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Kim Bauer  
WHEA President

## President's Message

Welcome to summer. I hope all is going well with all of you and your families. I know we are all busy doing more with less, but I guess that's just the way it's always been and part of being in healthcare or any business for that matter! Just remember that's why the strong survive and WHEA is certainly that. WHEA continues to move ahead through our quality education programs. The Codes and Standards Committee members have been so active in the influencing of the constant changing codes and standards that affect all our facilities. Please remember to thank these guys when you get an opportunity. For that matter, try to let all committee chairs and members know that you appreciate their dedication and hard work on behalf of all of us, and for their support of WHEA.

By now you should have received your annual directory. The Member Services committee has done another excellent job of putting together a great tool for all of us to have at our fingertips. Please look through the directory soon, so you will be familiar with all the valuable information and the great resource that it is.

This year's annual conference is coming up fast -- September 22 through September 25 in Green Bay. You still have time to get registered under the early bird prices (July 24<sup>th</sup>). You should have received the flyer in the mail, if not you can get the information online, along with the registration form or contact Jane Bruvold at (920) 779-9167. Also, be sure to make your hotel reservations at the Hotel Sierra at 800-236-3330 and let them know that you are part of WHEA conference group to get the special pricing. Call soon because they will fill

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# Chapter I Activities

By Gary Karnitz, Chapter President



Since March Chapter 1 has met 3 times. The chapter's final meeting prior to our summer hiatus was held June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Potawatomi Casino, which was our annual banquet. The season ending event allows for the swearing in of the incoming officers, and it offers an evening of camaraderie and fellowship with our fellow chapter members.

During the past several months' meetings

have been conducted at some very interesting facilities. Our March meeting was held at the MATC Oak Creek campus and hosted by Siemens. After the meeting a tour of the ECAM facility was given. In April our meeting was hosted by Johnson Controls at Miller Park, the home of the Milwaukee Brewers, a behind the scene tour of the stadium was found to be very interesting. Our May meeting was hosted by Franklin Energy and a tour of the Blue Sky wind farm was given. Our meeting took place on the bus ride and our slate of officers for 2009/10 was presented and voted on.

Our slate of officers for 09/10 is as follows:

President: Neil Jensen  
 Vice President: Ron Heimann  
 Secretary: Jeff Eckstein  
 Treasurer: Harley Herold  
 Officer at Large: Sheila Semrou  
 Past President: Gary Karnitz

In closing I want to thank the officers I have served with for the last 5 years and also the state officers for giving me the opportunity for this leadership position. 🇺🇸

## 2009 CALENDAR

### J U L Y

10	Education Comm Mtg (conference call)	9:00 am
17	Conference Comm Mtg (conference call)	9:00 am

### A U G U S T

2-5	ASHE Annual Conference	
6	Code Comm Mtg (Wintergreen - WI Dells)	12:30 - 3:30 pm
7	Board Meeting (Boat Trip - Madison)	8:30 am - noon
13	Chapter II Golf Outing	
13	Chapter IV Meeting	12 - 3 pm
20	Chapter V Meeting	
21	Education Comm Mtg (conference call)	9:00 am

### S E P T E M B E R

11	Chapter I Golf Outing (Western Lakes)	Pewaukee
11	Member Services Mtg (Stevens Point)	9:00 am - noon
22-25	WHEA's 44th Annual Conference	Green Bay
22	Conference Comm Mtg (at conference)	10:00 am
24	Annual Meeting (at conference)	
24	Chapter II Meeting (at conference)	
24	Chapter III Meeting (at conference)	
24	Chapter IV Meeting (at conference)	7:30 am

## President's Message

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up fast! For any of you that have never attended the WHEA Annual Conference, please give it a try, you will not find a better opportunity to gather more valuable information in the healthcare industry anywhere.

Have a great summer and see you at the annual conference in Green Bay!

*Kim R. Bauer*

Kim Bauer, WHEA President



# Register for the Annual Conference today!

## Early Bird Discount Ends July 24th!

### Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition



September 22–25, 2009  
Hotel Sierra • KI Convention Center  
Green Bay, WI

#### Purpose

The annual conference provides a variety of educational programs including compliance issues, human resource programs, fiscal management, and additional current topics for all healthcare facility managers and engineers. In addition to the opportunity to enjoy time at the technical exhibits, you will be provided with ample time to relax, network with your peers, and enjoy the Green Bay area.

#### Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Sierra in Green Bay, WI. A special flat rate of \$105.00 has been established for conference attendees. To make room reservations, phone the Hotel Sierra at 800.236.3330 and identify yourself as part of the WHEA Annual Conference to receive this special discounted rate. There are additional discounted rooms at the Holiday Inn City Centre 877.863.4780. Be sure to call and reserve your room early!

#### Special Events

The 2009 Annual Conference special events have been planned to give you the opportunity to network professionally and socially with peers.

**Annual Technical Exhibition** — this exhibition will provide you with an update on all of the latest technology in the health care engineering field with a chance to meet the excellent firms that can supply and provide service of that technology to you.

**Conference Open House / Social Evening** — this social event is an evening of relaxed conversation with the emphasis on renewing friendships and making new ones. Members and guests, retired members and guests, and registered vendors are invited.

**The Annual Banquet and Awards Program** — As a special tribute to our last year in Green Bay, the Annual Banquet and Awards Program will be held at Lambeau Field. It will include a special program and, of course, prizes geared toward one of the nations favorite sports teams! Attire will be anything sports-related.

#### Registration and Fees

Go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and follow the "2009 Annual Conference" left hand tab to registration.

##### **\$235 Early Bird Full Conference (register and pay by July 24)**

Covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, handouts, breaks, noon luncheons, annual banquet\*, and special events.

##### **\$275 Full Conference (register and pay after July 24)**

Covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, handouts, breaks, noon luncheons, annual banquet,\* and special events.

##### **\$135 One Day Conference**

Covers the cost of educational programs, program materials, handouts, and breaks. Does not include special events passes or banquet tickets.\*

##### **\$50 Spouse Program**

Includes programs planned for spouses, entry into the Tuesday Open House and Wednesday's Technical Exhibition and a banquet ticket.\*

*\*Additional banquet tickets can be purchased at the conference for one day registrants and/or additional guests.*

All fees must be received by the beginning of the conference. If your registration fee is not received before the beginning of the conference, you will be asked to pay with a credit card when you register.

#### Cancellation Policy

A non-refundable charge of \$50 will be retained for any cancellation received after September 8. All cancellations must be in writing and faxed to 920.779.9529. No refunds will be made after the conference has started.

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

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WHEA Administrative Assistant

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# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

Maintenance and Plant Operations  
Employee Recognition Week!

October 25–31, 2009

## 2009 MATERIALS



*Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association*  
**Maintenance and Plant  
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**Banner–2' x 6'**

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### Employee Recognition Week

**Order your buttons, banners and posters early and save shipping charges by picking up your order at the 2009 Annual Conference!**

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QUANTITY	ITEM	DELIVERY PLAN	COST (each)	SHIPPING COSTS	TOTAL COST
	Commemorative Buttons, ea.	Pick up at annual conference	\$ 2.00	N/A	
	Commemorative Buttons, ea.	Shipped to your facility	\$ 2.00	**	Actual shipping \$\$ to be determined
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Please check one: ☒ Ship to address above Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thank you for your support in celebration of  
 Maintenance and Plant Operations Employee Recognition Week  
 October 25 - 31, 2008**

**An easy to use, online order form will be  
 available soon on [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com)!**



## 2009 Pioneer Award Nomination Deadline Extended to August 1, 2009

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 nominations 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 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 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 a separate document 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, Kim Bauer, 608.429.2181, or [kim.bauer@co.columbia.wi.us](mailto:kim.bauer@co.columbia.wi.us).



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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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteria-based scoring grid.
4. The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.
5. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



# Codes and Standards News

By Wade Rudolph and Jon Cechvala, Committee Co-Chairs



**ASHRAE 170** The document has been published and is in a continuous maintenance cycle, with the next revisions being voted on in June. The FGI Guidelines will adopt this document in the 2010 edition.

## **Codes and Standards Reference**

This document needs to be updated. The Chapter representatives were asked to seek feedback on value of document. If the document is no longer felt needed by the membership it will be discontinued. If the membership does feel this document is still needed, it will be updated by the committee.

## **Code Alerts**

- Code Alert #7 will be updated by Jon Cechvala. This document is the DHS organizational information alert.
- Code Alert #24 needs revision in light of Joint Commission changes to emergency preparedness.
- Code Alert #25 regarding Medical Gas Systems will be updated by Tom Spremo and Joe Bena. Code Alert #26 needs updated based on Joint Commissions acceptance of additional products.

## **ADA/ANSI Accessibility**

The new rules will require 60% accessible entrances. Some DHS surveyors are requiring 100% of all entrances in new construction be accessible. A re-

quest for clarification will be sent to CMS regarding this interpretation.

**FGI Guidelines** Jon Cechvala reports that 1100 proposals were reviewed in committee, and finally by the full body, at the April meeting in St. Louis. There are currently 20 research sub-committees that are conducting the bulk of the review. ASHRAE 170 will be adopted in the next revision and this does increase air changes to 20 for Operating rooms, and research control labs. WHEA was successful in getting the Isolation rooms ventilation reduction when not used for isolation, however there may be changes in the 170 document to negate this gain. The review document draft will be available in October, with the final document to be published in January.

## **Healthcare Relationship Enhancement Team**

The team has made some improvements. The Milwaukee office is open for plan review, a website has been launched to track documents in the system, and the group continues to meet on a quarterly basis.

## **Joint Commission Updates**

George Mills presented January 1 cross-walk for 2008 to 2009 standards. Criticality is being enforced. Average of 40 citations per inspection due to scoring changes. Administrators need to be educated that the number of citations will increase

dramatically from past surveys. Recent inspections have had focus on medical gases and labeling of valves, asking nurses who shuts off medical gases, fire pump testing, generator testing and how did facility calculate loads for the emergency generators. ILSM's, PFI assessments, assessment of fire alarm testing, or fire sprinkler testing were focused on as well.

**IBC Code** Wisconsin adopted the IBC Code in March.

**Boiler Pressure Vessel Code** Commerce has updated this code.

**Elevator Code** An update will be provided at the annual conference. Greg Graunke will present this update in September, perhaps with the help of Mark Tratow.

**Electrical Code** Licensing requirements for work in hospitals needs update .

## **Plumbing Code Revision**

The therapy tanks and pools are now treated as public pools with required documentation of testing to health departments if not cleaning between uses.

## **Electrical Coordination Issues**

These are still being debated and modified at the National level. An update will be provided at the annual conference.

**NFPA 72** Central station for requirements for fire (continued on page 10)

## Code Committee News *(continued from page 9)*

alarm phone line connections is being enforced by the state. An update for the conference will be provided. The building code for high rise construction has more requirements.

**NFPA 99 Med Gas Code** Joe Bena reported that NFPA 99 med gas code changes have created errors to be corrected in exiting.

**ASHE Advocacy Committee** The committee is finalizing the top 10 list of issues to develop and respond to in some manner, and to select the top 5 issues for round table discussion at the annual conference. The goal is to provide feedback to membership via the Advocacy Highway for communication.

**HCC Training** The next program is scheduled for July. The program is going well and continues to be well attended. The program in Eau Claire was sold out in March.

**WHEA Annual Conference** Topics for the annual conference were discussed during the meeting and a final outline will be developed by Jon and Wade. The code committee is responsible for the presentation on Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:00 and 2:00 to 4:30. Topics and presenters will be confirmed shortly. Concern was expressed with the 2010 annual conference in La Crosse creating a conflict with the ASHE Region 6 conference in April. The committee recommended the conference committee design a program to augment the ASHE regional meeting and not duplicate presentations. More construction related topics were requested for the annual conference presentations. An ILSM presentation will be developed by Wade for the conference. Bill Lauzon will also be presenting at the annual conference. A formal invitation will be developed by Jeff Eckstein.



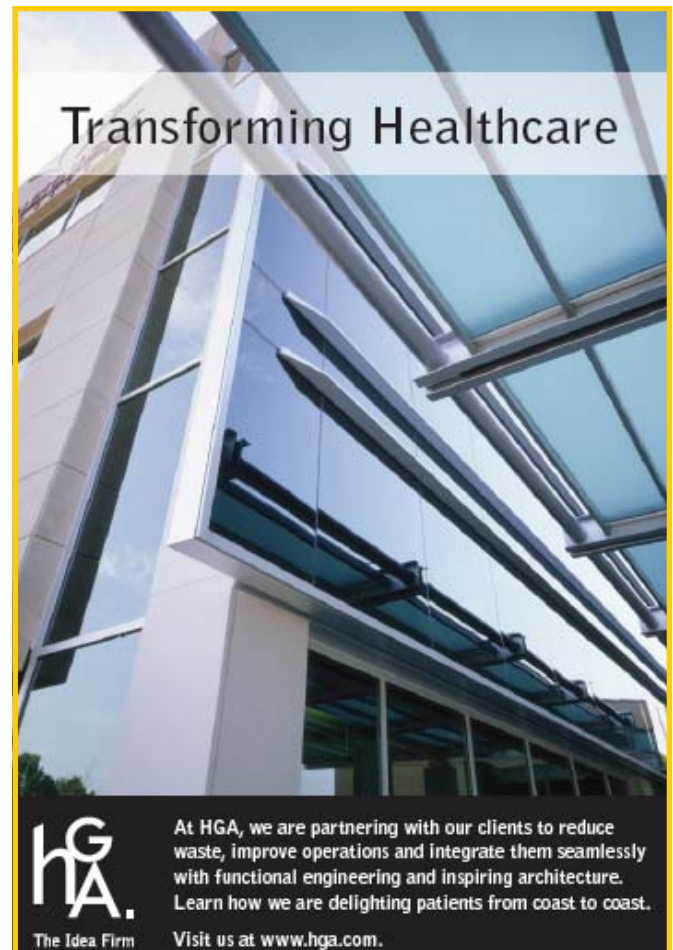
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## 2009 Directory Addenda & Errata

Even with a very dedicated effort on the part of members of the Member Services committee, the staff at Econoprint and with the aid of our very capable administrative assistant, there are occasional omissions and errors that creep into the production of the Annual WHEA Directory. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused our members. With the publication of this newsletter, the following corrections have been discovered or brought to our attention:

Page 22 Bill Best Bill's Phone number should be 1-262-928-2233.

Page 25 MISHE In the last paragraph under **MECH Program**, MISCHE should be changed to MISHE.

Page 25 MISHE Under 2009 MECH CERTIFICATION GOALS, Goal 5. MISCHE should be shown as MISHE.

Page 25 MISHE [www.mische.org/mech-recertification.htm](http://www.mische.org/mech-recertification.htm) should be [www.mishe.org/mech-recertification.htm](http://www.mishe.org/mech-recertification.htm).

Page 28 Joseph P. Bena should be listed in Chapter I rather than Chapter II

Please make a note of these corrections and make revisions as noted within your directory or in your files. If you find any additional errors or omissions, please notify Roger Elliott, [roger.elliott@sjcf.hshs.org](mailto:roger.elliott@sjcf.hshs.org).



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# Design

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# 2nd Quarter Education Programs Receive High Marks

By Jim Teunas, Committee Chair



There have been three educational programs held during this past 2nd quarter.

Two webinars; “MECH Preparation Workshop Overview” presented by Dr. John Hohman and Jim Hildebrand and “DHS Life Safety Code Survey Updates” presented by Bill Lauzon and David Soens. Both webinars had a good turnout of attendees and delivered an important educational content to it’s viewers.



One site-based educational program, “Facility Door Hardware: Function, Fit, and Repair”, was held at Glacier Canyon Lodge in the Wisconsin Dells. It was very well received and attendees were given important tips on door operation and maintenance and ample time for hands on demonstrations, which made this a very popular program.



*Hands on demonstrations made the “Facility Door Hardware: Function, Fit, and Repair” a valuable educational program.*

There is a Healthcare Construction Certificate program scheduled for July 15th to be held at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee. This always popular program is open for registrations. Just go to [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) and click on the

“Education and Training” tab to find the online registration form. This program is can also be used as a renewal for ASHE’s Healthcare Construction Certificate. Space is limited for this program and it is sure to fill up, so please register early to reserve your seat.

Additional educational programs are still in the planning stages for the next few months so be sure to watch your email and check back on the educational pages of [www.whea.com](http://www.whea.com) regularly for updates and openings.

There has been considerable progress on the re-engineering of the Speaker’s Bureau. With the help of the Member Services committee, there should soon be an updated version of this valuable resource on [whea.com](http://whea.com). It will be a much more user-friendly source with a searchable database for finding speakers for various events. 🖨

# Chapter II News

By Roger Elliott and Dan Zank, Chapter President



Chapter II has had two recent meetings:

On April 9, 2009 we had 22 members in attendance at our meeting. The chapter's general business was taken care of and reports from committees were given. The meeting was held at North Point Health and Wellness in Rockton IL. The program for that meeting was a tour of the facilities presented by Greg Gaul, Rob Pavlik and Doug Waite. Our thanks to them for a wonderful tour; we would also like to thank Scott Fisher of Nalco for providing a wonderful lunch.

On May 20, 2009 we had our Annual Banquet at the Prime Quarter Steak House in Madison. We had an introduction of members and there guests that total 36 in attendance. Minutes were approved from the April meeting and John Pohlmann's Treasurer's report was approved. Scott Sidell provided the Education Committee report, Jon Cechvala reported on Code and Standards and John Pohlmann reported on the Bylaws. Red Benschop reported on the Annual Conference and Steve Vinopal provided the ASHE report. It was noted that the 2009 Recognition Week will be celebrated the week of October 25-31. The reports were accepted and approved.

Dennis O'Hearn is stepping down as a board officer at the end of the year, and the chapter would like to thank him for his time as secretary.

Chapter II voted unanimously to accept the new slate of officers for 2009/2010:

*Doug Dunlap – President  
Pete Goepfert – Vice President  
Howard Whittaker – Secretary  
John Pohlmann – Treasurer  
Dan Zank – Past President*

New member's approved for membership in Chapter II are Mark Grunewald, James Fitzpatrick, Jesse O'Kane, and Kevin Snitchler.

Chapter II Total members 2009 are:

42 Full  
71 Associate  
4 Lifetime  
7 Retired  
1 Honorary  
125 total, that is a record number.

Chapter II will be on summer break until our meeting of August 13, 2009. Our next meeting after that will be on September 24, 2009 at the WHEA Annual Conference in Green Bay. 🇺🇸



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# Chapters to Determine Winners of Free 2010 ASHE

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](mailto: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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# Chapter VI Activities

by Al Neitzel, Chapter President



The most recent meeting of Chapter VI was held on Wednesday, May 6th at the Fox Hollow Golf Course in Barre Mills, WI.

Committee reports were provided by the Education Committee, the Member Services Committee, the Conference Committee and Resource Committee. All reports were approved as submitted.


Under old business, the Bylaws update mailed to members was reviewed and approved.

Scott Morton and Blaine Tuchscherer

from Boldt Construction provided a presentation on how the Lean Construction Process eliminates waste and non-productivity through integrative teams, process redesign, and a focus on reliability.

The meeting was then adjourned to the golf course where approximately (20) members played a 9 hole round of golf in the 4-man scramble format. Boldt Construction provide lunch, and Dave Olson, Associate member, and Ed Lockman of Lockman Industries donated prizes for the event. 🇺🇸

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# Chapter V News

By Dan Bruss, Chapter President



The last Chapter V meeting was located at MEP Associates in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. All Committee reports were approved as given. New member Shawna Kovac will take over as a Chapter V representative to the Education Committee, a position currently vacated by Harvey Glamann. Harvey's current work schedule has made it difficult for him to remain active with the Education Committee.

More discussion was had on the code changes and interpretations of the K-Tags from our last gathering. Other topics included the 96 hour sustainability program, 3-E computer management of MSDS sheets and 3<sup>rd</sup> party fire damper testing.

Discussion regarding pontooning again after the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, meal choices, and possibly meeting at the picnic area to grill out on Red Cedar Lake. Discussion also took place regarding the possibility of a golf outing in conjunction with our August meeting and consideration was given to the possibility of holding a sporting clays event after our October meeting.

There were two new member applications, Tom Ludwig and Troy Torgerson. Troy Torgerson was not in attendance at the meeting so his application was tabled until he could attend. Chapter V is interested in investing some of the chapters monies into a short term fund mirroring the actions at the state board. After some debate the Treasurer was given permission to investigate and make recommendations to the President on what would work best for the chapter. Any recommendations from the board would be considered. The Business meeting was followed by a presentation regarding Cabinetry in Healthcare by Techline Industries. A second presentation on using Solar Energy was presented by Royal Construction after lunch.



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# ASHE Region 6 Report

Steve Vinopal, ASHE Region 6 Director/WHEA Liaison



2008 was another successful year for ASHE; membership is now up to roughly 10,000, financially the organization is strong and continuing its activities of both advocacy and education.

The 2009 International Conference and Exhibition for Health Facility Planning, Design and Construction™ (PDC) closed out strong and although revenue from conference registrations was down from 2008; the revenue from the trade show booths and a reduction in expenses helped maintain budget. The Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) program has continued to be a success; as well as the Infection Control (IC) Seminars and Healthcare Construction Project Management Programs (HCPM).

Looking forward, registration for the Annual Conference may be impacted by the economy and as a result we will focus on controlling and reducing expenses.

Another opportunity to reduce expenses is to convert Inside ASHE from a print magazine to electronic. This initiative was approved in October of 2008, and the thought is now to accelerate the process and stop all print, unless requested beginning with the July-August issue to support local Chapters,

increase attendance at the annual conference and to encourage all chapters to have at least two members attend the annual conference ASHE will provide each chapter with two scholarships covering the registration cost for the conference. These scholarships would be in addition to the registrations that are currently awarded to Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze chapters. The scholarship would only be for the registration - travel and lodging are up to the attendee. Keep in mind that the host hotel has a room rate of \$129/night and flights are fairly reasonable to Anaheim. The recipient will need to be an ASHE member. Other than that requirement, the chapter determines the criteria for awarding the two scholarships. Ideally the recipient should be someone who has never been to the annual conference, but that decision is reserved for the chapter. Once selected the chapter should provide the names to the Region Director who will submit them to Sharon Autrey. ASHE staff will work with each recipient to ensure they are registered for the conference

The CHFM exam will be offered on Wednesday afternoon at the annual conference. Any ASHE member attending the annual conference may request a waiver of the CHFM exam fee. Anyone requesting a waiver must complete the

CHFM application and send it to Jo Ann Ofenloch at ASHE. Watch your e-mail for information on how you could qualify to have the exam fee waived for the exam that will be held at the 2009 ASHE Annual Conference.

A vision has been created by the ASHE's Education Committee, University Task Force and CHFM Task Force to create opportunities to develop a career path for new engineers and a learning path for current health care facilities engineers. The tentative name for the holding company for the concept is called the "ASHE Institute". The Institute will work with colleges and universities to develop curriculum to encourage young people to enter the field. It is anticipated that more definitive information on this program will be available by the end of 2010.

The Region 6 candidates for 2010/2011 will be:

Gary L. Hempeck  
Director, Plant Operations  
HealthEast St. Joseph Hospital  
St. Paul, MN

Todd Wilkening  
Director, Facilities  
Ridgeview Medical Center  
Waconia, MN

# 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@sbccglobal.net](mailto:bruvold@sbccglobal.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! 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 coordinator; 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 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. 🐻

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