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## President's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008. Someone must have forgotten to tell Mother Nature that spring was here. Record snow amounts and high energy costs have stretched everyone's budgets to the limit.

For everyone that was unable to attend last year's annual conference I want to provide a brief update on the WHEA Foundation. Past President Tom Laabs has volunteered to work with Wayne Johnson to make the foundation a reality. Since the annual conference, the necessary paperwork has been filed. Wayne and Tom will provide an update at this year's annual conference.

Speaking of this year's annual conference, planning is well under way. Make sure to mark your calendar for September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The annual conference will be held in Green Bay this year and next year, and then will be moving to La Crosse.

Sponsorship continues to be an important part of WHEA. As of this writing there are 29 sponsor's for 2008. It is



Dennis Havlik  
WHEA President

amend the current by laws to allow Associate members additional rights. Since that meeting the board has been advised that additional corrections will need to be made. Bill Best is in the process of making those corrections and will be bringing them to the June Board meeting to be reviewed. Any proposed changes will be presented at this year's annual meeting for approval.

Prior to the March Board  
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with these sponsors' support that WHEA is able to provide educational opportunities at all levels for our members. Please make sure you thank them at every opportunity you can.

At last year's annual conference the By Laws committee brought forward a proposal to

# 43rd Annual Conference Planning Update

By Mike Blackwood, Conference Committee Chair



The Conference committee met via a conference call on Fri., Feb. 8. Plans are coming together well for this year's conference. Red Benshop and his team have developed an educational schedule with topics to include "Providing and Presenting a Polished Presentation" by Glen Knight, WHEA Code committee presentations with split tracks for Nursing Homes and Hospitals, Facility Security, Emergency Operations Plan-

ning and the new JCAHO Emergency Management Standards.

A county fair theme will support this year's conference with the banquet and awards presentation returning to the KI Center. Anticipate "fun and games" and entertainment that will include something for everyone.

The spouse program this year will stay in the hotel for Tuesday's welcome program, where guests will try their hand at stamping. They will be guided by an experienced "stamper" and will make a few fall items that they can take home. Thursday will take the group back to Appleton for a self-guided tour of the Appleton History Museum, which includes the Houdini Exhibit, then on to lunch and shopping at the Fox River Mall. Other events will include the Tuesday evening open house, Wednesday's technical exhibition and lunch, and Thursday's social hour, awards presentation and banquet.

Hope to see everyone in Green Bay. 🍷

## President Dennis Havlik

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meeting Chapter II President Wayne Schroeder informed me that he was leaving the healthcare field and would no longer be serving as the Chapter II Representative to the Board. According to Chapter II bylaws the Past President fills the role of the President if he is not able to complete his term. This means Tom Stank will be completing Wayne's term as President and State Board representative. I would like to thank Wayne for his service and welcome Tom back to the Board.

In closing, I would like to thank the Education committee as they continually provide programs that benefit all members, the Codes and Standards committee as they represent Wisconsin and WHEA at the national level, the Member Services committee as they provide valuable information and recognition, the Resource committee for their document archiving and volunteering, the Sponsorship committee for acquiring sponsors, the Conference committee for the annual conference, the By Laws committee for by law review and update and all of the board members, committee chairs, committee members and volunteers that help make this organization as good as it is. 🍷

## 2007 CALENDAR

A P R I L		
3	Code Committee Mtg	12:30 pm - 4 pm
9	Chapter VI Mtg	
10	Chapter I Mtg	4:30 pm
10	Chapter II Mtg	noon
11	Conference Committee Mtg - Wausau	9 am - noon
17 - 18	ASHE Region 6 Conference	
17	Chapter V Mtg	9 am
	Budget Draft to Board	
M A Y		
2	Chapter III Mtg	
2	Finance Committee Mtg	9 am - noon
6	IBC Webinar	
8	Chapter I Mtg	4:30 pm
9	Education Committee Mtg - Kalahari	9 am - noon
14	Chapter VI Mtg	noon
15	Chapter II Mtg	5 pm
15	Chapter IV Mtg	
29	Code Committee Mtg	12:30 pm - 4 pm
J U N E		
6	Board Mtg	9 am - noon
6	Newsletter Article Deadline	
12	Chapter I Mtg	
13	Member Services Mtg - Stevens Pt	9 am - noon
20	Chapter V Mtg	
20	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

# Meeting News from Chapter II

By Tom Stank, Chapter II President



"Due to new education topic demands the chapter has expanded the meeting schedule to accommodate more health-care related issues"

In an effort to grow the chapter network and professional base, introductory letters were sent to every healthcare organization within Chapter II's geographical area. Along with the letter were a WHEA membership application form and Chapter II meeting schedule. As a result of the letter campaign, two of the new professional contacts attended the February meeting and submitted their membership applications.

The first meeting of 2008 was held on February 14, 2008 at the Trane Company in Madison. Attendance was excellent with as many new faces as existing members. The meeting educational topic was "Temperature and Humidity Control in Surgery Rooms" presented by the Trane Company. Due to new education topic demands the chapter has expanded the meeting schedule to accommodate more health-care related issues.

The March Chapter II meeting was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Wattertown Hospital. The education topic was Siemens "Controls Integration."

Wayne Schroeder resigned as Chapter II President effective February 27, 2008. As defined by the By-Laws, the past president, Tom Stank will assume the remainder of the term.

## Upcoming Chapter II meetings:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| April 10, 2008  | Building Automation System Capabilities. Presented by Johnson Controls. |
| May 15, 2008    | Chapter Officer Selection and Banquet.                                  |
| August 2008     | Annual Golf Outing. Date and Location TBD.                              |
| October 2, 2008 | Chapter II meeting during WHEA Annual Conference.                       |

## *Chapter II officers for 2007/2008 are:*

*Tom Stank – President*

*Dan Zank – Vice President*

*Doug Dunlap – Secretary*

*John Pohlmann – Treasurer*

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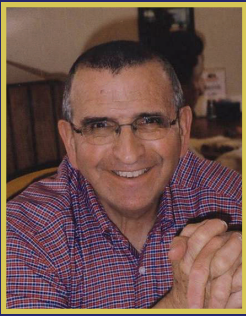
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# Resource Committee is Growing and Continues to Pursue Goals

Carl Budde and Darwin Claussen, Co-Chairs



The WHEA Resource committee is moving into its second year and is growing in size and taking on more volunteer services. Melvin "Red" Benshop, Paul Feldner, Roger Haines and Joe Plonka have joined co-chairs Darwin Clausen and me to serve on the committee. The committee has named Bob Botts as an honorary committee member. Erwin "Pat" Korish, and Ray Kirchoff have been active as volunteers in this past year.


One of the most significant tasks the resource team has put into

place this past year is the cataloging of historical documents such as board meetings, annual business meetings and by-laws up-dates. The committee continues to call for any historical documents that past board members/committee chairs may have in their own files. Members can find a complete list of documents on file in the archives by searching the resource committee webpage at [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com).


In 2008, the committee continues to be available to volunteer their

services as requested by the WHEA state board and its appointed committees. With regard to archives, the committee will continue to search for missing documents, specifically board minutes, annual conference business meeting minutes and by-laws changes. We will also work with Shirley Schutz on converting photographs from past conferences to CD's. Discussion will continue on the development of a process to catalogue documents that are on electronic files. 🐼

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# DQA Opens Milwaukee Office for Plan Review


By Roger Elliott, Member Services Committee Chair  
Contributed by Tom Laabs



"...the Department of Health & Family Services...has been diligently coordinating a more accessible construction plan drop off point for companies in the Southeastern region of the state."

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Crempier Mims, Director of the Wisconsin Bureau of Health Services, sent a letter to designated design firms offering the option to submit construction plans for review at the Milwaukee office. Many of you are aware that the Department of Health & Family Services/Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) has been diligently coordinating a more accessible construction plan drop off point for companies in the Southeastern region of the state. This has been a long-standing request by the industry.

The DQA requested that only a limited number of firms submit plans to Milwaukee during the month of March; however, if plans were submitted to the Madison office during that period the plans would have been processed to avoid any delays. Walk-ins were not accepted at the Milwaukee office during the trial period in March. With March at an end the DQA will evaluate the plan intake process and expand the plan submissions as warranted.

The Milwaukee DQA office is located at 819 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Room 609B Milwaukee, WI 53203. Look for more information on the success and/or the challenges encountered during the trial period. 

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# Chapter III Activities

By Helena Dukes, President, Chapter III



"Chapter III is committed to ... provide valuable programs at meetings, for professional/educational and personal development..."

The January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting was held at the office of CR Meyer Construction of Oshkosh, WI. Twenty eight (28) members and one guest were present. Steve Johnson of Georgia-Pacific provided a presentation on paperless drywall and its benefits to the healthcare industry.

The meeting minutes of September 20, 2007 and the Treasurer's Report were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in December due to the hosting sites' internal emergency. Committee reports were presented.

Nine (9) new member profiles were reviewed and are as follows:

#### Full Members:

- Corey Moran  
St. Mary's, Green Bay
- Bill Doney  
Community Memorial Hosp, Oconto Falls

- Kevin Pullen  
ThedaCare, Neenah

#### Associate Members:

- Jason Hinz  
Town and Country Elec, Sheboygan
- Paul Welhouse  
Well-House Duct Cleaning, Oneida
- Mathew Jensen  
Garret Callahan, Green Bay
- Jason Brenner  
JF Ahern, Fond du Lac
- Cheryl O'Connor  
O'Connor Sign Plan & Design, Oconomowoc
- Tracy William-Prince  
Keller Inc, Kaukauna

Chapter III voted unanimously to accept all nine new members.

Bylaws will be reviewed/revised to reflect the bylaws changes at their WHEA state level. Major changes were made regarding levels of member-

ship at the September 2007 Annual Conference. The changes will be incorporated into the chapter by-laws and will be presented to the Chapter III members.

Members interested in receiving the opportunity to be drawn for the CHFM Scholarship were asked to submit their names prior to the March meeting. An electronic reminder was sent to all members.

Members are encouraged to submit names of maintenance mechanics in their facility who are interested in taking the MECH exam. An e-mail will be sent as a reminder to all members.

Roundtable discussion: members shared their experiences in implementing and monitoring the *No Smoking In Building Or Grounds* policy.

A Chapter III meeting was held on March 20, 2008 at the boardroom of Casa Di Luigi facility in Neenah, WI. A program on OSHA update for Healthcare facilities was presented, and included interactive segments used in providing performance-based safety training.

Chapter III is committed to achieving goals under the following general categories of service during 2008:

- Provide valuable programs at meetings, for professional/educational and personal development (at least four per year).
- Continue to promote CHFM certification (at least two per year).
- Continue to increase membership (by 8% at least).



# Codes and Standards News

Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, Co-Chairs



"Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph developed and presented a healthcare code update at the Annual Code Refresher Training in a joint effort with the UW Engineering Department, [the DOC] and the Office of Quality Assurance."

Although the Codes and Standards Committee has not met since November of 2007, the committee work continues. The meetings for the committee are scheduled for April, June, August, September (annual conference) and November of 2008.

Jeff Boldt continues to represent WHEA on the Department of Commerce Plumbing Advisory Committee. This committee is again active in Wisconsin. Jeff also serves on the ASHRAE 90A committee which is looking at significant revisions to the energy code for healthcare starting in 2010.

Greg Graunke represents WHEA on the Commerce Elevator Rules Development Committee. Even without a formal appointment, he has participated on this committee as it is open to the public.

**Code Refresher Training Presented:** Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph developed and presented a healthcare code update at the Annual Code Refresher Training in a joint effort with the University of Wisconsin Engineering Department, State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce, and the State of Wisconsin Department of Office of Quality Assurance. The one-day session was presented on February 18th with topics including AIA require-

ments adopted by Wisconsin, IBC changes effective in March 2008, many OQA Department updates, and Bariatric Design.

**The AIA Healthcare Revisions Committee** is now in the middle of the 2010 revision cycle. This revision cycle has seen an expansion in representation from Wisconsin by 100%. Now Jon Cechvala, David Soens, Roger Lautz, and Wade Rudolph represent the state. All the representatives are members of the WHEA Codes and Standards Committee. In January over 1100 proposals were reviewed, evaluated, and decided upon. The shaded text will be open for public comment in June of 2008 and comments being accepted for several months.

**NFPA 99 Mechanical Committee:** Roger Lautz has been assigned chair of the NFPA 99 Mechanical Committee. As the chair, this is a key position in the document as the entire work will be restructured as well as updated. Bill Best is also on the rewrite committee. This document will also be open for public comment once drafted.

**ASHE Advocacy Committee:** Mike Blackwood is the chair of the ASHE advocacy committee this year. Also on the ASHE committee is Wade Rudolph, and Roger Lautz. The work assigned by the

ASHE board to the committee is well under way at this time. The primary goal is to further develop the information sharing and communication to support the members of ASHE in appropriate advocacy.

**Code Committee Annual Conference Plans:** The WHEA Codes and Standards Committee continues working with the Education Committee in refining the Wisconsin Code-specific presentation for the Healthcare Construction Certification program. There are two more sessions planned for 2008. This program has been reviewed and approved by ASHE for recertification of its contractor training certificate.

**ASHRAE and USP Standards:** The WHEA Codes and Standards Committee continues to remain active in providing input to draft ASHRAE standards as well as the USP Chapter 797 standards. An invitation was extended for a code and standards representative to serve on the ASHRAE SP170 committee in attempt to obtain WHEA's support for this document.

The WHEA Code & Standards Committee continues to serve the members of WHEA by supporting good codes and standards on a state

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# Chapter V News

Corey Fedie, Chair



Chapter V met on February 21st at Ruby's Diner in Bloomer. There were 26 members and 2 guests present. All reports were provided and approved.

Discussion occurred regarding the loss of James Fulkerson who was an asset to our organization and a member of the code committee. He is not currently employed in healthcare so his membership shall be relinquished.

ASHE update. The awards application is almost complete and must be submitted by March 1st. Platinum is the goal!

Information about the annual conference was shared. County Fair is this theme for this year and a Packer theme is anticipated for our last year in Green Bay next year.

Chapter goals were presented and approved. Several members volunteered to create sub-committees to accomplish them.

Chapter bylaws were updated to reflect the State changes from the conference. All were approved. Questions regarding wording came up and we collectively decided to table until the conference since concern has been brought forward from Bill Best.

Two new members were voted in; one full and one associate.

Following the meeting the group had a presentation about steam traps and various technologies by Bob Silva, Precision Controls.

## Codes

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and national level. WHEA is being recognized for providing good input into standards development. This is an exciting time for the WHEA Codes & Standards Committee as there are many codes and standards under development that will need to be reviewed, followed, and commented on as these draft codes will affect the environment of care for the next 15 years. The stakes are high, but the committee is well equipped to meet the challenge.

It is truly a pleasure to work with such a knowledgeable group of professionals that are truly committed to improving the environment of healthcare in Wisconsin and across the nation.

*Thank You  
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needs in Leo's memory..."*

*Shirley Schutz & Family*



# ASHE Region 6 Report

Steve Vinopal, ASHE Region 6 Director/WHEA Liaison



"The 7th Annual Region 6 ASHE Conference [the only annual ASHE regional event of its kind]...will be held April 17-18, 2008 in Mankato, MN."

All is going well at ASHE. I am very proud and wish to let you know that WHEA is well represented on ASHE's Advocacy Committee with Mike Blackwood as its chairman and Wade Rudolph and Roger Lautz as members. The first meeting was in Jacksonville in January and our three WHEA Reps are doing a great job.

The ASHE Region 6 winter newsletter went out to the region in January. It included: the summary of our ASHE Board meeting October 5-6, 2007 in Williamsburg, Virginia as provided by Sharon Autrey, a quick outline of ASHE's affiliated chapter awards program, the criteria, its awards and dead-

lines. It also informed them of information on ASHE's personal recognition programs and deadlines for submittals.

## **ASHE REGION 6 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 6 ASHE Conference is the only annual ASHE regional event of its kind. The 2008 Conference will be held April 17- 18, 2008 in Mankato, MN. The education program is set and final details are being worked out. Please mark your calendars to attend!

The agenda will include:


- ASHE Advocacy Update Dale Woodin, ASHE
- Joint Commission Top

10 Issues

Jerry Gervais, Joint Commission

- Life Safety Code Update Sharon Gilyeat, Koffel Assoc.
- Elevator Code Update Mark Traetow, Schumacher Elev.
- Chilled Wtr Pumping & Humidity Ctrls in OR's Sebesta Bloomberg & Assoc.
- Med Gas/Vac Systems – NFPA99 Update Tom Spremo

Two exciting changes in Region 6 for 2008 are that our Region 6 ASHE region meeting and Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association HCC program have met the ASHE criteria to be renewal programs for the ASHE HCC program. This should meet a growing need for our Associate members and contractors in Region 6. The ASHE Region 6 Standing Committee chairs have been recruited and on board to lead our efforts for the 2009 8th Annual Region 6 Meeting. Due to the increase in attendance we are moving the convention center in 2009.

North Dakota has a meeting planned in May to work out final details in starting a North Dakota ASHE chapter. They are looking at combining their existing safety group with the engineers. 

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# Button Contest Designs for Engineering Week 2008 Are Due June 1st

Kelly Roshell and Roger Elliott



Each year the WHEA Member Services Committee and the Board of Directors sponsor the WHEA Maintenance and Plant Operations Employee Recognition Week in conjunction with the annual ASHE Healthcare Engineering celebration week during the last full week of October. In 2008 our Recognition Week event will be celebrated the week of



2007 Recognition Week Button Design  
by Brent Skiba  
Froedert Hospital, Milwaukee

October 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduling the WHEA recognition event to coincide with the ASHE celebration provides us with an opportunity to celebrate with our 7,000 ASHE peers for an entire week, helps to align our focus with that

of our national organization, and provides some opportunities for WHEA members (who are also ASHE members) to purchase gifts

and commemorative items through ASHE on-line that are not otherwise available for use in recognizing our healthcare engineering colleagues within Wisconsin.

## **WHEA Recognition Week Button Design Contest**

No WHEA recognition event would be complete without the commemorative buttons that are created and distributed each year! We need to receive your button designs for Recognition Week, 2008, by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an important deadline because the winning design will be chosen at the June board meeting! Just a reminder that banners helping to promote our recognition event are also available for \$110.00.

Please submit your design for the 2008 recognition week button to:

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# Get User Names and Passwords for Access to WHEA's Members Only Website

By Roger Elliott



"[We have] a great deal of important information available to you, but only if you have access to the "Members Only" area of the website."

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@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:bruvold@sbcbglobal.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](http://www.whea.com).....

- *User names are always the members' first initial of their first name and their last name, all in lower case -- no exceptions (example: Smokey T. Bear becomes sbear).*

- *Members get to pick their own password – WE DON'T ASSIGN PASSWORDS!*

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*be handled by Jane. 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!*

If you are a new member or a member who hasn't already taken advantage of this opportunity for access to the WHEA Members Only website, please contact Jane today! There is a great deal of important information available to you, but only if you have access to the "Members Only" area of the website. 🇺🇸

- *All these requests will*

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Click on Chapter in your area for Local Information

# Healthcare Construction Certificate Is Now Renewable!

By Jim Teunas, Committee Chair



The Education Committee is dedicated to our Association's mission of providing quality education, advocacy and outreach within our healthcare community. We strive to develop technical and managerial program offerings that provide value to our members. Our organization's history demonstrates our commitment to this mission.



On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Education committee sponsored a program on emergency power systems. Highly acclaimed speaker, Dan Chisholm, presented this program at the Wintergreen in Wisconsin Dells. Reviews on this program were mixed but all were in agreement that Dan was an excellent presenter and most attendees came away with an overall positive experi-

ence. Evaluation comments will be used to improve future programs.

## Upcoming Site-Based Program

### **May 21st - Healthcare Construction Certificate**

Country Springs Conference Center, Pewaukee, WI

Our HCC program is a one-day seminar with important information and updates for both contractors and hospital construction supervisors. It will provide knowledge of safety issues, infection control, air quality issues and many other unique topics pertaining to construction in a healthcare environment. The attendee will receive a certificate of attendance, hard-hat decal and a reference book. Online registration for this program will open April 9th.

## New Renewable Certificate Process!

Starting in 2008, WHEA's HCC Program Certificate will be valid for a period of three (3) years from date of issue. Renewal process details are available on [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com). This dated certificate will be retroactive for those of you who have attended a recent WHEA HCC program. Please check out the website for more information and a list of past HCC attendees and their retroactive certificate expiration dates.

## Yet another reason to attend this amazing program:

WHEA's HCC program now satisfies ASHE's Healthcare Construction Certificate renewal education requirements.

## Upcoming Webinars

The Education Committee has 2 webinars scheduled so far this year. We are still narrowing down a date in late April or May for an IBC webinar and on July 15th there will be a DHFS webinar.

Registration for both on-site and webinar education programs opens up approximately 4-6 weeks before the date of the program. **Watch your email for information or check the website for registration information.** If you have signed up for our webinar subscription service, you will be notified by email once the program registration opens.

## Webinar Subscription Still Available!

Last year the Education committee developed an annual webinar subscription offering. For one annual fee, you will automatically be enrolled in all WHEA webinars (minimum of 4) for the 2008 calendar year. Many people have taken advantage of this offer. If you would like to sign up for this subscription, please go to our Education site on [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com). There is an online registration now available. 🇺🇸





# 2007 Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award Nominations Are Due June 30<sup>th</sup>

by Roger Elliott

The WHEA Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award is presented annually by the state board in order to provide additional recognition to WHEA members who demonstrate significant levels of achievement in, or make significant contributions to the various disciplines within the field of health care facilities management. This award is presented to a candidate who has been nominated by one or more of his/her peers, evaluated by the elected stated board members by comparing all nomina-

tions received against a criteria-based scoring grid, and subsequently determining a recipient by a simple majority vote.

WHEA members who wish to nominate someone for this award should submit nomination papers prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> so the board can evaluate all the nominations at the August board meeting and be able to present the award at the annual banquet.

A more detailed description of the award concept, its purpose, the qualifications of candidates and an outline of

the nomination and selection process is included as separate documents on pages 14 & 15 within this newsletter. Please consider placing the name of one of your peers in nomination for the Pioneer Award. There is no shortage of very worthy candidates within our ranks. Please address any questions about the award, the nomination process, or any other concerns you may have to WHEA President, Dennis Havlik, 608.791.9758, or [havlik.dennis@mayo.edu](mailto:havlik.dennis@mayo.edu).

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# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

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

### **The AWARD:**

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

### **Qualifications:**

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

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

### **Achievements & Contributions:**

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

- through achievement of significant operational efficiencies,
- through implementation or design of cost containment strategies,
- through significant innovation in facility design,
- through innovative facilities management practices,
- through innovative safety initiatives,
- through innovative technology initiatives,
- through innovations in construction management strategies,
- through participation in citizen advisor boards or other advocacy projects where personal facilities management expertise or applied engineering excellence:

- significantly improved the overall quality of health care in the community(s) being served,
- significantly improved accessibility to health care services,
- significantly improved local, state, or national code compliance or code revisions, or
- significantly improved levels of health care services to the community(s) served.

### **Selection Procedure:**

Candidates must be nominated by another member of the WHEA, in writing, including:

- A written narrative of not less than 250 words, describing the actions that you feel qualifies your nominee for the Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award.

- Include one (1) additional letter of support if so desired (not required)

- Attach other supporting documentation as needed to validate the accomplishments of the nominee.

Nomination papers must be submitted to the current state WHEA President for the previous calendar year, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteria-based scoring grid.

The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.

The award will be presented to the selected recipient by the President of WHEA at the Annual Banquet or other appropriate event or venue prior to the end of the calendar year.



# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

### Nomination Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### NOMINATED BY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination Narrative

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

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