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Wade Rudolph
WHEA President

President's Message

Another successful annual conference has come to a close. The conference committee is again to be commended for a wonderful program. The annual banquet will be a highlight in my career. The sessions were pertinent, professional, and well received by the attendees.

The vendors were extremely supportive during the vendor show. The attendance this year was slightly lower than last year, but exceeded committee expectations.

Something new this year is the inclusion of the presentations from the annual conference in the Members Only section on the website at www.whea.com. This will allow those individuals who wanted to attend the conference access to the handout materials. While the handouts do not relay the content of the discussion and the sharing at the conference, it does provide a skeleton that may be a benefit to those who could not attend this year.

I would like to thank the membership for their support of the board this past year. The organization has grown to over 800 members. WHEA has supported the Wisconsin Healthcare providers by providing education opportunities that add value to the members and the providers.

The foundation is now a year old and getting traction for doing great things. Wayne Johnson has done an exceptional job of getting this project going.

My mentors 20 years ago were active board and committee members of WHEA. I place a great deal of respect in the former leaders and the WHEA membership. WHEA has a history of exceptional leaders. As a result I am greatly humbled by my new role as president.

I would like to thank Sacred Heart Hospital (my employer) for allowing me the opportunity to participate in WHEA at this level. Without the support of my employer, this goal of mine would have never been

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Chapter I

By Neil Jensen, Chapter President



Chapter I hit the ground running this season after a great summer vacation and WHEA Conference. Chapter I resumed its monthly schedule on September 10th at Watertown Regional Medical Center which was hosted and sponsored by Harley Herold with 25 members and one guest. Reports were submitted, reviewed and approved and some interesting information was presented to the members -- Paul Van de Sand discussed WE Energies merging strategic alliances related to reuse/reduce/recycling. We heard from Dean Pufahl, recently replacing Roger Elliott as a representative from Wisconsin to the ASHE Region 6 Conference Planning Committee. We also had an education committee update.

The October 8th meeting was hosted and sponsored by Jim Hildebrand at Luther Manor. Besides the usual business meeting and reports a very informative open discussion was had with the 28 attendees relating to current economic issues that we all encounter with our many duties to keep the facilities running at peak efficiency.

The November 12th meeting will be hosted

and sponsored by Engberg Anderson with Mark Huaschel and the Henneman Engineering team presenting some case study data on the recent demolition and build-out of a hospital project they worked on together.

Chapter I has once again set some aggressive goals; especially in these current economic times and we will continue to strive to be the best we can be.

Chapter I 2009/2010 Goals:


- Increase meeting attendance by 10%.
- Make a significant donation to the WHEA Foundation.
- Amend wording in our bylaws to make the process of nominating members for Honorary, Life and Retired consistent. 🇺🇸

President's Message

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realized. Sacred Heart Hospital has made a great commitment to the healthcare community in Wisconsin by supporting professional associations, and should be recognized for this commendable effort. All the members of WHEA should thank their employer for allowing them to grow professionally by participating in WHEA at the local and/or state levels. There is a reason Wisconsin has the greatest healthcare in the country and that reason is that providers are all pursuing excellence. Together we all make healthcare better for the communities we serve.

I will work diligently with the board to continue the implementation of the strategic plan as developed by the board. WHEA is and will continue to be a premier organization focused on the mission of education and advocacy. A Goals Planning meeting is scheduled in November to align the board for 2010. I look forward to working with the board and foundation this year and am excited about what can be accomplished.

Thank you for your support and encouragement,

 Wade Rudolph
 WHEA President

2009 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

5	Code Committee Meeting	12:30 - 3:30 pm
6	Board Goals Planning Meeting (Glacier Canyon - Wisconsin Dells)	9:00 am - noon
11	"Healthcare Construction Certificate" Liberty Hall, Kimberly	8:00 am-4:15 pm
30	"Statement of Conditions" Webinar	9 am - 10:30 am

DECEMBER

4	Newsletter Article Deadline	
4	Board Meeting (Wintergreen Resort - Wisconsin Dells)	9:00 am - noon
10	Chapter IV Meeting - Best Western Midway	11:00 am
11	Member Services Meeting (Glacier Canyon - Wisconsin Dells)	9:00 am - noon
31	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

Codes and Standards News

By Jon Cechvala & Jeff Eckstein, Committee Co-Chairs



The Code committee is experiencing some transition, albeit temporary, as Wade Rudolph has been elected President to WHEA (way to go Wade!). As Wade takes on his new duties, Jeff Eckstein, former Code and Standards Committee chair will be assisting Jon Cechvala as co chair for the upcoming year.

At our November 5 Code Committee meeting, we will be hosting the Iowa Society of Healthcare Engineers Advocacy Committee delegation. We are happy to have the ISHE group attend to observe and ask questions of our committee in action. This should assist their team in establishing their Advocacy Committee. We

are pleased to be hosting our fellow ASHE Region 6 members from Iowa and hope the impact and benefits of their new committee will be felt across the entire state of Iowa and on the national level.

Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC)

The next HCC program is scheduled for November 11 in Kimberly, Wisconsin near Appleton.

Advocacy:

FGI – Facilities Guidelines Institute

The committee continues to advocate on behalf of its members. We participated in submitting code change proposals for the proposed Standards. This year three members were present at

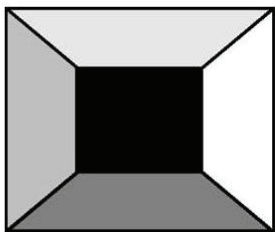
the April HGRC Facilities 2010 Guideline Standards held in St. Louis for the final review session. Roger Lautz, Jon Cechvala, and Wade Rudolph fully participated in the modifications. Dave Soens, a voting member provided input, but could not attend in St. Louis. The FGI committee now includes members from ASHRAE. Jeff Boldt and Roger Lautz were very instrumental in mechanical code change proposals. The new Standard is to be available in 2010. Voting ballots were sent to all 130 national participants on September 28, 2009.

NFPA 99

The committee is advocating by providing input through Roger Lautz, Tom Spremo, Bill Best and Jeff Boldt to the new proposed NFPA 99 Code Standard.

State of Wisconsin

The committee is also advocating at the state level by participating on the electrical advisory committee through Gordy Pierret and Tim O'Rourke, the plumbing advisory committee with Jeff Boldt, Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph, the elevator code advisory committee with Greg Graunke and the boiler and pressure vessel advisory committee with Joe Bena. 🇺🇸



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Chapter IV Activity Report

By Randal Wegner, Chapter President



Chapter IV is committed to a productive year and the slate of new Officers points to a collaborative effort to that end. A sincere thank you is extended to outgoing President Mike Hansen for his leadership provided to our chapter this past year. Each new President builds on the foundations set by the previous leader. The following will lead Chapter IV in the upcoming year.

PRESIDENT- Randy Wegner, SASHE, Director of Facilities Management at St. Joseph's Hospital and Operations Director of Ministry Healthcare "One Ministry Biomed"

VICE-PRESIDENT -Howard Hoeft- Construction Supervisor, Riverview Hospital, Wisconsin Rapids

SECRETARY/TREASURER -Charles Kostka, Plant Operations, Saint Michaels Hospital, Stevens Point.

OFFICER-AT-LARGE -David White- LEED Engineer, Masters Building Systems.

I am confident in this group's leadership ability and with the input and assistance from a very active membership of over 90 members, an exciting year is anticipated.

2010 Goals for Chapter IV include the following:

Goal 1 is to increase membership by at least 5% over membership roster reflecting status October 1st. 2009

Operational Plan: Actively solicit memberships from Chapter IV institutions. Any current member sponsoring a new member that is accepted for membership will be eligible for a prize drawing conducted at the August Chapter IV meeting.

Expected Outcome: A 5% increase will be realized. Status: In process

Goal 2 is to increase communication between the members via electronic media.

Expected Outcome: Electronic media communications deemed of interest to Chapter IV membership will be forwarded to the membership. At least one per month will be forwarded.

Status: In process

Goal 3 is to provide 1 educational session for the Chapter members hosted by St. Joseph's.

Expected Outcome: Chapter IV members will be invited to an educational program hosted by St. Joseph's that will contain pertinent and useful information. Status: In process. Currently looking at subject matter. Confirmed for July 2010.

Goal 4 is to provide financial support to WHEA Foundation

Expected Outcome: Chapter IV will provide through member solicitation, monetary support to this endeavor of at least \$200.00 Status: In process: Support amount will be given to WHEA Foundation at 2010 Annual meeting.

FUTURE CHAPTER IV EVENTS:

The Christmas meeting will be held on December 10th. at the Midway Best Western Inn. We look forward to a good turnout to not only celebrate the season but also to reflect on the past years accomplishments of the membership.

March will find Chapter IV visiting the Weston Power Plant .

May brings the highly competitive Traveling Trophy shoot at the Wausau Trap and Skeet Club. This well attended event is a chance for the membership to fellowship with each other in the spirit of keen competition, and when I shoot, not so keen competition.

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Education Committee

By Jim Teunas, Committee Chair



The Education Committee provided a Healthcare Construction Certificate program on July 15 in the Milwaukee area. It was well attended and our HCC programs continue to be a critical safety learning program that benefits both companies that work in our healthcare facilities and the healthcare facilities themselves.

At our last meeting on October 16, we discussed:

- The implementation of an online training program that will greatly benefit our membership in the near future.
- The 2010 educational program offerings that we are developing which will include a minimum of 4

site-based programs with topics to include: Firestop, Joint Commission, Boiler Maintenance, Medical Gas, and Electrical Maintenance. We also plan on a minimum of 4 web-based programs with topics to include: DHS Updates, Boiler Maintenance, Energy Savings, ASHE Trends, and Code Committee Updates. We will also provide 2 Healthcare Construction Certificate programs.

- Putting the final touches on a new and improved Speakers Bureau database, which will now be a searchable, easy to use database.

The Education Committee will continue to work toward providing important, current-issue educational opportunities to our membership that benefit everyone. 🖐

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July 22nd. St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield will host an education offering to the Chapter IV membership which will feature Jon Cechvala from Eppstein-Uhen. Jon is also Co-chair for the WHEA Code Committee and an expert in my opinion on codes and standards. Jon promises to have a very informative presentation. See you all there.

Chapter III Activities

By Marc Teubert, Chapter President



Chapter III held its annual meeting in conjunction with the WHEA conference and 25 members were present. Eight new Associate Memberships were approved and the following meeting schedule was approved for the upcoming year:

- November 5, 2009
- January 21, 2010
- March 18, 2010
- May 20, 2010

The next Chapter III meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2009. The Lunch and meeting will be held at the Stadium View Bar 1963 Holmgren way, Green Bay at 11:30 AM. Following Lunch and the November business meeting members will travel to the WPS Power Plant for a presentation and tour of the Power Plant Facility.

The officers for 2010 are as follows;

Marc Teubert, President
Richard Voigt, Vice President
Dan Loest, Secretary/Treasurer
Tony Rodman, Officer at Large

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Chapter II News

By Doug Dunlap, Chapter President



Chapter II had a total of eight meetings this year. They are as follows:

October 2, 2008: Meeting was held at Hotel Sierra in Green Bay

October 30, 2008: Meeting was held at Trane in Madison. Ingersoll Rand Securities put on a presentation on security and lock hardware.

January 8, 2009: Meeting was held at the Esquire Club in Madison. Specified Technologies and Bay Insulation provided a presentation on fire-stop and fire barriers.

February 12, 2009: Meeting was held at the Esquire Club in Madison. Trane put on a presentation on cooling contingency planning.

March 11, 2009: Meeting was held at the Esquire Club in Madison. Tremco Roofing put on a presentation on vegetative and photovoltaic roofs.

April 20, 2009: Meeting was held at North Point Health and Wellness in Rockton, IL. Program was a tour of the facility by Greg Gaul, Rob Pavlik, and Doug Waite. Scott Fisher of NALCO provided the lunch.

May 20, 2009: We had our annual banquet at the Prime Quarter Steak House in Madison. The new slate of officers were presented and approved for 2009-2010. They are as follows:

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

August 13, 2009: Our monthly meeting and annual golf outing were held at Lake Windsor Country Club. The Code Committee also had their meeting that day and joined us for the golf outing. Everyone enjoyed the nice weather and the golfing. We also have the new schedule for the 2009-2010 meetings. They are as follows:

November 12, 2009: Presentation by Siemens, location to be determined.

December 10, 2009: Presentation by Johnson Controls, location to be determined.

February 11, 2010: Presentation by KJWW, Jeff Boldt, location to be determined.

March 11, 2010; Presentation by Trane, location to be determined.

April 15, 2010: Presentation by Meriter Hospital by Gerald Rabas

May 20, 2010: Chapter II Annual Banquet



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Conference Committee

By Michael Blackwood, Committee Chair



The WHEA Conference Committee met on Friday, October 23 to review results from the 2009 conference and begin preparations for 2010 in La Crosse. Evaluations indicate that programs were well received with certain programs specifically singled out to return again in future years. In addition, thanks to the attendees comments, our education team has in excess of 30 programs to review and choose from for 2010. Thanks to the great response by members, guests, sponsors and vendors, the 2009 WHEA Annual Conference was a tremendous success.

Congratulations to Tom Stank as the recipient of the 2009 WHEA Founders Award. During the presentation to Tom, WHEA President Kim Bauer recognized Tom's continued history of support and service to WHEA through work on the board, committees and support to Kim and others individual members.

Congratulations as well to Steve Vinopal on his selection as WHEA 2009 Pioneer Award recipient. Letters of nomination recognized Steve for his years of services to the healthcare engineering field, starting in 1974, his support to WHEA in numerous capacities and his support to both WHEA and ASHE as ASHE Region 6 Director for the past 4 years. Steve was also recognized with a "Thank You" gift from all Region 6 Chapters for his hard work and commitment as Region 6 Director.

As in past years, ASHE leadership was again represented at our conference with Past-President John Wood in attendance for the entire week. John spoke to ASHE's mission and how affiliated chapters like WHEA are critical to ASHE's success. John's comments were very complimentary toward our organization and he thanked WHEA for its support to ASHE and especially our ongoing support to Region 6.

As our conference next year will move to La Crosse and a different conference center, the committee will be reviewing numerous options for changes and additions to make your 2010 conference even better.

Watch for more information in future WHEA newsletters and make plans now for a great 2010 annual conference in La Crosse. Dates are September 14 – 17. 🇺🇸



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Chapter VI Activities

by Paul Harris, Chapter President



Chapter VI was led this year by our officers:

President - Al Neitzel
Vice President- Paul Harris
Secretary-Bill Lanzel
Treasurer- Donella Sarauer
Officer-at-Large- Dennis Renaud

We conducted the following informative and educational quality presentations throughout the year:

October 8, 2009 – Chapter 6 board meeting and yearly agenda planning.

November 5, 2009 - Larry Gage, Precision Controls on steam traps.

January 7, 2009 - Matt Krueger, Johnson Controls, Inc on controls.

March 4, 2009 – Ed Lockman, Lockman Industries on universal board and auto doors and Brian Rausch, the Dept of Commerce on elevator code updates.

May 6, 2009, Scott Clark, Boldt on Lean Processes.

Wednesday September 9, 2009 – Cathy Fregeau, Trane Co on controls.

Our 2007-2008 Goals were:

- Improve chapter representation at com-

mittee meetings.

STATUS: Provided better presentations and monitoring attendance.

- Create a chapter leadership guideline.

STATUS: Finished and handed out at next meeting

- Review and update chapter bylaws.

STATUS: Reviewed, rewritten and submitted to the state for review.

- Nomination for WHEA Pioneer Award.

STATUS: Committee was formed and nominee was submitted

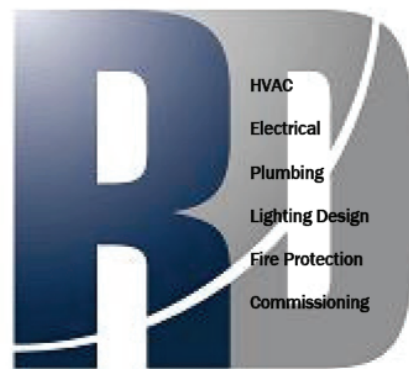
2008-2009 Meetings and Officers:

A meeting was held on October 14, 2009 for the new board, and the next Chapter VI meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2009. Our officers for 2009-2010 are:

President – Paul Harris
Vice President – Bill Lanzel
Secretary – Dennis Renaud
Treasurer – Donella Sarauer
Officer at Large – Mark Keller

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In Memoriam

John Skusek

John Skusek passed away on October 5th. John was employed at St. Luke's and Children's Hospital of Milwaukee from the mid-60's to the mid-80's. He was active as a member of Chapter I and also served on committees at the state level. John retired as a Life Member of WHEA.



Bill Forlenza

While many of our WHEA members don't remember or more than likely never heard of Bill Forlenza, those of us who were part of WHEA in the 70's and early 80's do indeed remember Bill.

Bill served on the state board as officer at large, secretary, treasurer, vice-president at which point he experienced the layoff that hit in the early to mid 80's.

Bill was also very active in Chapter I.

On the personal side, those of us who know him found him to be a deeply spiritual man, a great husband and father and quite a story teller.

Bill recently worked as part of a task force locating WHEA retired members for the WHEA 40th Anniversary celebration.

Contributed by Carl Budde

Chapter V News

By Gary Gust, Chapter President



Chapter Five held its October meeting in the clubhouse of the Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm outside of Menomonie, WI. The morning and part of the afternoon was spent on chapter business and education.

The Chapter V Officers for 2010 are:

President; Gary Gust
Vice President; Chris Flesher
Treasurer; Kelly Roshell
Secretary; Rick Casper
Officer at Large; Tony Bennett
Past President; Dan Bruss.

A new associate member, Lori Bauer of Climate Makers was welcomed and approved. Ahearn Fire Protection provided an informative program on sprinkler maintenance and winterization. Mid afternoon actives included a contest between chapter members on the sport of shooting clay pigeons. This was a good team building experience for the start of the new year and everyone had a good time. Later in the afternoon several members hunted pheasants in one of the several open fields of the game farm. Our next meeting will be February 18th. Tentative location is Marshfield Clinic, Rice Lake, WI. 🇺🇸

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ASHE Region 6 Report

Steve Vinopal, ASHE Region 6 Director/WHEA Liaison



Congratulations to WHEA and its members for receiving the ASHE Platinum affiliated chapter award. They were joined by the Twin Cities Chapter as the only Region 6 Platinum winners.

Iowa's ISHE group received the Bronze level award. This is ISHE's first award since 1996, but the silver level is their goal in 2010.

North Dakota now has

an ASHE affiliated chapter. We now have all five Region 6 states with an ASHE chapter.

All five Region 6 states have established Advocacy Committee's. ISHE will be coming to observe the WHEA Code Committee in action at the November Code Committee meeting in Wisconsin Dells.

Next year at the ASHE Region 6 Conference on

April 22-23, 2010 ASHE and Region 6 will be bringing the CHFM exam to our region. The CHFM pencil exam will be offered on Friday afternoon following the Region 6 conference. For those attendees that are pre-qualified to take the exam, are ASHE members, and are full registrants of the 1-1/2 day conference, ASHE will waive the \$275 exam fee. Watch for details in Steve's next newsletter. 🇺🇸

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WHEA Leaders Graduate from ASHE Leadership Institute

By Roger Elliott

ASHE President, Troy Martin (c.) is pictured here with Mike Blackwood (l.) and Steve Vinopal who are shown holding their plaques commemorating the completion of their ASHE Leadership Institute training, on October 24th in Phoenix, AZ.



ASHE is dedicated to providing ASHE members with opportunities for professional growth and development. The Leadership Institute is a unique experience that focuses on providing individual leadership skills that are intended to advance the careers of institute participants. Institute participants are also afforded networking opportunities with ASHE's current and future leaders – each one committed to improving the healthcare built environment. Attendance at the Institute is by invitation only. Participants include ASHE's Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Regional Leader Award recipients, special honorees, and ASHE trainers and educators.



The Institute is designed as a 4-yr program consisting of 64 hours of intense leadership training provided in 16-hr training modules offered as weekend sessions held on an annual basis. Congratulations to both Steve and Mike for completing their ASHE Leadership Institute training!

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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 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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