



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message *by Dennis Havlik • WHEA*

As your newly elected president I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support. I hope that I can carry on the tradition of all of those who have served before me.

On November 9th, a goals meeting was held to review the progress of the 2007 goals and establish goals for 2008. There are 3 goals, that as your president, I would like to see accomplished in 2008. The first goal is to complete the establishment of the WHEA Foundation. Wayne Johnson made a presentation at the annual conference about the benefits of creating a foundation. Wayne and his committee have been working with legal council to accomplish this task. I will work with Wayne and the committee to move this process along. My second goal is to provide our committees with the needed resources to make their jobs easier. I would like to commend all of WHEA's committee chairs and their members for their excellent work and countless hours that they provide to our membership. Without all of their hard work WHEA wouldn't be what it is today. What I would like to propose is a method of support that would assist the committee in accomplishing their work. We began the discussion at our December board meeting and will be looking at options at future board meetings.

The third goal that I would like to explore in 2008 is the possibility of collaborating with other organizations. WHEA has many things to offer. I believe by working with other organizations WHEA can provide valuable information and in turn gain the same from them.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the people that make this such a great and successful organization. I hope that all of you were able to spend time with friends and family during this holiday season and best wishes for 2008.

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A Farewell Message from the Past President

By Tom Laabs, WHEA Past President



"Wisconsin is recognized [at ASHE] as being a leader ...and continually looked upon for new and innovative ideas that can be expanded and utilized [by other ASHE chapters.]"

I hate to use the old cliché, but my how fast the year has come and gone! It seems like only a short time ago I was enthusiastically writing my first article as president, outlining the tasks that I and the board would like to accomplish in the upcoming year. I am extremely humbled by the opportunity to take the helm for an organization

with the traditions, history and national recognition that WHEA has in the healthcare facilities management arena.

I had the opportunity to represent WHEA at the ASHE National Conference in July and at the ASHE Leadership Conference in October. On both occasions, it was clear that Wisconsin is recognized as being a leader and continually looked upon for new and innovative ideas that can be expanded and utilized within ASHE and other state organizations around the country. I am

truly grateful for all that WHEA has done for me. I believe that with the management and leadership opportunities that I have been afforded while President and working with the board, I have been given the skills needed to take my career to the next level. This is something that I will never be able to repay the organization, for no matter how much I may try to do as payback; the organization continues to provide me with even more!

In the past year we have seen the creation of the new Resource Committee lead by Co-chair's Carl Budde and Darwin Clausen. This Committee has already made an impact by organizing our historical documents, and working to preserve the strong heritage that has made this organization so great. They have also become an invaluable asset to the education programs with their presence at all educational functions. The

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WHEA 2008 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 10 Chapter I Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 11 Education Committee Meeting, 9 am-noon
- 12 Chapter VI Meeting, noon
- 24 Chapter III Meeting, noon
- 31 Directory Advertising Deadline
- 31 Directory Article Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 8 Conference Committee Meeting (Conf Call-9 am)
- 13 Chapter VI Meeting
- 14 Chapter I Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 14 Chapter II Meeting, noon
- 14 Chapter IV Meeting, 11:30 am
- 21 Chapter V Meeting, 9 am
- 22 Treasurer Distributes 2008 Budget Packet
- 28 WHEAnet Roster Database Edits Deadline

MARCH

- 7 Board Meeting, 9 am - noon
- 7 Newsletter Article Deadline
- 10 - 13 ASHE PDC Conf, San Antonio
- 12 Chapter VI Meeting, noon

MARCH (continued)

- 13 Chapter I Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 13 Chapter II Meeting, noon
- 14 Education Committee Meeting, 9 am
- 14 Members Svcs Committee Meeting, 9 am
- 20 Chapter III Meeting, noon
- 28 Budget Due Back to Treasurer
- 31 Newsletter Mailing Deadline
- 31 Directory Mailing Deadline
- 31 Chapter Dues State Payment Deadline

APRIL

- 4 Code Committee Meeting
- Budget Draft to Board
- 9 Chapter VI Meeting, noon
- 10 Chapter I Meeting, 4:30 pm
- 10 Chapter II Meeting, noon
- 11 Conference Committee Mtg, 9 am Wausau
- 17 - 18 ASHE Region 6 Conference, Mankato
- 17 Chapter V Meeting, Bloomer, 9 am



Conference Committee

By Mike Blackwood



"...[we are] actively pursuing speakers for the educational programs with an option for ... multiple tracks."

The Conference Committee has met twice since the last board meeting, at the annual conference in Green Bay on September 18 and on Friday, October 19 to review evaluations from the 2007 conference and to begin planning for the 2008 program. Evaluations

indicate all programs were well received with some speakers specifically singled out to have present again at future programs. Thanks to the great response by members, sponsors and vendors, the 2007 WHEA Annual Conference was a tremendous success. This year's conference again set attendance records with 198 registrants, and 137 vendors filling booths in the technical exhibition area.

As in past years, ASHE leadership was again represented at our conference. This year Past-President Bill Morgan attended events Thursday and Friday including educational programs, our annual meeting and the awards banquet in the evening. Bill addressed our members and was very complimentary toward our organization and thanked WHEA for its support to ASHE and the healthcare engineering profession as a whole.

Planning is well underway for the 2008 conference. Red Benschop, Carl Budde and Jim Teunas are actively pursuing speakers for the educational programs with an option for additional multiple tracks at various times throughout the conference.

Any comments for improvements to the conference are welcomed.

Farewell Message *(continued from page 2)*

"[there is] enormous opportunity that this organization affords you if you only take the time to get involved."

WHEA business office along with the restructuring of duties that were previously handled by Joe Plonka was put into practice. The hiring of a paid staff member relieved some of the pressure from the committee chairs, and helped position WHEA to meet the increasing workload and ever expanding duties that go along with the growth of the organization and expanding services that are being provided to the membership. The WHEA Foundation is closer to being a reality and the Sponsorship program has reached new heights. A new Leadership program was established to help new Chapter leadership and Board members better prepare themselves for the challenges of the duties that they will be responsible for in the upcoming year.

I can not impress upon everyone enough the enormous opportunity that this organization affords you if you only take the time to get involved. Every President of this organization before me will tell you the same thing; you could not possibly give to this organization more then you will get back. Take the time to ask what you can do to contribute.

Thank you all for allowing me this opportunity. I will continue to be active in the organization as long as I am able. It has been an honor.

Tom Laabs, CHFM
WHEA Past-President



Updated “Healthcare Construction Certificate” Program Gets Positive Reviews

By Jim Teunas, Education Committee Chair



There have been numerous educational programs presented this past quarter, both site-based and webinars.

In December the newly updated “Healthcare Construction Certificate” seminar was held at the Holiday Inn at the American Center in Madison. There were 97 people in attendance. Presenting this updated program were WHEA’s Code Committee Co-chairs, Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, who worked extremely hard to

and Jeffrey Holzhauer from Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP, was held in October. 27 people dialed in.

November, again, brought both a webinar and a site-based program.

“DHFS Plan Review” was a webinar presented by David Soens, along with Tom Ankeny, Rich Batchelder, Bill Lauzon, Ganesh Shretha and Lynn Wallace, all from

“Good speakers, very knowledgeable.”

“The presentation of the topics were very well done and the speakers explained it in layman terms.”

“DHFS inspection forms are great!”



make this program a success and it was very well received with many positive comments coming out of the evaluations.

“Environment of Care”, a webinar presented by Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP, which included Philip Larson from Beloit Memorial Hospital, Michael Scherbel



Wisconsin’s Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Quality Assurance. It was very well attended, with 52 people dialing in.

The site-based program, “Boiler Operation and Maintenance” was presented by Don Mathes from The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, Dennis Kwasny from Garratt-Callahan, and Gary

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Updated "Healthcare Construction Certificate" Program Gets Positive Reviews *(continued from page 4)*

Cebulla from Affiliated Steam Equipment Company at the Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells. 57 people attended this program.

this newsletter (page 6). Fill it out and either send it in to our Administrative Assistant by mail at WHEA, 218 Emily Way, Hortonville, WI 54944 or by fax, 920-779-9529. Information on where to send it can also be found on the form. We are hoping that with this one time payment option, it will make it easier for you to register and attend. Don't miss this excellent educational opportunity!

2008 will bring numerous education opportunities. There is another "Healthcare Construction Certificate" program scheduled for May 21st, 2008 at the Country Springs Conference Center in Waukesha. Look for registration to open up for this important program about 6 weeks before the program. Be sure to keep checking at www.whea.com for information on all upcoming educational programs.

"...the education committee is offering a webinar subscription service...for a one-time...fee of \$200."

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All of these educational programs were well attended and the feedback was extremely positive. We want to give a huge "Thank You" to all the presenters that gave of their time and expert knowledge to make these programs educational successes!

NEW IN 2008, the education committee is offering a webinar subscription service. For a one-time registration fee of \$200, you are guaranteed a minimum of 4 webinars along with the possibility of additional "hot topic" webinars scheduled throughout the year. The registration form for this subscription service can be found on the next page of

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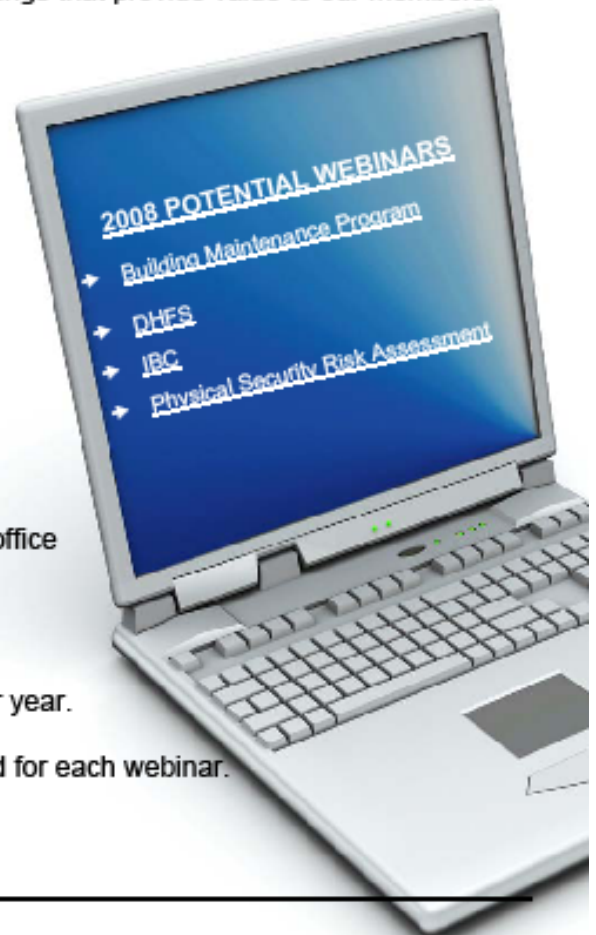
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If you have any questions, please contact the WHEA Administrative Assistant at 920.779.9167.





Membership Approves Changes to Associate Status and Approves New MECHanic Membership Status

By Roger Elliott, Member Services Committee Chair



M EMBERSHIP STATUS CHANGES

The Member Services Committee had a busy year in 2008, culminating with several accomplishments being finalized at the annual conference in Green Bay. Most notable are the changes proposed to the bylaws which provide for significant new opportunities for our Associate Members and the creation of a completely new level of membership – the MECHanic Member.

Recommended changes and suggested bylaws changes were developed within the Member Services Committee regarding Full member status and the establishment of the new MECHanic level over the past year. The conceptual issues and recommended bylaws changes were endorsed by the board and presented to the general membership at the annual meeting for ratification. The motions carried; establishing the MECHanic status and permitting non-supervisory plant/maintenance staff to join as Full members. The motion also provided the Associate level of membership with all the privileges and responsibilities of Full members with the exception of the privilege of holding state office.

NEW ASHE MEMBERS

WHEA encourages each chapter to choose a recipient each year to receive a free one-year membership in ASHE, to be awarded at the WHEA annual conference. The recommendations from the chapter this year provided free ASHE memberships to each of the following members:

- Chapter I Ron Heimann, Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls

- Chapter II Ken Kubiak, Mercy Health Systems, Janesville
- Chapter III Greg Graunke, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh
- Chapter IV Jim Roth, Riverview Hospital Association, Wisconsin Rapids
- Chapter V Dan Bruss, Wisconsin Health/Regional Vent Center, Chippewa Falls
- Chapter VI Gary Spohn, Monroe Country Rolling Hills Rehabilitation, Sparta


MARKETING - RECRUITMENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Member Services committee has created new 4-page marketing/recruitment brochure for use within the chapters to promote membership in WHEA, to thank

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Chapter I Goals Progress Report

By Greg Nissen, Chapter President



Chapter I officers have discovered that when changing roles, it's often not clear what the duties/expectations are for the incoming officer. In an attempt to make the transition go more smoothly, our chapter officers have agreed that officer binders will be put together for each position: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ad Hoc. The binders will include any relative information relating to that position, and be updated during each officer's term in each role. This goal has been completed. Gary Sankey, our 2006/07 chapter president, is credited with seeing that this was completed and distributed so quickly.

Chapter meeting participation continues to be a topic of interest. Ultimately all chapters are experiencing the same issue: how to draw those members to meetings that frequently don't attend. Indications are that attendance for Chapter I meetings varies greatly, and directly relates to the speaker, topic, and meeting location. Realizing this, chapter officers are making increased efforts to schedule various topics/speakers with the possibility of high interest/teaching, as well as locations that might spark a higher level interest. This

continues to be a work in progress, as our chapter officers strive to improve on attracting those members that are often not in attendance for one reason or another. To date Chapter I has hosted four (4) meetings this season, which included some excellent speaker topics. One was held at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), which drew a high level of interest by our chapter. I must admit though that the meeting really stunk (pun intended). The meeting actually resulted in one of our best turn outs in recent memory. Not to mention that we were forced to turn interested guests/ visitors away due to the MMSD limiting the numbers of each tour. The remainder of our monthly scheduled meetings also promises to bring us to some interesting venues.

Review and update of chapter bylaws.

John McGinnis and Bill Best are close to completing the updates of the chapter I bylaws, which will bring them into line with the state bylaws. However questions have been raised by a number of recent chapter meeting attendees, in regard to the relationship of the state and chapter bylaws and their consistency. Bill will be bringing the issue to the board for discussion in the near future.

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Chapter II

By Wayne Schroeder, Chapter President

Chapter II's meeting was held on November 8, 2007 at Reedsburg Medical Center. The meeting summary is as follows:

- Recognition of Joe Plonka's retirement celebration was hosted by the Reedsburg Area Medical Center. Twenty-two WHEA members attended, plus many medical center employees. Joe was roasted and recognized for his years of service to WHEA and the medical center. Lunch and a celebratory cake followed the recognition.
- Chapter II meeting with committee reports was conducted using the standard protocol forms.
- WHEA annual membership invoices were sent to all members to encourage them to submit payments no later than January 15, 2008.
- The program presented at the meeting was the 2008 NEC Changes for Healthcare and Arc Flash highlights.

Presented by Town & Country Electric.

- The next Chapter II meeting will be held Thursday, February 14, 2008 at Trane in Madison.

Chapter II officers for 2007/2008:

Wayne Schroeder – President

Dan Zank – Vice President

Doug Dunlap – Secretary

John Pohlmann – Treasurer

Thomas Stank – Past President

Upcoming Chapter II meetings:

- **February 14, 2008-** Energy Efficiency in HVAC Systems. Presented by Trane.
- **March 13, 2008-** Building Automation System Integration Between Manufacturers. Presented by Siemens.
- **April 10, 2008-** Building Automation System Capabilities. Presented by Johnson Controls.

Membership Status Changes *(continued from page 7)*

"...new marketing materials are available for the WHEA administrative offices at no cost to the chapter[s]."

current healthcare administrators and Associate-level CEO's for their past support of WHEA membership, and to encourage future support. The committee has also developed two cover letters intended for use with the brochure – one directed to healthcare administrators and another designed specifically to target organizations whose employees would be eligible for Associate Membership.

In conjunction with the development of the new marketing brochure, a newly formatted application has been produced

and is incorporated within the marketing brochure. The new application is also posted to the WHEA website, www.whea.com.

The new marketing materials are available from the WHEA administrative offices at no cost to the chapter. For further information or to order materials, please contact Jane Bruvold, Administrative Assistant, 920.779.9167 or email her at bruvold@sbcglobal.net.



Chapter V News

By Corey Fedie, Chapter President



Chapter V met on October 18th at Luther Midelfort in Eau Claire. There were 24 members and 2 guests present. All reports were provided and approved. Significant discussion occurred regarding membership and responsibilities of those who volunteer for committees. Elections were held and positions appointed as follows:

Corey Fedie	President
Dan Bruss	Vice President
Sue Leith	Secretary
Kelly Roshell	Treasurer
Gary Gust	Officer-at-Large

Outgoing President is Pat DeLong. Following the meeting the group had a tour of the new Central Energy Plant at Luther Midelfort. The CEP was recently completed and has recently received an award from the American Hospital Association for energy efficient design. Members were able to see the high efficient burners that we had previously had a presentation about from the manufacturer.

Chapter V's goals for 2008 are as follows:

1. Increase membership from smaller area organizations such as rural hospitals, nursing homes and clinics by utilizing a grass roots effort.

Goal – Chapter board member visits and phone calls to site leaders at regional facilities that are not current members. 4 new full members.

2. Increase attendance at 3 of the 5 Chapter meetings by providing quality, relevant programs.

Goal – Minimum of 25 members in attendance.

3. Be sure our Chapter is represented at all Committee Meetings.

Goal – Work with representatives to

ensure their availability and commitment. At least one member per committee shall be in attendance.

4. Work to have chapter members participate in State Sponsored Educational opportunities provided via tele/video conference.

Goal – Provide free room/financial supplement by Chapter funds or member resources to accomplish this goal.

5. Develop a Chapter Officers binder

Goal - Have job descriptions for each incoming officer per position

6. Update Bylaws

Goal – Update chapter bylaws to reflect at a minimum the changes in the state bylaws from the annual meeting.



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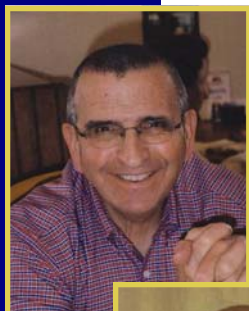


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Resource Committee

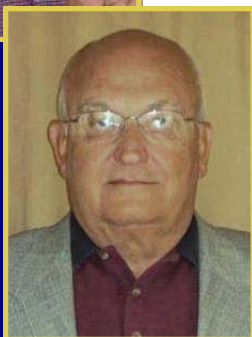
*Contributed by Carl Budde, Resource Committee Co-Chair
w/Roger Elliott, Chair, Member Services Committee*



Archive is Growing, but Gaps Need to be Filled

This is an open call to all members from the Resource Committee...

One of the huge tasks undertaken by the Resource Committee since its formation by [then] President Tom Laabs in 2006 was to completely catalog the inventory of historical documents and reports that have been stored in various places since the early years of WHEA. Most of the documents were received from



George Thomas, past historian for WHEA and Joe Plonka, former WHEA Office Coordinator. The committee also received code committee documentation from Wade Rudolph. Before relocating these documents to the new WHEA storage facility in Baraboo, all the documents were sorted, labeled and placed in binders as noted below. Listed below are all of the documents and memorabilia that the committee has archived as of December 31, 2007.

Although there is a lot of material cataloged thus far, there are numerous gaps in the historical timeline, as evidenced below. The first priority of the Resource Committee in regard to archived documents is to fill those gaps – the committee wants to focus primarily on documents of an “official” nature; such as missing Board Meeting Minutes, Annual Business Meeting Minutes, missing Newsletters, and various By-Law Revisions.

If any member has any of the missing documents or any documents they feel should be considered for inclusion into the WHEA archives,

please email Carl Budde (cab39@aol.com). Hereafter, you can find this catalog of archived documents on the Resource Committee web page at www.whea.com.

BOX #1

- **BINDER #I**
WHEA Board Minutes from 1966-1979
- **BINDER #II**
WHEA Board Minutes from 1980-1984
- **BINDER #III**
WHEA Board Minutes from 1985-1989
- **BINDER #IVa**
WHEA Board Minutes from 1990-1999
Except:
 - ~ **1992** / We only have the February and May minutes
 - ~ **1993-95-96-97** / We have none of the meeting minutes
 - ~ **1994** / We only have minutes from April, August and December
 - ~ **1998** / We only have the December minutes
- **BINDER #IVb**
WHEA Board Minutes from 2000-2006
Except:
 - ~ **2000** We only have January and June minutes
 - ~ **2001** / We only have the April minutes
 - ~ **2002** / We only have June, August and December minutes
 - ~ **2003** / We only have the April minutes
 - ~ **2004 & 2005** / We have none of the minutes
 - ~ **2006** / We only have the April minutes
- **BINDER #V**
WHEA Annual Business Meeting Minutes from 1966-2006
Except:
 - ~ YEARS 1995, 1997, 2002, 2003,

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""Although there is a lot of material cataloged thus far, there are numerous gaps in the historical timeline... [members are encouraged to help the committee fill the numerous gaps in out documentation.]"



Resource Committee *(continued from page 11)*

2004, 2005, 2006

- **BINDER # VI**

WHEA Newsletters, as follows:

- ~ 1984 - 4 Issues/Jan., Apr., Jul., Nov.
- ~ 1985 - 2 Issues/Apr., Jul.
- ~ 1986 - 3 Issues/Jan., Apr., Aug.
- ~ 1987 - 3 Issues/Jan., Apr., Oct.
- ~ 1988 - 2 Issues/Jan., Oct.
- ~ 1989 - 3 Issues/Jan., Apr., Oct.
- ~ 1990 - 0 Issues
- ~ 1991 - 1 Issue/Jan.
- ~ 1992 - 1 Issue/Jan.
- ~ 1993 - 0 Issues
- ~ 1994 - 3 Issues: Summer, Fall, Fall
- ~ 1995 - 3 Issues: Spring, Fall, Winter
- ~ 1996 - 3 Issues: Issue 1, Issue 1
Winter, Issue 2 Winter
- ~ 1997 - 4 Issues: Spring, Summer,
Fall, Winter
- ~ 1998 - 4 Issues: Spring, Summer,
Fall, Winter
- ~ 1999 - 4 Issues: Quarter #'s 1, 2, 3, 4
- ~ 2000 - 4 Issues: Quarter #'s 1, 2, 3, 4
- ~ 2001 - 3 Issues: Quarter #'s 1, 2, 3
- ~ 2002 - 3 Issues: Quarter #'s 1, 2, 3
- ~ 2003 - 4 Issues: Quarter #'s 1, 2, 3, 4
- ~ 2004 - 3 Issues: Quarter #'s 2, 3
- ~ 2005 - 2 Issues: Quarter #'s 2, 3
- ~ 2006 - 0 Issues

- **BINDER # VII**

Miscellaneous Committee Minutes/
Documents, including:

- ~ ASHE
- ~ WHEA Foundation
- ~ WHEA Research and Development
- ~ Plant Recognition Day
- ~ Membership/Member Services
- ~ Vendor/Trade Show
- ~ Code Committee

BOX #2

- **BINDER # VIII**

Education Committee/Continuing
Education Programs/Documents

- **BINDER # IX**

WHEA Contracts, Agreements, IRS &
Legal Documents

- **BINDER # X**

Annual Conference Documents

- **BINDER # XI**

Chapter III Documents

- **BINDER # XII**

Chapter III Documents

- **BINDER #XIII**

Chapters I, II, IV, V, VI Documents

- **BINDER #XIV**

Early History Chapters III and II/VI

- **BINDER #XV**

By-laws Dated 1969 with Revisions Dated
'70, '79, '86, '88, '89, '90, '91, '93, '95, '99,
'02

- **BINDER #XVI**

Bank Statements:

- ~ Monthly Money Market March 1984-
December 1987
- ~ Checking Account, May 1981-
December 1987
- ~ Checking Account, January 1976-
August 1978

BOX #3

- WHEA Directories from 1986-2006
(Missing 1989)
- Folder with Assorted Training Seminar
Brochures

BOX #4

- Received from Wade Rudolph on June 1,
2007:
 - ~ Two 3-Ring Binders of Code Commit-
tee Meeting Minutes and other
Documents, 2006-2007
 - ~ 2005 ASHE Chapter Recognition
Award Documents

**We also have Two (2) Boxes with Display
Material of WHEA History.**



Sponsorship Committee

By Tamarah Cox



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Level Restructuring

Sponsorship breakfast conducted during annual conference. Post survey being developed. Maintained original structure for 2008. 2009 structure to be defined considering survey return.

Sponsorship Chair:

Expect transition Spring of 2008.



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ASHE Liaison Report

By Steve Vinopal



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"The Region 6 ASHE Conference is the only annual ASHE regional event of its kind!"

A **SHE Leed Review Process**
ASHE's R&D committee is reviewing the LEED for healthcare rating system. It is out for public comment. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for healthcare rating system is applicable to new healthcare facility construction and major renovation projects.

ASHRAE is requesting that ASHE jointly sponsor this new standard. ASHE is in the process via its R&D committee and a recruited task force in reviewing this LEED for healthcare rating system for applicability, reasonableness, effectiveness, and affordability.

The ASHE R&D committee's charge is to:

- Review the request and all associated information on the proposed standard.
- Provide a recommendation to the ASHE board of directors based on how this activity aligns and will further ASHE's mission and strategic plan.
- If the recommendation is to cosponsor this standard, the R&D committee is asked to recommend an ASHE member to serve as the ASHE team leader in the negotiation and agreement with ASHRAE and ASHE members to serve on the SPC189.2.

Copies of this information have been forwarded to Wade Rudolph, Jon Cechvala, Tom Laabs, and Dennis Havlik.

ASHE Board of Directors Meeting Summary

- The board agreed with continuing the development of a "Speakers Bureau." The original purpose will be revisited and a beta version will be introduced first prior to full availability to chapters and the membership.
- The pilot of a new program, the Healthcare Construction Project Management (HCPM) program, will launch in November. The program will be available to everyone in early 2008.
- A new series of webinars will be initiated in November. The first topic will address the Life Safety Code.
- The board approved the 2008 committee and task force structure. The actual compo-

sition of the committees will be determined by the President-Elect, John Wood, and letters inviting members to serve on the 2008 committees will be sent out in November.

- The board reaffirmed its commitment to work with institutions for higher learning to increase student interests in pursuing a career in healthcare facilities management. ASHE is currently working with a student chapter at Purdue University in Indiana and is developing a University Task Force to investigate options and educational programs and curriculums to work with other potential student chapters.
- The results of the Chapter Needs Assessment survey were discussed reporting that chapters highly valued ASHE's advocacy program and the Levels of Affiliation program. The board agreed to continue and expand the Chapter Needs Assessment survey tool.
- Results from the 2007 Membership Survey were also discussed. The overall trend shows significant improvements in service, value and the internet. Respondents who expressed displeasure will receive follow up communications to ascertain areas of improvement for the society.

ASHE Region 6 Annual Conference

The Region 6 ASHE Conference, the only ASHE Region meeting held in ASHE's ten regions, is April 17-18, 2008 in Mankato. The education program is set and final details are being worked out.

The agenda will include:

- ASHE Advocacy Update
Dale Woodin, ASHE
- Joint Commission Top 10 Issues
George Mills, Joint Commission
- Life Safety Code Update
Sharon Gilyeat, Koffel Associates
- Elevator Code Update
Mark Traetow, Schumacher Elevator
- Chilled Water Pumping and Humidity Controls in OR's
Sebesta Bloomberg & Associates
- Med Gas/Vac Systems – NFPA99 Update
Tom Spremo



Informing Current & New Members About “Members Only” Access to the Website

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All WHEA members are eligible for access to the WHEA website “Members Only” pages. This is the area where the privileged information provided exclusively to our members is posted and maintained. Access to this area is restricted via use of unique user names and passwords that are set up for each member. If you are a WHEA member and have never requested a password from us, you'll need to contact our Administrative Assistant, Jane Bruvold at bruvold@sbcglobal.net and she'll be happy to get you started. Here's the general process that we follow for all members requesting access to the Members Only pages of www.whea.com.....

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All these requests will be handled by Jane. Tom and I will be available for this function if Jane is unavailable.

Once the new member has submitted his/her choice of password to Jane, she

will build it into the website security file, test it, and let the new member know that it's set up. Thereafter, if the password is not changed but is forgotten, the member can click onto the “Forgot Password” link on the login page and the system will automatically mail the password to the members' email address – just another reason why you need to keep all your demographic information current with your chapter Member Services representative. If you don't, you miss a lot of important WHEA communications and will lose access to the Members Only site!

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MECH Report

By Jim Hildebrand



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To date we have 279 certified mechanics in Wisconsin, 84 Certified, 195 Senior Certified.

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energy efficiency advice.

To learn more about our new construction options, visit www.focusonenergy.com/newconstruction

Other Programs, Services Available, As Usual

Many of the Focus program offerings geared toward helping businesses become more energy efficient remain the same for the new program year. These include the technical information resources such as case studies and fact sheets, education and training classes, and assistance from our energy advisors and local trade allies. For more information about this year's training course schedule, visit www.focusonenergy.com/training.

Act 141 Prompts the Changes

Why have incentives increased? The reason is simple: the Focus on Energy budget is larger, thanks to 2005 Wisconsin Act 141. This legislation moved oversight of Focus program to the Public Service Commission. It also protects the dollars each ratepayer contributes towards energy efficiency; our budget is now fully funded. We can and will serve you better in the future.

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