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President's Message



Kim Bauer
WHEA President

As your new president, I would like to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2009. I would like to thank all the hard working volunteers that make up the WHEA organization, from each of the six chapter presidents to the many committees and the membership in general. Everyone's input has made WHEA a great organization to be involved with and the wonderful asset it is to all of us today.

What these committees and their chairpersons do each year, to provide education opportunities, and code alerts at the annual conference, is second to none. The dedication of those serving on the many committees is priceless. When I as president have asked to have something done, these guys know how to make things happen, they get it done! I take my hat off to all those that have made WHEA what it is today. Being a part of WHEA has been, and is, one of the greatest opportunities I have had in my life. The people you get to know and the life-long friendships have been a wonderful part of life experiences for me. You're a great bunch of guys to work with.

I want to thank our many sponsors and Dennis Havlik for his dedication to the sponsorship program. This year again looks like it could be another record setting year for sponsors. This will greatly help our training and educational goals of WHEA. Also, our membership will grow in ways that will help all our healthcare facilities in Wisconsin.

This will work nicely with the WHEA Foundation getting up and running, to support the mission of the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association to
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Chapter VI Activities

By Al Neitzel, Chapter President



The most recent meeting of Chapter VI was held on Wednesday, March 4th at the La Crosse Builders Exchange. Under old business, Darwin Clausen, Donella Sarauer, and Al Neitzel are reviewing the 2008-2009 chapter goals and will send out a draft for review prior to the next chapter meeting.

Chapter VI approved membership for the following: Mikel Poellinger - Poellinger Inc.,

Sean Cain - Gundersen Lutheran, Robert Fendt - Gundersen Lutheran, Kari Houser - Gundersen Lutheran, Paul Seielstad - Gundersen Lutheran, Gary Tomsyck - Gundersen Lutheran, and Richard Vogel - Gundersen Lutheran.

Our Annual Golf Outing is being planned by Paul Harris, Dennis Renaud and Brian Ernst. The chapter approved \$500 for expenses from chapter's funds to facilitate this outing. Sponsors for the event will also be solicited.

Steve Vinopal presented his ASHE Liaison Report as a handout, and Al Neitzel discussed setting up a nominating committee for next years slate of officers and suggesting someone to accept election to the state board as the next officer-at-large.

Our presenters at the March meeting were Ed Lockman from Lockman Industries who spoke on the subject of Universal Control Boards and Auto Openers. Schumacher Elevator sponsored Brian Rausch from the Department of Commerce to give a presentation on Wisconsin Elevator Code Updates.

2009 CALENDAR

A P R I L

2	Code Comm Mtg (Wintergreen - WI Dells)	12:30 - 3:30 pm
3	WHEA Foundation Meeting - WI Dells	9 am - noon
9	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 pm
9	Chapter II Meeting	
10	Budget Due Back To Treasurer	
16 & 17	ASHE Region 6 Conference	
17	Directory Mailing Deadline	
23	Chapter V Meeting	
24	Facility Door Hardware Educ. Program	WI Dells

M A Y

1	WHEA Foundation Conference Call	9 - 11 am
8	Conference Comm Mtg (LaX-Radisson)	9:00 am - noon
14	Chapter IV Mtg - Wausau Skeet & Trap	12 -3 pm
15	Budget Draft to Board	
15	Education Comm Mtg (Stevens Point)	9:00 am - noon
14	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 pm
21	Chapter II Banquet	
21	Chapter III Meeting	

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4	Code Comm Mtg (Wintergreen - WI Dells)	12:30 - 3:30 pm
5	Board Meeting (Glacier Cany - WI Dells)	9:00 am - noon
5	WHEA Foundation Meeting - WI Dells	1 - 4 pm
5	Newsletter Article Deadline	
12	Member Services Mtg (Stevens Point)	9:00 am - noon
19	Chapter V Meeting	
30	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

President's Message

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grow and serve the public and healthcare community. Wayne Johnson as chair of the Foundation has done a great job of moving forward with the development . You will be hearing more about the Foundation in the future and at the annual conference.

No WHEA president would have a successful year if it were not for the efforts of everyone involved in the operation of the Association. My thanks to all of you out there in the trenches of healthcare and to our many sponsors, keep up the good work.

Kim R. Bauer

Kim Bauer,
WHEA President 2009

Codes and Standards News

By Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, Committee Co-Chairs



The WHEA Codes & Standards Committee has meetings scheduled for April, June, August, and November in 2009.

AIA GUIDELINES -- In December the committee met to provide comments and input into the Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities. In April, the WHEA will have three representatives on the Facilities Guidelines Institute all hands meeting in April in St. Louis. There are over 1600 proposals for the 2010 edition that will be voted on by the committee.

Code Refresher Training -- The co-chairs presented at the UW Madison College of Engineering Annual Code Refresher Training program in February. This allows the Code & Standards Committee to provide training to DHS, Commerce, Architects and Engineers on healthcare related issues.

Annual Conference Presentations Planned -- The committee will be developing training for Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for the Annual Conference in Green Bay. Bill Lauzon (State of Wisconsin Senior Engineer) will be pre-

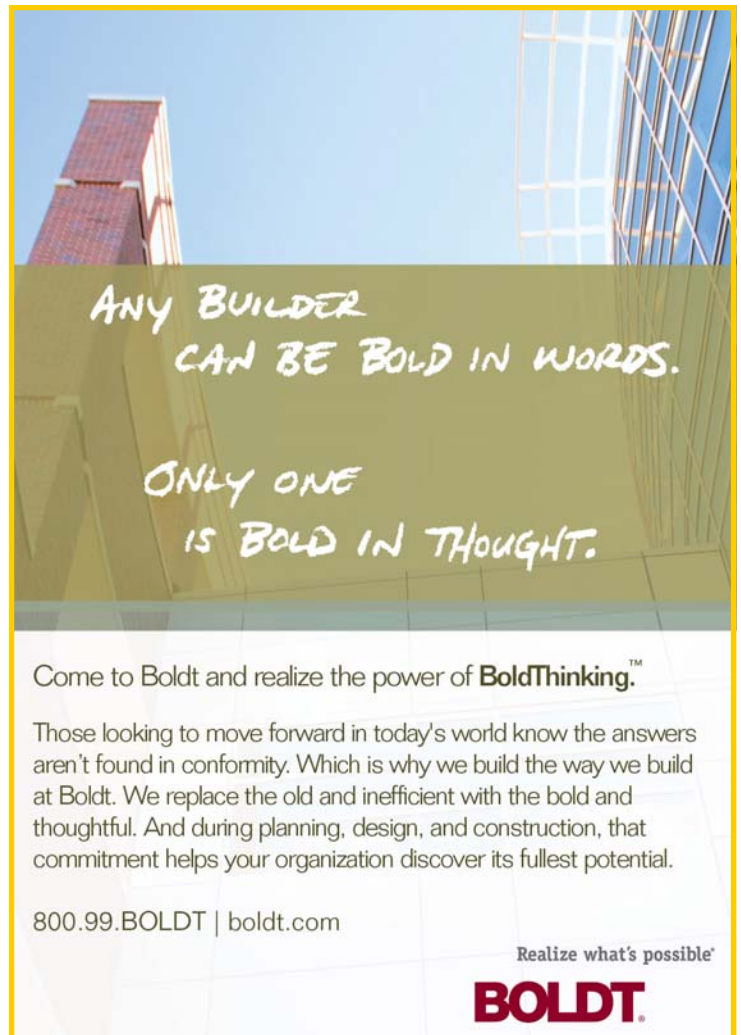
senting at the annual conference. David Soens will be presenting the dual track for the nursing home program as well this year. The committee looks forward to providing a great training opportunity.

JOINT COMMISSION INPUT -- The input provided by the Codes & Standards Committee to The Joint Commission resulted in a frequently asked question interpretation regarding sprinkler

heads in wardrobes (published in November 2008) to be withdrawn in January 2009. Information from the Code Alert and CMS provided the rationale to eliminate the unclear interpretation provided.

ASHRAE and NFPA Input -- Work continues by the committee and its members on the ASHRAE energy design guide, the new NFPA 99,

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44th Annual Conference Update

By Mike Blackwood, Committee Chair



The Conference Committee plans for our 44th Annual Conference are coming along nicely. Red Benschop and his team have been working on a great educational schedule. While all programs are not yet complete, the Wednesday program including the WHEA Code Committee with the split tack for Nursing Homes with Dave Soens and a return visit by Jim Lussier from Bend Oregon speaking on Tuesday are confirmed.

As this is the final year of the current contract in Green Bay, a Packer theme will support this year's conference with special events for the 2009 conference taking place at Lambeau Field. Anticipate a true "Packer Fan Experience" at Thursday's Annual Awards Banquet and entertainment with something for everyone.

Back by popular demand, the spouse program on Tuesday will return to the Fox River on the "Foxy Lady" excursion boat. Thursday the group will stay in Green Bay for some shopping, lunch and more shopping. Other events will include the Tuesday evening open house and Wednesday's technical exhibition and lunch.



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the next revision of the NFPA 70, and the ASHRAE 90-A.

ASHE Advocacy -- On the national level the ASHE Advocacy Committee is taking the next step in its development to determine the issues of the members to address at a local and national level. The top ten issues will be discussed at the annual conference for member input and direction which will be provided to the ASHE staff.

The committee, even though not formally meeting, continually corresponds with members, peers across the country, the State of Wisconsin Commerce Department, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health, and the CMS Engineer Surveyors based in Chicago.

The WHEA Codes & Standards Committee is working hard to be the nationally recognized field of experts in healthcare engineering that the members of WHEA expect.

2009 Initial Education Program Line Up Impressive

By Jim Teunas, Committee Chair



The Education Committee is dedicated to our Association's mission of healthcare engineering development through education, professional growth, and advocacy in codes and standards. We strive to develop technical and managerial program offerings that provide value to our members.

We have presented 3 educational programs during the first quarter:

February 24, 2009 (Site-Based)
"Maintaining Life Safety After the Design and Construction is Over"



The benefit of having a knowledgeable presenter panel from HDR was invaluable.

March 17, 2009 (Webinar)
"96 Hour Sustainability"

March 25, 2009 (Site-Based)
WHEA Healthcare Construction Certificate

All programs were excellent educational opportunities and the feedback for these programs was overwhelming positive.



Upcoming Educational Programs

April 14, 2009
"MECH Preparation Workshop Overview" (Webinar)
To be presented by John Hohman and James Hildebrand

April 24, 2009
"Facility Door Hardware – Function, Fit, and Repair" (Site-Based)
Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells
To be presented by G. R. Zechman



May 28, 2009
"DHS Life Safety Code Surveys" (Webinar)
To be presented by Bill Lauzon and David Soens

July 15, 2009
"WHEA Healthcare Construction Certificate" (Site-Based)
Country Springs, Pewaukee
To be presented by WHEA Code Committee

You can find additional information for all programs on www.whea.com under the "Education and Training" left hand tab. Registration opens for these programs approximately 4 weeks in advance. Watch the website for registration openings.

Healthcare Construction Certificate Reminder!

WHEA's HCC program satisfies ASHE's Healthcare Construction Certificate renewal education requirements. Use this program as your ASHE Healthcare Construction Certificate renewal option!

Webinar Subscription Service Still Available!

It is not too late to subscribe to this service. In an effort to reduce administrative and approval time for our members, the Education Committee developed an annual webinar subscription offering. For one annual fee, you will automatically be enrolled in all WHEA webinars for the rest of the year. This service is calendar year based. 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. There is an online registration now available. 🇺🇸

Chapter II News

By Dan Zank, Chapter President



Chapter II has conducted three meetings this quarter, all of which were held in the Madison Esquire Club.

The January meeting was a general business meeting, consisting of reports from committees and a round table discussion prior to a training program on Firestopping and Smoke Barriers. Service awards were provided to George Gunderson for 5 years of membership and to Jeffery Boldt for 15 years of membership.

Seventeen members attended the February business meeting. Steve Vinopal reminded members to consider registering for the upcoming ASHE Region 6 Conference in Mankato, Minnesota on April 16th and 17th. Jon Cechvala provided the Codes

and Standards report which was sent to the members via email. Clarence Day reported progress of the Member Services committee and displayed an early proof of the 2009 Directory cover. John Pohlmann, Jr. was voted in as a new member and James Rothfuss was approved for retired status. The topic of our education program for the day was Cooling Contingency Planning, provided by Jeff Hallas of Trane.

We had 23 members in attendance for our March meeting. Tom Stank reported that his committee is reviewing chapter II bylaw to ensure they are inline with the state bylaws. Clarence Day provided information about Member Services Committee activities and noted that the next newsletter would be published the end of March. Kelly Boggs and Jill Bahr were voted in as new members. Our education program topic was Vegetative and Photovoltaic Roofs, presented by Dennis O'Hearn and Derek Marshall of Tremco.

Chapter II officers for 2008/2009 are:
Dan Zank – President
Doug Dunlap – Vice President
Dennis O'Hearn – Secretary
John Pohlmann – Treasurer
Thomas Stank – Past President

Our goals for the year are to increase the number of full members in Chapter II and to fill a vacancy for representation on the Education Committee (as well as any other committees that need representation from Chapter II.) We are in pursuit of both goals, but have not yet achieved our expected outcomes.

Future Chapter II meetings:

April 9, 2009 North Point Health and Wellness tour.

May 20, 2009 Chapter II Banquet

June /July No Meetings

August 13, 2009 Chapter II Golf outing

September 24, 2009 Chapter meeting @ WHEA Conference



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Chapter I News

by Gary Karnitz, Chapter President



Since December, Chapter 1 has met 3 times.

Our December meeting was held at Luther Manor with a presentation on WE Energies Education Awareness program. In January our meeting was at Children's Hospital hosted by Wayne Johnson and sponsored by Boldt Construction and Ring & DuChateau. A tour of Children's Hospital's new tower facility was given.

Our February meeting was at Community Memorial. This meeting had the biggest attendance of 43 members and 5

guests, a presentation on ASHE Advocacy by Roger Lautz was given. Chapter I continues to grow -- as of 2-10-09 we are at 207 members; broken down as follows: 57 Full, 64 Associate, 2 Honorary, 52 MECH, 16 Lifetime, 12 Retired, 4 In Memoriam.

Chapter 1 continues to work toward our chapter goals, one of the things that has been developed is we now have a budget for the chapter and we are continuing to work toward supporting the foundation on an annual basis. 🐼

Chapter III News

by Marti Isaacson, Chapter President



Chapter III has conducted three regularly scheduled meetings since the fall WHEA Annual Conference.

Our November meeting was held on November 11, 2008. Twenty eight members and seven guests were in attendance. The meeting was held at the Bella Vista (the former Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh) Retirement Housing Development hosted by Ganther Construction. Following the business meeting the members in attendance enjoyed a presentation on LED exterior lighting sponsored by Shea Electric. After the presentation members were invited to take a tour of the on going renovation of the old hospital being converted to elderly housing.

Our January meeting was held on January 22, 2009. Twenty-five members and two guests were in attendance. The meeting was held at the Office Sports Bar and Grill in Kaukauna hosted by A&A Fire and Security. Following the business meeting the members in attendance enjoyed presentation on fire protection systems maintenance and video security systems.

Our meeting on March 19th was hosted by J.F. Ahern, at their offices, which included presentations on Building Information Management (BIM), 3D modeling, LEAN construction, and a tour of their state of the art mechanical system.

The current membership of Chapter III stands at 110 -- 42 Full, 58 Associate, 4 MECH, 4 Retired, and 2 Life Members. 🐼

WHEA Foundation Board News

Wayne Johnson, Chair, WHEA Foundation Inc.



The establishment of the WHEA Foundation Inc. is a tremendous accomplishment for our Association. Our journey has been slow and arduous at times and has involved a certain amount of risk but it is one which I believe will certainly get us to our destination. That destination is to create a legacy organization that will not only continue the advancement of Healthcare engineering and our profession but will also be able to better serve the wider communities in which we work in new and innovative ways.

At last years annual meeting it was with great pleasure that I announced that

we had finally received a determination letter from the IRS recognizing the WHEA Foundation, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) public charity. The effective date of the determination is February 20, 2008. Since that time the first meeting of the WHEA Foundation was held in retreat at the Wilderness Territory, WI Dells on January 22 and 23rd. The meeting content included board orientation, legal review and initial discussion on development of Vision, Mission and Goals. In addition board business was conducted which included affirmative approval of Bylaws, election of officers, establishment of committee structure and chair appointments. *(continued on page 9)*



Pictured here are the WHEA Foundation Board members who participated in a 2-day planning retreat in January, 2009. Front row (l-r,) Kim Bauer, 2009 WHEA President; Wayne Johnson, Foundation Board Chair; Tom Laabs, Foundation Board Vice Chair; Tamarah Cox, Foundation Board Treasurer; Mike Blackwood, Foundation Board Secretary. Back row from left: William Best, Board Member; Bob Roth, Foundation Board Legal Counsel; Roger Elliott, Board Member; Dennis Havlik, 2008 WHEA President.

DHS Preliminary & Courtesy Plan Review for Healthcare & Long Term Plans - *From DHS, provided by Larry Rocolo, J.P. Cullen*

January 13, 2009 -- If you are not already aware, a committee of the DHS leadership, healthcare facility managers, contractors and architects has been formed to find ways to work in a collaborative manner that benefits everyone involved in the process. One of the items everyone agrees on that would improve the approval process for preliminary and courtesy reviews.

PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEWS

Preliminary plan reviews are performed by DHS at no cost for hospital and nursing home projects (or others that are attached to these occupancies) to assist the design process. The office of Department of Quality Assurance/Bureau of Health Services (DQA/BHS) will review preliminary drawings according to HFS 124.29 (1) for code issues that can be resolved during the de-

sign process. It is the expectation that more than one preliminary review can take place for a project depending on its complexity. This could in turn reduce the need for a face-to-face meeting at the final review. Whether you are an owner, architect or contractor you can follow up with your team to ensure the preliminary reviews are taking place for your project. Please pass this information along to the individuals involved in your associations.

COURTESY PLAN REVIEWS

Courtesy plan reviews are performed at no cost by DHS for business and ambulatory occupancies that are NOT attached to a hospital and nursing home, but receive federal funds because they bill CMS using a hospital provider number. DHS does not have any code authority for plan review of
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WHEA Foundation Inc. *(continued from page 8)*

Board Members and Officer's are:

Chair: Wayne Johnson
Vice Chair: Tom Laabs
Treasurer: Tamarah Cox
Secretary: Mike Blackwood
Board Members: Kim Bauer
Dennis Havlik
Roger Elliott
Bill Best
Darwin Clausen

Committee and Chair appointments are:

Governance: Wayne Johnson
Planning: Roger Elliot
Oversight: Bill Best
Outreach: Darwin Clausen (pending)

It was the consensus of all those present that the meeting was an overwhelming success and a fitting start to this new adventure. We are convinced that this will not only continue to serve and support the mission of the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association but will grow to serve the public and healthcare community in keeping with the long and progressive history of the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association.

I would like to once again thank the WHEA leadership but, more importantly, the members of WHEA for their patience during this long and arduous process.

In conclusion, I would like to allude to the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare* -- As we all know the moral at the end of the fable is, "slow and steady wins the race." What we are building now will be a lasting legacy and as strong as the turtles' shell. 🐢

DHS Preliminary & Courtesy Plan Review for Healthcare & Long Term Plans *(continued from page 9)*

these facilities and does not receive any fees or state/federal funding for them. The office of DQA/BHS has agreed to review courtesy drawings for federal code issues so they are resolved during the design process rather than allowing them to surface at a potential future site visit if the hospital is undergoing a federal CMS survey. It is the expectation that only one review will take place for a project, but it is possible that additional reviews may be necessary, depending on a project's complexity.

Courtesy plan reviews for federal-only providers that are not attached to a hospital are dependent on staff availability and are not guaranteed. All courtesy plan reviews for all facilities in the state will be performed by a single engineer (currently Bill Lauzon) to ensure a timely review.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ONE OF THE TWO ADDRESSES

LISTED BELOW. Although plans may be submitted to either address listed below, it is more expedient for plans in the south-eastern part of the State (Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Ozaukee counties) to be submitted to the Milwaukee Office.

Sending materials to other DQA regional offices will greatly delay the plan review process.

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Summary of methods for Standard, Preliminary, Courtesy reviews & Permission to Start

1. Rules & Regulations	→	Copies of Health Care Codes
2. Forms	→	Forms for Submittal, Variance, etc
3. Flow Charts	→	Review Process, Codes to Use
4. Staff Contacts	→	Staff Phone Numbers
5. Inspection ✓ Lists	→	Checklists For Each Step of the Way
6. Code Interpretations	→	? Q & A (under development)
7. Gov Memos	→	CMS & DQA Constr Memos
8. Plan Status Report	→	Track Your Plan's Status
9. Inspec. Questionnaire	→	Your Feedback Opportunity

Chapter V News

By Dan Bruss, Chapter President



Our last meeting was held at Rutledge Home Assisted Living in Chippewa Falls.

All committee reports were approved as given. Some discussion was held over confusion about requests for donations from WHEA members to the WHEA Foundation. Although some individual donations and a check from Chapter 1 in the amount of \$1500.00, have been donated thus far, Roger Elliot pointed out that there are no personal or chapter obligations to contribute to the Foundation.

Issues surrounding the new K-Tag codes were discussed. Members had concerns that the codes were not clearly defined and that surveyors could interpret some of the codes differently.

Four new members were added to Chapter V at the February meeting. They are Peter Gauchel, L&C Insulation and L&C Specialties Firestopping; Craig Kelling, Oakleaf Surgical Hospital; Joe Bemnister, NEI Northern Electricians and Shawna Kovach, Access Security-Chippewa Falls.

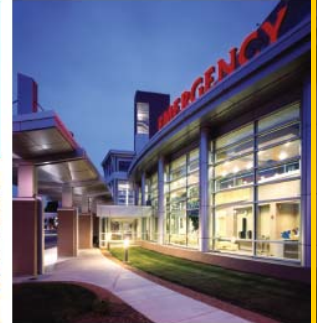
Two educational presentations were provided to members at this meeting. Craig Amundson of Hill Rom gave a presentation on "Head Wall Systems" and Mike Adair of Legacy Environmental provided information on "Remediation for Indoor Air Quality".

Gary Gust conducted our scholarship fund raiser drawing over the lunch hour. The total pot was \$30 (\$15 for the winner and \$15 for the fund.) Chris Flesher won the drawing. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at the offices of MEP in Eau Claire. 🍷



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ASHE Region 6 Report

Steve Vinopal, ASHE Region 6 Director/WHEA Liaison



I have been working with Dale Woodin to clarify some confusion regarding the viability of the WHEA HCC program being an accepted renewal program for ASHE's HCC program. I have gotten that all verified. I forwarded copies of the details to several key WHEA Board members and committee chairs. This places the paperwork in several WHEA hands vs. just my files. Our program is approved as a renewal program, the \$500.00 "one time" fee is clarified and both ASHE and WHEA will benefit as partners in this "win-win" partnership.

The ASHE 2009 Board Orientation and Joint Committee Meeting (Standing &

Content) were held in Chicago on January 9-11, 2009. The eight (8) committees were assigned their 2009 tasks and began working toward those goals.

The Board went through the orientation and welcomed four (4) new Board members. The majority of the Board's time outside of meeting with their committees was spent with beginning the process of developing ASHE's new 3-Year Strategic Plan for 2010-2012.

WHEA and Region 6 are well represented on ASHE's Committees:

Advocacy Committee:

Wade Rudolf, WI
Roger Lautz, WI



Steve Vinopal, WI Board Liaison

Technologies/Clinical Engineering:

Tom Laabs, WI

Facilities Management:


Gary Hempeck, MN
Mike Blackwood, WI Vice Chair

Planning, Design, & Construction Management:

Steve Vinopal, WI Board Liaison

The first full Board meeting for 2009 was held March 6-7-8 in Phoenix, AZ. The 2009 PDC Conference will follow. The ASHE Region 6 Annual Conference is April 16-17 in Mankato, MN. We have moved to a larger meeting facility to handle the expanded number of attendees. Last year we had to close registration at 200. The attendance went from 135 in 2007 to 200 in 2008. The new conference center will seat 400+ so we are good to go. Take a few minutes to look over the education program and its industry-leading presenters. I will look forward to seeing our WHEA members at this event.

The ASHE Annual Conference is August 3-5, 2009 in Anaheim, CA. Watch for information in the near future.

ASHE Members: If you are not signed in to receive the electronic ASHE ListServe, go to www.ASHE.org. It is a great source of networking on numerous code topics. Wade Rudolph should be able to address any questions. 



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Chapters to Determine Winners of Free 2010 ASHE Memberships

By Roger Elliott



Every year the WHEA board of directors provides a FREE ASHE MEMBERSHIP to each chapter. These free memberships are announced by the Member Services committee during the annual meeting at the annual conference. Each chapter needs to determine who their individual FREE ASHE MEMBERSHIP winner will be for the 2010 calendar year.

It is very important for chapter leaders to understand the purpose of the ASHE membership scholarships and who is eligible to receive them. These memberships should not be provided to anyone who is or has been an ASHE member in the past! The concept behind providing these memberships is to promote ASHE membership from within the ranks of those who for whatever reason have not been able to secure membership. For further clarification on the rules governing free membership scholarships from ASHE, please contact me at 715.726.3331, or roger.elliott@sjcf.hshs.org.

Because many chapters suspend meeting activities for the summer, it's easy to forget when you start up again in the fall that we need the name of the FREE ASHE MEMBERSHIP winner from each chapter prior to the Annual Conference. Several chapters hold elections for officers in the spring, and we suggest that this is also an excellent time to select the ASHE free membership nominee, as well.

So, whatever method your chapter chooses to determine your recipient, please make sure that he/she is identified prior to the 2nd week of September! Please provide the name of your FREE ASHE MEMBERSHIP winner to your Member Services Committee representative or directly to me.

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Get "Usernames" and "Passwords" for Access to WHEA Members Only Website *By Roger Elliott*



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.....

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! Our preference is that the passwords are setup to be 6-15 characters, any combination of letters or numbers, upper or lower case. We suggest 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 this password

is (in addition to the member) are Tom Laabs, website co-ordinator; Jane Bruvold, Administrative Assistant; and Roger Elliott, Member Services Committee Chair. No one else will ever have access to the security system.

All these requests will 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 email 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. 

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Employment Opportunities



Director, Facilities Program Development

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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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Requirements include:

1. Bachelor's Degree in General, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineering
2. Six (6) years experience in building operations and maintenance with a hospital or health sciences setting or five (5) years experience as a Clinical or Biomedical Engineer is most desirable.
3. Licensed professional engineer preferred.
4. Ability to organize and manage functions of a plant engineering department.
5. Ability to plan, organize and direct work of personnel engaged in highly technical work.
6. General knowledge of design and construction principles as applied to buildings, renovation and repair.
7. General knowledge of materials used in building and equipment maintenance and repair, and remodeling and construction.
8. General knowledge of codes, standards and regulations which apply to all buildings and additional codes specifically directed to health care facilities and clinical equipment.
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Employment Opportunities



Manager of Environmental Services

Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Waukesha, WI

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- Strategic planning, disaster preparedness, and other related reporting.
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