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President's Message



Kim Bauer
WHEA President

As your new president, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the organization and for the support I have already felt from so many of you. I want to welcome our new board members and thank them for their dedication and willingness to serve. What I have clearly realized over the years like many of you know, that you really do get back much more than you give, with a well structured organization like WHEA. If our nation's government was run this well, our nation would definitely be in a better situation than we are today! I take my hat off to all who have served and are serving to a job well done!

Now I want to introduce the 2009 WHEA State Board and Committee Chairs:

Past President: Dennis Havlik
President: Kim Bauer
Vice-President: Wade Rudolph
Secretary: Dan Loest
Treasurer: Tamarah Cox
Officer at Large: Dean Pufahl
Chapter I President: Gary Karnitz
Chapter II President: Dan Zank
Chapter III President: Marti Isaacson
Chapter IV President: Mike Hanson
Chapter V President: Dan Bruss
Chapter VI President: Al Neitzel

By-Laws Committee Chair: Bill Best
Code Committee Co-Chairs: Wade Rudolph & Jon Cechvala
Conference Committee Chair: Mike Blackwood
Education Committee Chair: Jim Teunas
Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Tamarah Cox & Kim Bauer

Member Services Committee Chair: Roger Elliott
Nominating Committee Co-Chairs: Dennis Havlik & Kim Bauer
Resource Committee Co-Chairs: Carl Budde & Darwin Clausen
Sponsorship Committee Chair: Dennis Havlik

Please contact any of the board members with suggestions or questions on how WHEA can better serve your needs or just let them know how great of a job they are doing. (continued on page 2)

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Chapter V News

By Dan Bruss, Chapter President



Our last meeting was located in Eau Claire at Luther-Midelfort Hospital on October 16th. Vice President, Gary Gust presided over the business meeting. Reports from committees were approved as presented. Important notes from the meeting include the announcement of the passing of one of our past WHEA State Presidents, Bob Heise. Bob was President in 1983 and retired from St. Mary's hospital in Madison 1984.

Vice President Gary Gust was awarded the free ASHE membership for this coming year. Membership awards were presented at the 2008 annual meeting in Green

Bay this year to Roger Duss, David Kimball and Tom Zemaits for 5 years, Harvey Glamann, Wade Rudolph, Terry Sullivan and Dennis Wussler for ten years, and to Roger Elliott for twenty-five years of continuous membership in WHEA.

Chapter V By-laws will be reviewed in a special session just prior to this month's Chapter V holiday gathering and we should have finished copies ready to distribute for review by the general membership at our February meeting. If recommended for approval, the By-laws will be sent to Bill Best, WHEA By-laws committee chair, for evaluation and recommen-

dation to the state board for approval.

Two new members were added to Chapter V at our October meeting. Committee representatives were appointed for the period October 1st, 2008 – September 31st, 2009. Next years' meeting dates and locations were tentatively scheduled. Our meeting concluded with presentations by Gail Essen, of Siemens -- "Video Analytics; How to get the most out of your cameras" and by Jeff Urlaub, of MEP -- "Energy Savings Projects, Using Heat Recovery Chillers and Energy Recovery Units".

President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

On November 7th, the WHEA board met to set the calendar for the year and to establish goals for 2009. I have set 3 goals and would like to share as your president. The *first goal* is to promote direction and support to the WHEA foundation committee and to get into action as to how we are going to operate as a whole. My *second goal* is to continue on with what Dennis Havlik has done a good job of promoting secretarial help to Jane and committee chairs so to free up time to do their jobs. Also, to look to the future toward a possible Director position to work with WHEA and the foundation to tie it all together to help keep the continuity flowing between WHEA, the association and the foundation. My *third goal* is to promote getting an accounting firm to back up Tamarah Cox our treasurer and hopefully make her task a little easier and give her some support and back up for her records and hard work. I would also like to take this time to thank Tamarah, after seeing some of what she does, it takes a lot of time to do everything and I commend her for it!

On December 5th, the new board met at the Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells and I want to thank everyone that was there. We had a great turn out and very few people were missing and a lot was accomplished. Among the accomplishments was the appointment of the new WHEA foundation board. The board consisted of the current President, past President, Darwin Clausen, Wayne Johnson, Tom Laabs, Roger Elliott, Mike Blackwood and Tamarah Cox. Please thank them and encourage them for their continued work in this great accomplishment. There is a lot to be done to keep this organization within the mission statement that has made us what we are today!

In closing, thank you to all in the WHEA organization for all everyone does. No matter how big or small, it adds up to what we are. I wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe holiday season and best wishes for 2009 and beyond!

Respectfully, Kim Bauer, WHEA President

Conference Committee Report

By Mike Blackwood, Committee Chair



The WHEA Conference Committee met to Thursday, October 30 to review results from the 2008 conference and begin preparations for 2009. 2008 evaluations indicate that programs were well received with some speakers and/or programs specifically singled out to return again in future years. Thanks to the great response by members, sponsors and vendors, the 2008 WHEA Annual Conference was a tremendous success.

As in past years, ASHE leadership was again represented at our conference with President-elect Troy Martin attending on Tuesday. Troy spoke to ASHE's strategic plan and how affiliated chapters like WHEA are critical to ASHE's mission. Troy's comments were very complimentary toward our organization and he thanked WHEA for its support to ASHE and the healthcare engineering profession as a whole.

Planning has already begun for the 2009 conference. Red Benschop, Roger Haines and Jim Teunas along with the Resource Committee have reviewed the 2008 conference evaluations and are actively pursuing speakers for the educational programs, with an option for additional multiple tracks at various times throughout the

conference.

As 2009 is our last year currently scheduled for Green Bay, a Packer theme will greet us in September with promise to visit the "Frozen Tundra" for some special events.

Watch for more information in future WHEA newsletters and make plans now for a great 2009 WHEA Annual Conference in Green Bay. 🇺🇸

2009 CALENDAR

J A N U A R Y

8	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 pm
8	Chapter II Meeting	
9	Education Comm Mtg (Stevens Point)	9:00 am - noon
22	Chapter III Meeting	
31	Directory Advertising Deadline	
31	Directory Article Deadline	

F E B R U A R Y

6	Conference Comm Mtg (conference call)	10:00 am
12	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 pm
12	Chapter II Meeting	
19	Chapter V Meeting	
27	Treasurer Distributes Budget Package	
28	WHEAnet Roster Database Edit Deadline	

M A R C H

6	Board Meeting	9:00 am - noon
6	Newsletter Article Deadline	
8-11	ASHE PDC	
12	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 pm
12	Chapter II Meeting	
19	Chapter III Meeting	
20	Education Comm Mtg (conference call)	9:00 - 10:30 am
27	Member Services Mtg (Glac Cany - Dells)	9:00 am - noon
31	Chapter Dues State Payment Deadline	
31	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

Another WHEA HCC Program Filled to Capacity

By Jim Teunas, Committee Chair



In the last quarter, the education committee provided 3 educational opportunities. On October 29 a webinar, "Risk Assessments in the Environment of Care" was presented by Karim Vellani of Threat Analysis Group. Thirty-nine people were registered and comments indicated that the

*Gentlemen,
I wanted to let you know that I attended the WHEA Healthcare Construction Seminar yesterday. I was very impressed with the level of quality in the presentation. Infection control appears to be a serious concern. The certification will be quite helpful in the construction of my current health-care projects.*

specifics of this planned maintenance management process presentation were very informational. A site-based program, "Joint Commission Updates 2009", was held at the

Glacier Canyon Conference Center on November 13 in Wisconsin Dells. This program was very well received



and there were seventy-seven people in attendance. Both George Mills and Ode Keil were excellent speakers and program comments indicated



the need to have both speakers return for future programs. The third of three "Healthcare Construction Certificate" programs for the year was held on December 10 at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. As usual, this very popular program on hospital construction safety was filled to capacity. Presenters and code committee co-chairs, Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, and Robert Dubiel, code committee member, gave an excellent presentation.

The educational committee has an aggressive slate of programs in the works for 2009 including plans for three additional Healthcare Construction Certificate programs. Be sure to watch the WHEA website for information on upcoming programs. Registration for programs generally opens up 4 to 6 weeks before the program date.

nounce that we will continue offering our Webinar Subscription Service! WHEA offers web-based education programs that focus on "hot-topic", code alerts and management level subjects throughout the year. With WHEA's Webinar Subscription Service you sign up once and will be automatically enrolled for all 2009 WHEA webinars for the entire calendar year. This service ensures that:

- You will be automatically registered for all WHEA offered webinars, minimum of four (4), per calendar year.
- One approval and payment process for all webinars throughout the year.
- Webinars are accessible from anywhere with internet and phone (continued on page 5)

2009 Webinar Subscription Service

The Education Committee is excited to an-

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

**2/18/09 - Life Safety Day
Holiday Inn - Stevens Point**
3/17/08 - 96 Hour Webinar

Chapter I News

By Gary Karnitz, Chapter President



Since September Chapter 1 has met 3 times. Our September meeting was held at MFD Station #35. The MFD HURT (Heavy Urban Rescue Team) gave us a presentation on the equipment they use when responding to large scale incidents that require search and rescue.

In October our meeting was at Froedtert Hospital. At this meeting Chapter 1 presented Wayne Johnson with a check to the WHEA foundation for \$2000.00. Our updated by-laws were voted on and accepted. Our No-

vember meeting was held at Ahern Fire Protection in Menomonee Falls and new information on what Ahern can do for our Chapter was presented.

Chapter 1 has set goals for the 2008/2009 season. Goals are as follows.

1. Chapter 1 officers will set-up a budget for the Chapter.
2. Set up a Chapter fund-

raiser to support the WHEA Foundation.

3. Work along with Focus on Energy to benchmark hospitals on the EPA Energy star website.

In 2009 Chapter 1 has some exciting meeting locations. We will be touring a windmill site, the new tower at Children's Hospital and many other locations. 🇺🇸

Education Committee

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access; from your office or from a conference room with your team.

- Confirmations will automatically be e-mailed for each webinar.
- \$300 annual fee for one (1) connections per Webinar Subscription Service.

New to the WHEA Education Webinar subscription service. For those who sign up for the yearly subscription, they will receive confirmation and access to each education program. In addition to the scheduled program, a link will be included for an on-line version to view the education program at a later date that fits your schedule. Many of our members set up a LCD projector in a conference room of the shop so that others in their department can benefit from the training. Some of the webinars already being developed for calendar year 2009 include:

- DHFS Q&A – Survey Preparedness
- Code Alerts
- Statement of Conditions Management
- Air & Water Filtration
- 96 Hour Principal
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For more details and the online registration form, go to www.whea.com, "Education and Training". 🇺🇸



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SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

- \$300 annual fee.
- Service term is based on the **2009** calendar year.
- One connection per subscription service.
- Confirmations will automatically be e-mailed

Register online at www.whea.com.

Go to "Education and Training" follow the drop-downs to "Program Registration" then to "Webinar Subscription Service".

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

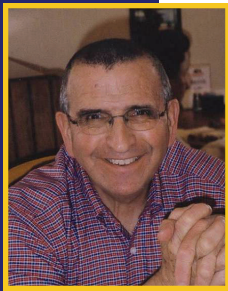


Resource Committee

by Darwin Clausen & Carl Budde, Committee Co-Chairs



The WHEA Resource Committee was appointed by President Tom Laabs in 2006. The committee is composed of retired members Melvin "Red" Benschop, Paul Feldner, Roger Haines, Joe Plonka and co-chairs Darwin Clausen and Carl Budde. Bob Botts is an honorary committee member. In addition to our committee members, Erwin "Pat" Korish, Ray Kirchoff and Clarence Day also assist the committee as volunteers.



The Resource Committee continues to search for historical documents. Heading the list of documents are board meeting minutes and annual business meeting minutes. Members can find a complete list of documents on file in the archives by searching the resource committee web-page at www.whea.com. Thanks to

Shirley Schutz, pictures from past conferences are now being converted to DVD's. To date Shirley has completed the annual conferences from 2001, 2002, 2004 & 2008.

The Resource Committee also continues to provide volunteer services for the on site one-day educational programs offered by the WHEA Education Committee. Services included registration, introductions and other facilitating needs.

The 2008 Annual Conference again provided several opportunities for the resource team including:

- Staffing "Bob Botts' Bargain Basement" (selling WHEA promotional memorabilia and logo-ware at affordable prices).
- Working with the Member Services committee, the Resource Committee welcomed many first time attendees to the conference.
- At the Technical Exhibition, the Resource Committee staffed the WHEA booth, awarding door prizes provided by the WHEA Conference Committee as well as well over seventy (70) door prizes provided by the participating exhibitors.
- In addition, the Resource Committee and volunteers provided support to WHEA Administrative Assistant, Jane Bruvold with registration and Melvin "Red" Benschop with speaker introductions.
- Last but not least, the Resource Committee assisted with "working the crowd" at the county fair which followed the annual banquet.

In 2009 the Resource Committee will continue to support these and other programs requested by the WHEA state board and appointed committees. Discussion will also continue in regard to developing a process to catalogue documents that are already in electronic format.

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Chapter II News

Dan Zank, Chapter President



Chapter II held a meeting on October 30, 2008 -- sponsored by Trane with our education program provided by Ingersoll Rand on security hardware. This was our first meeting presided over by our new officers:

Dan Zank – President
Doug Dunlap – Vice President
Dennis O' Hearn – Secretary
John Pohlmann – Treasurer
Tom Stank – Past President

2009 Goals Report:

1. Goal: Increases the number of full members.

Expected Outcome: Increases the number of full Members, have a full member serve on the board and get them more involved in the chapter.

2. Goal: To get members to serve on the Education Committee and other WHEA committees.

Expected Outcome: To fill the open position on the Education Committee and any other committees that need to be represented by Chapter II.

Chapter II meetings and educational topics scheduled for 2009:

- Jan. 8, 2009 Fire Stop/Barrier
- Feb. 12, 2009 Contingency Cooling
- March 12, 2009 Siemens Fire Code
- April 9, 2009 North Point Health and wellness Tour
- May 21, 2009 Chapter II Banquet
- Aug. 13, 2009 Chapter II Golf Outing
- Sep. 24, 2009 Chapter II Meeting @ WHEA Conf.

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Focus on Energy: A Lifeline for the Healthcare Industry

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Wisconsin healthcare facilities use more energy per square foot than other commercial building types. However, with the health and well-being of patients at the forefront of staff's minds, energy saving measures rightfully take a back seat. Even so, there are many opportunities for healthcare facilities to reduce energy consumption and related costs, and Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative, can help identify and implement those opportunities.

Focus on Energy assists healthcare facilities with controlling their energy costs. Energy consumption accounts for a growing percentage of operating costs; therefore, energy management in healthcare today is both a challenge and an opportunity. Focus on Energy can help businesses throughout the planning and implementation of energy saving and renewable energy projects by being an objective third party to help collect and analyze energy-use data, create long-term energy plans, train staff, provide financial incentives and assist with energy benchmarking.

In fact, since 2003 Focus on Energy has helped healthcare facilities throughout the state save \$12 million in annual energy costs!

What's Coming in 2009?

All of Focus on Energy's incentives and programs will continue in 2009! New and improved applications will be available after the turn of the year on the Focus on Energy's Web site at focusonenergy.com/financialincentives. When applying for an incentive, please note that incentives over \$25,000 require pre-approval. To receive pre-approval, please contact Focus.

Retrocommissioning Program

One specific offering still available in 2009 that the healthcare industry can

benefit from is the Retrocommissioning Program. Retrocommissioning "tunes up" an existing building to improve efficiency and operation. The process begins with a comprehensive energy evaluation, which brings a qualified consultant to your facility to thoroughly review its systems and controls. Healthcare facilities can participate in this program to optimize energy performance of your existing facilities.

Healthcare Bid Program

In addition, the Healthcare Bid Program was expanded for all large customers. The program allows customers to compete for enhanced funding for large capital energy projects that may be stalled or delayed. Customer bids are scored based on energy savings potential, project cost, technologies involved and bid amount. Bids are accepted bi-annually with submittal deadlines of April 1 & September 1. Contact Focus on Energy today to see a project at your healthcare facility qualifies.

Call on Focus on Energy Today

Focus on Energy helps Wisconsin businesses of all types and sizes save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year through the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. These projects can address a facility's mechanical systems, including heating and cooling systems, refrigeration and motors and drives, in addition to lighting and processes such as waste management. Focus assists businesses with identifying and prioritizing efficiency projects and remains an objective partner through project completion and performance testing.

To find out how your healthcare facility can benefit from energy efficiency and renewable energy, call Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077, or visit focusonenergy.com for more information.

Codes and Standards News

By Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, Code Committee Co-Chairs



The WHEA Codes and Standards Committee met on November 6 and December 12. The primary focus at these two meetings was to provide comment to the Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities. In addition to providing public comment on this document, comments were also submitted to the NFPA regarding the NEC.


USP chapter 797 The committee has been working with the State of Wisconsin Pharmacy Board and has provided documentation regarding the USP chapter 797 engineering requirements that in our opinion are excessive and not substantiated by any evidence based information. There is move-

ment by the state to adopt this guideline, but it is the hope of the committee that the engineering standards will not be adopted as originally published by the USP.

HCC program The committee put on another successful HCC program for the education committee on December 10 in La Crosse. This program is well received in the industry and is proactively making health-care safer for the patients as is our mission at WHEA.

Joint Commission Standards The committee is also working with ASHE to clarify several Joint Commission Standards and Frequently Asked Questions effective in 2009. There were many new and updated Frequently Asked Questions published on the Joint Commission

website in late November. Members are encouraged to review these documents and conduct the recommended risk assessments and gap analysis as these topics are enforceable starting in January. One example is the requirement for wardrobe cabinets are required to have sprinkler protection.

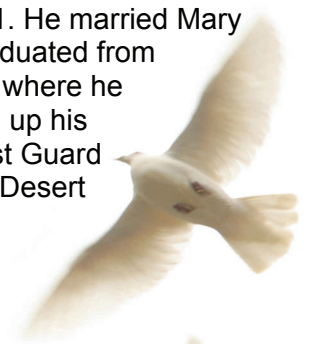
DNR The Department of Natural Resource recently published a document on disposal of unused pharmacy medications. This document was well written, however engineers should be aware that many of the instructions provided in the document are best practices and not regulatory minimums. The document can be downloaded from the State of Wisconsin DNR website. 



In Memoriam – Michael Plaisance

Michael Plaisance, Neenah, age 66, died Saturday, November 15, 2008, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 10th, 1941. He married Mary Ellen Donlevy on November 17th, 1962, in Milwaukee. Mike graduated from Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac and then joined the Navy where he served as a machinist mate onboard submarines. Mike followed up his active duty with time in the Navy Reserves and then in the Coast Guard

Reserves. He was a member of the Coast Guard contingent that participated in Desert Storm. He retired from service in 1992 as a Chief in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mike retired in 2007 after 37 years of dedicated service to the facilities department of Theda Clark Hospital in Neenah. He was a dedicated and exceptional husband, father and grandfather who loved being with his family. Mike also enjoyed gun and bow hunting with his good friends and grouse hunting with his dogs, Gus and Max. He was a hunter at heart but especially enjoyed the camaraderie of being with his friends in the north woods. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen Plaisance, son Christopher (Kelly) Plaisance, Wausau; two daughters: Amy (Dave) Plaisance-Connell, Winneconne; Beth (Alan) Plaisance-Hill, Neenah; his mother; a brother; four sisters; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his best hunting buddy, Gus. A celebration of his life and Mass of Resurrection was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Menasha, with Fr. David Lewis officiating.



Dennis Havlik Leads Sponsorship Program for 2009

By Dennis Havlik, Committee Chair



2009 Sponsorship Goals:

- Continue to work to complete Goal 1 from 2008. Work with the WHEA President and the Committee in providing Sponsorship policy review and changes as potential formation of WHEA Foundation is pursued.
- Assist WHEA in maintaining its financial activity performance for 2009 through recruiting sponsors for calendar year 2009 to achieve income of \$70,000.
- Continue to work to complete Goal 3 from 2008. Investigate the realignment of Sponsorship levels to assist in exploring extended opportunities for 2009.
- Develop a database that combines Sponsorship Recruitment, Directory Advertisement and Trade Show Technical Exhibitors.

Sponsorship recruitment emails have

been sent out. So far eleven companies have submitted requests to sponsor for 2009. They are:

Platinum Sponsorship

The Boldt Company

Gold Sponsorship

- J. H. Findorff & Son, Inc.
- Riley Construction (New)
- Ahern Fire Protection
- Balestrieri Environmental & Development, Inc.
- HDR

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ASHE Region 6 Report

Steve Vinopal, ASHE Region 6 Director/WHEA Liaison



ASHE is taking a leadership role in developing the American Hospital Association's strategy for sustainability, through AHA's "In Pursuit of Excellence" initiative. This effort will establish AHA's recommendations and best practices on how to incorporate "green" into health care facilities design and operation. ASHE will play a key role in coordinating this program in conjunction with CEOs from American Hospital Association member facilities as well as with other Personal Membership Groups (PMGs) in the AHA family.

Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) Program

ASHE is developing a workbook and preparatory class to assist candidates who are interested in or are taking the Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) examination. The CHFM preparatory classes are being modified to allow chapters to host them. As details are finalized, chapters will receive more information on this opportunity.

2010-2012 Strategic Planning

ASHE is embarking on development of the 2010 – 2012 strategic plans. This effort is being led by

2009 President, Troy M. Martin, SASHE.

Advocacy Highway

Efforts are underway to ensure that each ASHE-affiliated chapter has a named representative to serve as the Advocacy Liaison to that chapter. The Advocacy Liaison is each chapter's communications link into advocacy initiatives with ASHE. It is important that each chapter keep their contact information current with ASHE so that all chapters are kept abreast of events and efforts nationally, regionally and within their own state. Mr. Mike Blackwood serves as chairman of this ASHE committee with Wade Rudolph and Roger Lautz as Committee members.

Student Chapter Development

With the success of the Purdue Student Chapter, the ASHE Board of Directors has given support to explore development of potential future student chapters. The Purdue Chapter was established in 2007 and continues to involve students with an interest in working in the health care engineering field.

Membership Enhancement – Electronic

Inside ASHE Magazine is moving into the 21st century and following the

wave of the future, ASHE is investigating opportunities to improve access and distribution of the Inside ASHE magazine to an electronic format. The enhanced magazine would provide improved interaction in such key areas as the search feature, article storage and library building, as well as point and click video clips access. More on this new member benefit in forthcoming months.

Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) Agreement

The ASHE Board of Directors has agreed to enter into an agreement with the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) to facilitate exchange of information and sharing of educational opportunities. Both ASHE and CHES have a wealth of knowledge and this Memorandum of Understanding would increase the knowledge-base of both organizations' members.

March 2, 2009 is the Deadline for Several ASHE Submittals

There are several ASHE recognition and awards program applications that must be in to ASHE by March 2, 2009. The details can be found at www.ashe.org to renew

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ASHE Region 6

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the criteria to achieve and receive these individual and chapter awards.

SASHE/FASHE Applications
Emerging Regional Leader Applications
Your ASHE Chapter Annual Report
Affiliated Chapter Awards Program
Documentation
Crystal Eagle Award Application

Upcoming ASHE Education Events

Registration is now open for the 2009 International Conference and Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design and Construction. The conference will be held in Phoenix, AZ on March 8-11. This year's program keynote speaker, Jamie Orlikoff is presenting "Economics of Health Care, Capital Spending". Other plenary speakers will be Bill Crounee M.D.; Doug Erickson FASHE, CHFM; Dr. Stephen R. Mayfield, H.A., MBA, MBB; Kathleen Kendrick RN, MS, CS; Mr. George Mills FASHE, CEM, CHFM of The Joint Commission.

ASHE Region 6 is holding their 8th Annual Conference April 16-17, 2009 in Mankato,


MN. The "Save the Date" flyer went out for this year's program. The registration information and hotel information will be sent in December. The education details will be detailed in the brochure. Highlight speakers for this program will be Mr. Dale Woodin of ASHE, Mr. Ode Keil MBA, and a speaker from The Joint Commission. This year's event will be held at the Alltel Center in Mankato. New for this year, the committee is adding a multi-track program for Thursday afternoon. Watch for your flier for details of this exciting educational opportunity. The 2007 conference was sold out so I would encourage you to register early and reserve your hotelroom.

For other ASHE education programs, please go to **www.ashe.org** for details, dates, and locations.

Seeking Region 6 Representative Candidates

The last issue that I wish to address in this newsletter is the search for candidates for the 2010-2011 Region 6 Representative. My second two-year term ends in Decem-

ber of 2009. ASHE and Region 6 are seeking candidates for this position. The actual region nominating committee will begin their work in January 2009 with paperwork for the candidates being filed in February.

If you are interested in this position and in serving our chapters and members as the Region 6 Representative, please call me. I will then pass your name onto the nominating committee for Region 6. 

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By Roger Elliott



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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 our Administrative Assistant, Jane Bruvold at bruvold@sbcglobal.net and she'll be happy to get you started.

There is a great deal of important information available to you at www.whea.com, but to get the most out of your membership you need access to the "Members Only" area of the website. This is the area where the privileged information provided exclusively to our members is posted and maintained.

Here's the general process that we follow for all members requesting access to the Members Only pages of 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 (i.e. Smokey T. Bear becomes sbear).

- Members get to pick their own password – WE DON'T ASSIGN PASSWORDS! Our preference is that the passwords are setup to be 6-15 characters, any combination of letters or numbers, upper or lower case. We sug-

cess to the security system.

- To begin with, all these requests should be directed to Jane, but I can handle this for you if she is unavailable. You can reach me at relliot@sjcf.hshs.org.

- Once you've submitted your choice of password to Jane, she will enable it and you'll be ready to go! Thereafter, if you forget your password, you can click onto the "Forgot Password" link on the login page and the system will automatically mail the pass-

word to your email address – just another reason why you need to keep all your roster 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!

Contact us for your user name and password, today! 🐻



gest that members use a favorite password that they typically use for other purposes on a regular basis (makes it less likely you'll forget it.) However, some folks like to use a password unique to this application, so we'll accept pretty much anything they want to use. The only persons who will ever know what your password is are me and Jane Bruvold. No one else will ever have ac-

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Clinical Engineering Supervisor

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spends the majority of time managing the technical staff and is responsible for the hiring, training, discipline, suspension, layoff, and evaluation of that staff. The position is also responsible for assigning daily work, developing and maintaining a budget, and maintaining the section's clinical equipment maintenance records.

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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required; Master's degree in a related field and/or MBA preferred. Minimum eight years of related experience, preferably in a hospital environment. Requires real estate development expertise as well as working knowledge of construction finance and construction law. Requires familiarity with all maintenance functions involved in facility/grounds operations (plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc.).

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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Engineering required; Master's degree preferred. Will have a minimum 5 years of experience in physical plant operations, with at least 1 of those years in the healthcare setting. Requires a broad understanding of the methods, materials and equipment used by all trades in the construction, maintenance and remodeling of facilities. Must be knowledgeable of applicable codes, guidelines and standards in the healthcare field and have a background in the Life Safety Code and JCAHO Environment of Care guidelines sufficient to provide for a safe and secure environment throughout the institution. Previous leadership experience is preferred. Will demonstrate the ability to plan, set priorities and organize work to obtain maximum output from resources.

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