be sure to send us meeting and event information, as well as pictures so we can post leading up to the event as well as after. Also please let us post on achievements and stories that are relevant to share with all WHEA Members.**

We are working on a way to streamline where this information can be submitted.

The Technology Committee partnered with the Conference Committee to provide the WHOVA App for the annual conference. We hope that made communication and scheduling easier on the WHEA Membership.

Currently we will be partnering with local Chapters and the Education Committee to use the WHOVA APP for those meetings, education and events as well.

We look forward to partnering with all WHEA State and Chapter Committees as we grow with and for our next generation!

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## Chapter V Report



*Matthew Malmin  
Chapter V President*

As the leaves are falling it's a reminder that change is constant.

Chapter V met in person October 21<sup>st</sup> at Whispering Emerald Ridge Game farm in Menomonie and was sponsored by Johnson Controls. New *Officer at Large* Ben Trachsel was Elected along with our *Secretary* Matt Preston, Chris Hahn move up to *Vice President* and I took over as *President* of Chapter V. A special thanks to Kelly Rochell for agreeing to another year as Chapter V *Treasurer*. Also, I want to thank Darrell Courtney who had been president for the past two years and getting us through these challenging times. Chapter V was able to provide an excellent training session for its members. Bob Kroening from Medical gas Systems put on a training session on requirements of qualified staff performing installations, inspecting, and servicing our Medical gas systems and is being invited back to provide training at our Mechanic Training next Spring.

Back in August Associate members of Chapter V provided training to the people who get the work done, the Chapters Healthcare Mechanics. With Covid the Chapter had to think outside the box on where a large group of people could attend and be safe and we did. The meeting was held outdoors in Elk Mound at a local park. Hand outs were given and presenters were able to move around engaging with the members. Members received training on electrical code requirements in an OR, Merv ratings and Filter misconceptions and Lock Out process and procedures. Luke Simington provided a cookout that people will be talking about for years.



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FGI - 2022 edition guideline public proposal period concluded in 2019, the comment period concluded in 2021, and publication is anticipated in 2022. For those interested in a set of the guidelines they will be available at: [www.fgiguideines.org/about-fgi/](http://www.fgiguideines.org/about-fgi/)

CMS - Interim Life Safety/CMS 1135 - CMS 1135 waiver is predicated upon a State of Emergency - federal AND state. Facilities need to plan now, how they will convert permanently or close their Interim Provisions to meet all Physical Environment requirements (WI Commercial Building Code, Life Safety code, and DHS 124 / DHS 132 respectively). Note the **Federal emergency has been expanded to January 2022.**

**Did you know...**past Code Committee Meeting minutes are available to WHEA members at <https://www.whea.com/members/code-committee-meeting-minutes-archives/>

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