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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Rick Helfrich
WHEA President*

It is time to break out the ice fishing gear to verify that everything works, get those snowmobile suits, or whatever you like doing during the winter because it will be here before you know it. Thanksgiving is also right around the corner.

Another annual conference is behind us, and I don't know about the rest of you, but I thought Rocky Bleier was a great keynote speaker. He had a lot of interesting stories. There were also a lot of good education topics, and I hope everyone found this to be beneficial. During the banquet we swore in all the new board members and here I am, the latest president. The problem I see is the long line of past presidents and all they accomplished to get WHEA where it is today. I just hope I can move us even further forward.

I would like to thank everyone again for their work for making the annual conference a success. It was an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, hopefully make new ones, and learn a thing or two. The conference committee always does a great job. Don't forget to thank them.

The mission of WHEA is to provide quality education, advocacy and outreach within our healthcare community. The Advanced HCC (Healthcare Construction Certificate) is coming up in November, which is a good example of this education. Don't forget about the Lunch and Learn Webinar Series that are also a great education opportunity. Without our members we would not be where we are with this great organization.

One last thought about us making each day great for our patients and staff; "Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor"- Truman Capote. I know that each of us strives to be the best, and as long as we keep trying, we will succeed.

Thanks to everyone that volunteers to help make this organization great, I, along with the State Board, really appreciate everything you do.



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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

NOV 3, THU

- 11:30am – 1pm - Chapter II Meeting

H

NOV 8, TUE

- 12:30pm – 4pm - Code Committee Meeting, Wild Rock Golf Course (856 Canyon Rd), Wisconsin Dells

E

NOV 9, WED

- Advanced HCC Program, Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

A

NOV 10, THU

- 11:30am – 1pm - Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- 4:30 – 6:30pm - Chapter I Meeting, Trane Milwaukee Sales Office, 234 W Florida St (6th Floor), Milwaukee

C

DEC 1, THU

- 11:30am – 1pm - Chapter II Meeting

A

DEC 8, THU

- 11:30am – 1pm- Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- Chapter I Meeting

L

DEC 9, FRI

- 9am – noon - State Board Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center
- 1pm – 4pm – Member Services Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center

E

DEC 14, WED

- 2pm to 3:30pm (Social Hour after) – Chapter IV Meeting, The Inn at Sentry-World, Stevens Point (sponsored by Findorff with code updates from Jeff Eckstein and David Soens)

N

JAN 6, FRI

- 9am – 12pm – Education and Professional Development Committee Meeting, Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

D

JAN 11, WED

- Healthcare Construction Certificate Program (Virtual)

A

JAN 12, THU

- 11:30am – 1pm - Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- Chapter I Annual Holiday Party

R

JAN 13, FRI

- 9am – 12pm – Conference Committee Meeting (Conference Call)

IN MEMORIAM

James “Jim” Hill

Jim Hill passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022. He was 48 yrs old. Jim was born in Watertown, the son of Richard and Darlene (Schommer) Hill. He graduated in 1992 from Watertown High School. After high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served our country Semper Fidelis (always faithful) from 1992-1996. Following his service, Jim became employed by ProHealth Care where he worked for 26 years. He started as a member of the Facilities team and went on to serve as a supervisor and manager within the department. He played a key role during many regulatory surveys and capital improvement projects over the years.



“Jim was always willing to help others and his compassion, wisdom, expertise and friendship were valued by those who worked with him,” said John McGinnis, Facilities Director. “Jim’s quick wit, sense of humor and positive attitude, even while struggling with his own health, made him an endearing person to know.”

Giving back to the community was important to Jim. He helped Waukesha County Technical College create a facilities technician program to train those with interest in his field and worked with the Oconomowoc Chamber of Commerce to help local businesses develop green initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint.

He made many friends at both ProHealth Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital and Waukesha Memorial Hospital, working in maintenance where he became a leader and managed many people. Jim valued his work and all the contacts that he made during his time there. He was a 15 yr member of WHEA.

Jim was the father of two children, Lexi and Dillon who he loved deeply. He loved life and loved to be silly. Jim also had a love for the Lord Jesus Christ and belonged to Hope Lake Country in Oconomowoc where he volunteered as often as he could. At the end of 2019, Jim was diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroendocrine Carcinoma. He battled the disease and never complained throughout the whole process. He was faithful to God and knew that he would live eternally with the Lord. He lived life having fun with his family and friends.

A Memorial Service was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Hope Lake Country Church in Oconomowoc with Pastor Sean O'Connell presiding. Military Honors were held at the church immediately following the service.



Code Critical

Codes & Standards Committee



Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair



David Soens
Co-Chair

The world of Codes and Standards is pretty stable of late, which is good news for all of us. Here are the things we are tracking and requests for some help from you:

- WI Plumbing Code: DSPS currently revising Plumbing code. There are only two non-healthcare items on the agenda. In the future there will be a red line copy of the code. Stay tuned for future Public Comment and Hearing...we encourage anyone interested to participate in the review period. With the Fall election, we don't expect much action on this in the near term.

- ICC Updates: IBC/ICC/IMC (International Building Code, International Code Council, International Mechanical Code) will be updated to 2021 Edition. FYI...2015 IBC was effective starting May 1, 2018, throughout Wisconsin. The hope of the 2021 is to increase alignment with the LSC 101 2021 edition (not this is not adopted code yet) e.g., the increase in smoke zone size from 22,500 to 40,000 sq. ft.

If you have knowledge and Interest in the ICC? Please consider joining the Code Committee as we could use some help in this area.

- DHS Preliminary Project Meetings (PPM): Department continues to promote Preliminary (continued on page 6)

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Codes & Standards Committee News (continued)

- **Project Meetings (PPM).** The design team facilitates the meeting logistics and stakeholder invitations. Emphasis is to review the project scope, schedule, and unique design features. During the Preliminary Project Meeting is an excellent time to discuss the level and extent of inspections. Inspections are not required by state statute nor administrative code, hence the Department's ability to continue to provide inspections yet on a lower frequency. Prioritization remains on federal survey and state level plan reviews. Once the Department is fully staffed, the number of inspections should return to their prior levels.
- **FGI - 2021 editions:** Published in April 2022. We think the soonest TJC would adopt might be 1/1/23. No other info on adoption e.g., CMS or other AOs
- **CMS 1135 Waiver:** Predicated upon a State of Emergency - federal AND state. Facilities need to plan now if, how they will convert permanently or close their Interim Provisions to meet Physical
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Codes & Standards Committee News (continued)

- Environment (WI Commercial Building Code, Life Safety code, and DHS 124 / DHS 132, etc.). Federal emergency expanded primarily for hospitals has been extended to January 2023. CMS 1135 Waivers expired for LTC, inpatient hospice, ESRD, and ICF/IID facilities on 6/08/2022.
- NFPA 101 and 99 – 2023 Editions. 2023 Technical Meeting - Las Vegas Jun 18-21, 2023 and we need WHEA representation at the meeting. If interested contact Jeff Eckstein jeckstein@findorff.com or Dave Soens david.soens@dhs.wisconsin.gov. These editions or portions of these updated Codes could be adopted someday, so our involvement in the development of these codes is critical.

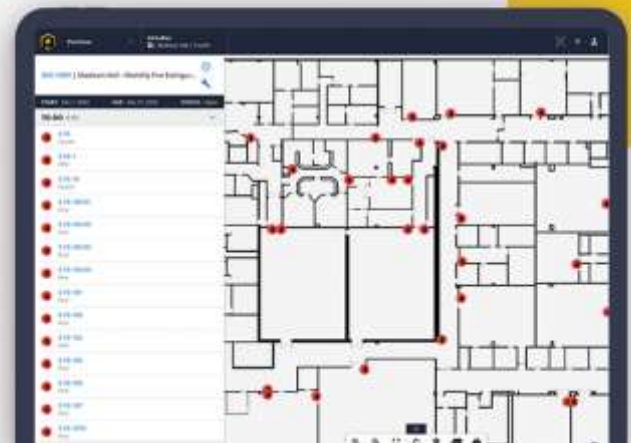
What's next? We are working on a monthly posting of Code Committee Updates on WHEA.com. Follow WHEA on LinkedIn and learn more about this new offering.



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Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC)



Darrell Courtney
Committee Co-Chair



Terry Phillips
Committee Co-Chair

On November 9th we are offering the Advanced HCC in Wisconsin Dells. The Advanced program was cre-

ated and implemented by our Code Committee. The 2022 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. There is still time to register! Remember that you need to have a current HCC level certificate to attend.

The 2023 Lunch and Learn webinar topics are set. The EPDC is proud to once again offer programs that our members have requested with your returned program evaluations. Our 2022 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 programs listed came from your suggestions throughout the 2022 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 2022.

Register for the 2023 Lunch and Learn webinar programs and receive the remaining 2 as a bonus. As a subscriber, you will receive the recorded links to all the webinars; to review or watch for the first time. These may be watched at any time that you wish. Go to the Education tab at the www.whea.com site, sign up, and start your learning today. You will receive the login information for the next scheduled webinar and the links to all previous recordings. You never have to miss a program again. The cost for the annual webinar series will again be \$300 for WHEA members and \$500 for non WHEA members. Register today at www.whea.com under the Education tab.

Final Webinars of 2022:

November 10 - Electric Motors

December 8 - USP 797/800

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February 9 Humidification in Healthcare	August 10 Water Treatment
March 9 Joint Commission Updates	September 14 Fire Stopping
April 13 Security in Healthcare	October 12 Leadership Training
May 11 Fire Door Codes & Inspections	November 9 Emergency Management
June 8 Medical Gas	December 14 Life Safety



Presented real world applications along with the theory on why. This is a great way to share and educate!

Good content and great information.

I'm a fairly new employee and didn't know much about positive and negative rooms, I took a lot from this.

This [webinar] solves a question I have been fighting for months.

Excellent presentation. One worthy of re-watching.

WHEA's 2023 Monthly "Lunch & Learn" Webinars

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
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WHEA's Educational and Professional Development Committee is offering 12 webinars for the 2023 calendar year for a one time, low price per computer connection.*

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PLUS if you sign up now, you'll receive the login information for the last webinars of the 2022 series.

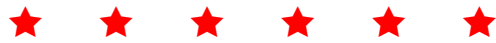
Registration is now open at www.whea.com for this 2023 webinar series. Follow the drop downs under the Education tab, click on "Education Programs".

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.

The subscription is location specific. Each facility/company must purchase their own separate subscription, and if your facility or company has more than one location that you'd like to be able to watch the webinars, you must purchase a subscription for each location.

A specific list of tentative monthly webinar topics will be available on the website once we have the schedule set. Webinars will cover a variety of subjects that focus on current hot topics.

Education & Professional Development Committee (continued)**November 9th Advanced HCC**

There is still time to register for the Advanced Healthcare Construction Certificate program being held at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center on November 9. Go to 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-11-9-2022/>

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Dennis Havlik
Committee Chair

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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 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 Re-Cap



Ed Cosner
Committee Chair

The Conference Committee is happy to report that the 2022 Annual Conference in La Crosse was a success. The newly updated La Crosse Center provided a beautiful facility for the week-long event. The education sessions were on point for keeping us all on top of current codes & hot topics in the healthcare facilities fields.

We started the conference on an exciting note with Rocky Bleier, former Pittsburgh Steeler and Wisconsin native as our guest speaker. The week continued with subjects about “Cybersecurity Updates”, Preparing for Your Future”, and facility survey updates from both the DNV and The Joint Commission. We continued different looks at water safety and water management along with ICRA and construction techniques and had a former CEO from Gundersen Health System speaking on “What Facility Staff Needs”. Finally, our very own Codes & Standards Committee took us to the end of the conference with an overview of updates on everything code-related.

The Technical Exhibition was a sold out exhibit yet again this year, with over 190 booths spoken for. This is a very popular event and every year we look forward to seeing all the current market trends and new items of interest to the healthcare facilities maintenance field.

Our attendance numbers were once again healthy, with a total of 272 conference attendees registered, 62 of those being first time attendees. The special events were well attended and had exciting and fun entertainment for the attendees. It's always very special to see people connecting with old friends along with new contacts when we get together for the week's events.

A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone that attended the conference, to the WHEA Platinum Sponsors that make all of it possible, and finally, to the WHEA Committees and members that make these conferences run so smoothly. This conference could not happen without the innumerable volunteers that take time out of their lives and make themselves available every year.

The Conference Committee is excited to have a conference back in Green Bay next year and will begin it's 2023 meeting schedule in January, planning to, once again, create an amazing event for it's members and attendees. The dates for the 2023 Annual Conference are September 19 - 22, 2023. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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Conference Committee News (continued)

WHEA is looking for speakers for the 2023 Annual Conference. A speaker abstract form is available on www.whea.com under the Conference 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 and you will be notified if your topic is chosen for review.

The 2023 Conference Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Chair & Resource Committee Liaison: Ed Cosner
- Conference Coordinator/Spouse Program: Jane Bruvold
- Special Events/Education Committee Liaison: Darrell Courtney
- Technical Exhibit Coordinator/Resource Committee Liaison: Dennis Havlik
- Technical Exhibit Coordinator: Robb Paulson
- Technical Exhibit/Conference Assistant: Donella Sarauer
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2022 Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award

Darrell Courtney was awarded this year's Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award this past September at the 2022 WHEA Annual Banquet & Awards Program.

This award is given in recognition of significant achievement and contributions to the profession of Healthcare Engineering in the field of healthcare facility maintenance, construction management and innovation.

Darrell has been a dedicated member of WHEA for over 12 years, serving as Chapter 5 President and State President during that time. In addition, Darrell is the current co-chair of the Education and Professional Development committee, which is the heart and soul of WHEA's organizational mission. He has never been

afraid to step up when asked and WHEA is fortunate to have an innovator like Darrell in its organization.

Darrell has been seen a contributing influence in bridging the generational gap between our founding leadership and the next generation of WHEA dignitaries. He has certainly helped set the pace for many future leaders of this organization.

Everyone in WHEA, from our current members to our longest serving



members, have benefited from Darrell's contributions, by watching him serve WHEA with the utmost class and professionalism.

It is with the highest regard that Darrell be recognized for his contributions and continuing efforts to improve healthcare engineering and ultimately healthcare prosperity in the great state of Wisconsin.

Isaac Larson, WHEA President



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2022 Founders Award for Outstanding Service

Ed Cosner was awarded this years' Founders Award for Outstanding Service this past September at the 2022 WHEA Annual Banquet & Awards Program.

Ed has been a member of WHEA for over 20 years and stepped forward in a big way taking over the Chair position of the Conference Committee. The WHEA annual conference is nationally recognized as one of the premier healthcare engineering educational programs in the country, and Ed does a superb job organizing this event every year.

Ed also leads the WHEA Resource Committee which is a group of WHEA volunteers that help with many needs throughout the year, including the archiving of all historical records. In addition, this committee strongly supports the annual conference with helpful volunteers every year.

Thank you Ed for everything that you have provided to WHEA and everything that you will have yet to give. Your excellence in healthcare engineering and your dedication to this professional organization is incredible.

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Chapter V Update



Kris Hahn
Chapter V President

We just held our October meeting on October 26, 2022 at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club sponsored by Johnson Controls. We had a solid turnout of attendees and enjoyed networking and had some fun shooting trap after the meeting. Meeting topics included a conversation of the 2022 Annual Conference, voted in 3 new members, discussed 2023 meeting dates and times, and discussed our new set of Chapter V officers. Chapter V will take our normal break for the end of the year and resume meetings in February 2023.



New Chapter V Officers:

Kris Hahn – President

Matt Preston – Vice President

Ben Trachsel – Secretary

Kelly Roshell – Treasurer

Morgan Weiss – Officer at Large

Matt Malmin – Past President



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General Information

Job Title: Facilities Manager
Location: Edgerton Hospital,
11101 N. Sherman Rd., Edgerton, WI, 53534
Employee Type: FULLTIME (Exempt)
Job Category: Management, Maintenance
Industry: HealthCare
Minimum Experience: 4 Years
Manage Others: Yes

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