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President's Message



*Wade Rudolph
WHEA President*

My fellow WHEA members,

Now is an exciting time to be a member of WHEA. The education committee continues to expand ways to provide education to members

and those working in Healthcare. The conference committee is moving to a new location this year with additional opportunities for those who attend the annual conference. Membership committee is creating another world class directory. Sponsorship has had another record year to allow WHEA to continue to move forward in offering great educational opportunities for members. The advocacy efforts of the code committee are expanding their role in Wisconsin and nationally. The By-Laws committee (thank you, Bill) is again very active in reviewing chapter submissions for consistency. All these activities truly carry the mission of WHEA forward for our education and advocacy efforts. This is truly an organization that serves the healthcare industry. The positive impact of WHEA affects not only healthcare in Wisconsin, but also is spreading to the ASHE Region 6 chapters, as well as other ASHE regions.

It is at this exciting time of growth and spreading influence that the WHEA board recognizes that the contribution of its members is limited as we all are getting busier. Last years board in August recognized this matter, and directed the 2010 board to evaluate the staffing in the organization so the good work can continue. In an attempt to keep the momentum moving forward in the organization, the board is considering hiring additional staff to assist the committees and board for years to come. A presidential task force was led by Carl Budde, which did some great work and brought forward ideas for Board discussion. These ideas were brought to the board at the March meeting. The chapter representatives were asked to seek member feedback in April regarding the thoughts of the members, and to bring the feedback to a special May meeting. While there are many ideas and great dialog of sometimes conflicting opinions, it is truly special that our organization can carry out this discussion in a professional manner. This is something Congress in Washington can learn from WHEA. I was greatly impressed at the last board meeting that after the issue was discussed and the meeting closed, that personal relationships were checked and repaired. This is truly a great organization, and I am sure whatever decision is made regarding future staffing, WHEA will benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year as your board President.
Wade Rudolph, WHEA President

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2010 CALENDAR

A P R I L

1	Code Committee Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	12:30 - 4:30 pm
2	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	
8	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm
8	Education Committee WEBINAR	9:30 - 11:00 am
9	Conference Meeting - Holiday Inn Stevens Pt	9 am - noon
9	Budget Due Back To Treasurer	
15	Chapter II Meeting	
15	Chapter V Meeting	
22-23	ASHE Region 6 Conference - Mankato, MN	
23	Directory Mailing Deadline	

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5	Chapter VI Meeting	Noon to 3 pm
7	Special Board Meeting	9 am - 4 pm
13	Chapter IV Meeting	12 noon - 4 pm
13	Chapter I Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm
14	Education Meeting - Holiday Inn, Stevens Pt	9 am - noon
15	Budget Draft to Board	
19	Education Program "Joint Commission" WI Dells	
20	Chapter II Meeting (Annual Banquet)	
20	Chapter III Meeting	

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TBD	Chapter I Annual Banquet	
3	Code Committee Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	12:30 - 4:30 pm
4	Board Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	9 am - noon
4	Newsletter Article Deadline	
4	Member Services Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	1 - 4 pm
18	Chapter V Meeting	
30	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

Chapter IV Activity

By Randal Wegner, Chapter President



Chapter IV plans to meet March 3rd. with the meeting in Rothschild at Sterling Water Culligan being hosted by Past President Mike Han-

son. A tour of the bottling plant is planned as well as a tour of the Weston Power Plant. Looking for another fine turnout. Chapter IV has 71 regular members at this point of which 21 or 30% are ASHE members, which is a strong indication for the support of ASHE. We continue to strive for increase in this area. Total Chapter IV membership stands currently at 98.

The December meeting went well with chapter members indicating things are picking up. New generator going in at St. Michael's, Central Telecommunications project wrapping up located at St. Joseph's which will includes the dispatching of St. Clare's' as well as St. Michael's. Sub station replacement continues at St. Joseph's as well as a major air handler replacement project. An emergency well has also gone on Line at the facility. Formulation of a comprehensive water emergencies plan is now in the works. Herb Hart indicated that Tweet Garrot received an award for their fine HVAC work. Well done Herb! Aspirus continues moving forward with their bariatric project and Jeff from LB Medwaste stated his company continues to grow with the addition of another autoclave and a bigger shredder. Fine progress Jeff. Good things happening all around the Chapter IV area and everyone looking forward to spring.

Focused work continues on the attainment of our chapter goals. The economy may well impact Goal 1 of increased membership however we continue to look at ways to allow those that would like to be members that opportunity. The goal remains viable. We recently welcomed 5 new members from Good Samaritan in Merrill. Welcome to (continued on page 3)

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Chapter IV. Every single member has MERIT and POTENTIAL to make our chapter stronger, which will in turn forge a stronger WHEA. Each new member is a potential WHEA President. I encourage all of you to become actively involved as it is YOUR organization.

Goal 2 of providing informative electronic communications to members is on target.

Goal 3 of providing an educational offering to Chapter members is on target with a program being hosted by St. Joseph's in July and presented by Jon Cechvala. Lunch is provided and it looks to be an informative program as all of Jon's presentations have been. Please do not miss this opportunity.

Goal 4 of providing financial support to the WHEA Foundation is on target and we look to provide this at the September Annual Meeting.

Wishing you all a quick spring season and a prosperous 2010.



Chapter V News

By Gary Gust, Chapter President

ing. The survey confirmed that the quality of education presentations at the chapter meeting was one of the most important items. It was agreed that the agenda for the meeting be changed to provide for round table discussion on current issues at our member's facilities. This would keep the education current and better focused.

The February meeting was held at the new Dove Healthcare – South. There were 28 members in atten-

dance. The before lunch educational presentation was provided by Focus on Energy on their incentive programs. After lunch the CEO of Dove Healthcare, Jim Diegan presented an informative and interesting topic of "What Administrators Need From Their Facility Directors". Afterwards Jim and his staff provided tours of their facility.

Chapter Five's next meeting is April 15, location to be determined.

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Education Committee Report

By James Teunas, Committee Chair

The Education committee met on January 8th to discuss the slate of educational programs for 2010. We met again via conference call on March 19th to finalize a few of the scheduled programs. For complete information on what education programs are open for registration, go to www.whea.com under ["Education and Training"](#).

Jeremy Brang from Specified Technologies, Inc. and Michael Kluck from Greenheck Corporation presented *"FireStopping & Fire/Smoke Dampers - Inspection, Maintenance and Recordkeeping"* on February 16 at the Wintergreen Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. It was very well attended with a total of 81 participants and program evaluations showed that

it was very well received.

On March 24, the first of two *"Healthcare Construction Certificate"* programs scheduled for 2010 was held in Madison at the Sheraton hotel. This always popular program had 79 attendees. WHEA Code committee presenters for this program were; Marge McFarlane, Robert Dubiel and Jeff Eckstein. A huge thank you goes out to the code committee members for their exceptional work on this important healthcare program.

A *"Med Gas Systems for Facilities Maintenance and Facilities Management"* program was held on March 31st at the Stoney Creek Conference Center in Rothschild. Tom Spremo from Medical Gas Solutions presented this program. Tom has been a valuable presenter

for WHEA in the past and continues to receive rave reviews for his presentations. The program had 38 attendees.

April 8th will start off the 2010 webinars with Richard Pearson from Pearson Engineering presenting *"Energy Management in New and Existing Buildings: A Sustainable Activity."* Complete information for this webinar including registration can be at www.whea.com under [Education and Training](#).

Registration for the [2010 Webinar Subscription Service](#) is (continued on page 5)



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still available and an informative flyer can be found on page 6 of this publication.

We have additional educational programs already on the calendar and more in the works. If you have any questions or comments regarding our programs, please feel free to contact anyone on the educational committee. Complete information can be found at www.whea.com.

2010 Upcoming Education Programs

May 19 - Joint Commission Updates

August 18 - Trends in Healthcare Webinar

August 25 - Boiler Maintenance



Chapter II News

By Doug Dunlap, Chapter President

Chapter II has had three meetings since our last report. December 10th a meeting was held and the presentation was Facilities Operations in Tough Economic Times. We had 11 members and 1 guest present. The presenter was Scott Adams, Service Branch Manager, Johnson Controls. The minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved. Committee reports were given: John Pohlmann gave the treasurers report, Dan Zank reported on the Education Committee and Clarence Day reported on the Member Ser-

vices Committee. All reports were accepted and approved. One new member was voted in.

On February 11th our meeting was held at KJWW Engineering, Madison, Wisconsin. The program was presented by Jeff Boldt on ASHRAE 90-2010; "How it Will Effect Health Care." We had 23 members and 11 guests present. The minutes of the December 10th meeting were approved.

Committee reports were also given: Dan Zank provided the Education Committee report and indicated that the Fire (continued on page 7)



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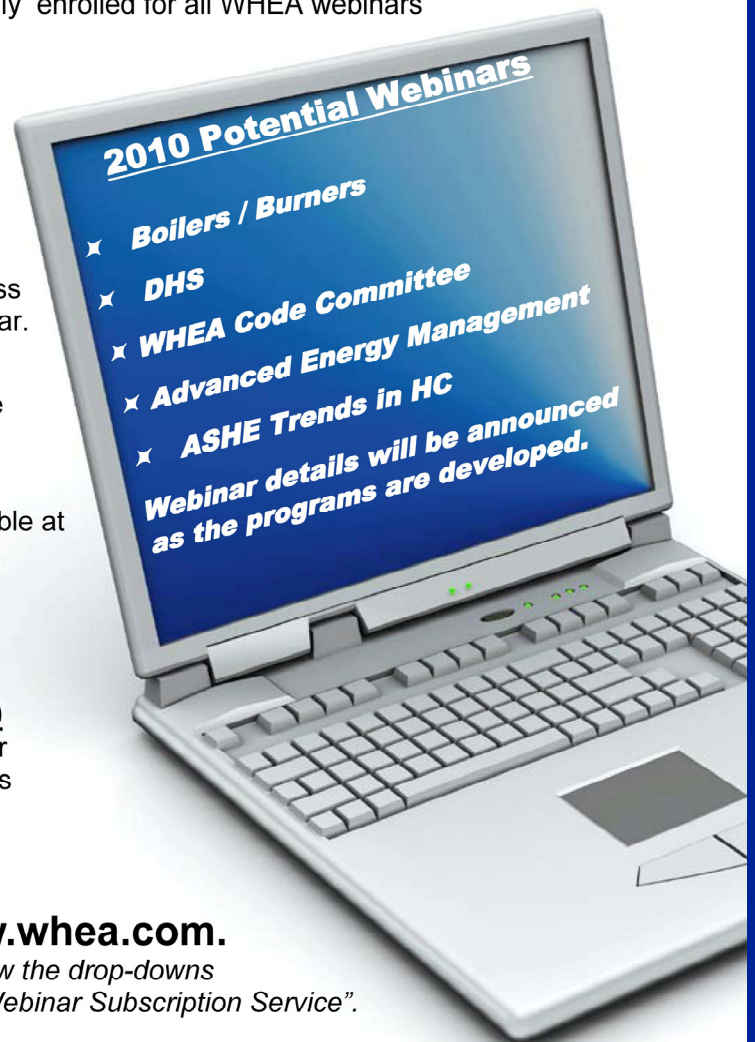
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Register online at www.whea.com.

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

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



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Stop Course for February 16th was full, Steve Vinopal reported on Codes & Standards activities and on Bylaws issues, and Clarence Day reported on the Member Services Committee news. The reports were accepted and approved. Four new members were voted in.

Our March 11th meeting was held at Vitense Golfland in Madison, Wisconsin. Dick Pearson of Pearson Engineering provided a presentation on "Energy Management in New and Existing Buildings: A Sustainable Activity." We had 18 members and 1 guest present. Dan Zank reported on the Education Committee regarding upcoming training classes and Jeff Boldt reported on Codes and Standards activities. John Pohlmann reported on By-Laws and announced that the By-Laws would be posted to the WHEA website. John also reported on the Member Services Committee activities surrounding progress on the 2010 Directory. Reports were accepted and approved. We had five new Full members and one Associate member voted in. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on March 26th.

Our officers for 2010 are: Doug Dunlap-President, Pete Goepfert-Vice President, James Moran-Secretary, John Pohlmann-Treasurer, and Dan Zank-Past President. Chapter II total membership consists of 62 Full, 60 Associate, 4 Life, 7 Retired, and 1 Honorary member for a total of 134 members.

Future Chapter II meetings:
April 8th 2010 Novation Building,
Meriter Hospital
May 6th 2010 Banquet at the Prime
Quarter

Maintenance of Fountains and Water Features in Health Care Facilities

From DHS, provided by Bill Lauzon, P.E.

Fountains and water features in healthcare facilities are not automatically non-compliant; however, the facility must take steps to ensure they provide a safe environment. If a water fountain of any sort is observed during a CMS survey, the DQA surveyor may request documentation to demonstrate that appropriate maintenance steps are taken, per the recommended steps in the recently published DHS memo titled Guidelines for Water Fountains in Health care Facilities. If the identified steps are not taken as suggested in the DHS memo, the facility may be cited as deficient under the "safe environment" tag.

Also keep in mind that all air conditioning units have cooling coils directly in the air stream that contain a drip pan at the bottom of the coil that collects de-humidified water from the air stream. This pan may contain stagnant water and present the same issues as a water fountain. Common sense dictates that the larger AHU may need to be surveyed (especially during the humid months) to ensure there is an appropriate maintenance program to ensure prompt drainage and cleaning.

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Codes and Standards News

By Jeff Eckstein and Jon Cechvala, Co-Chairs

The Code Committee continues to serve the WHEA membership in three key areas:

- Providing timely **Code Alerts** updates
- Participating in **Advocacy** efforts
- Conducting code & construction related **Education** programs

Code Alerts and Code Reference Matrix:

In 2010, the committee is tracking the following issues for potential Code Alerts development:

- Revision to #25 – Med Gas System Maintenance
- Medical Gas cylinder storage requirements- New Code Alert is being prepared
- The Code Reference Matrix will be upgraded by the Fall Conference; it hasn't upgraded since 2004.

Code Highlights:

- NFPA 99- The Code Committee has contacted the NFPA in regards to the NFPA 99 1999 Edition which is currently adopted by CMS and the Joint Commission. According to Tom Spremo of Medgas Solutions, the first printing would allow group securing of medical gas cylinders within Level 1 & 2 facilities, while the second printing added verbiage requiring

individual securing of cylinders (both connected and in storage). It should be noted the NFPA 99 2005 edition again allows group securing of cylinders within Level 1& 2 facilities. We have reports that Regulatory Agencies have recently begun enforcing the individual securing requirement.

- Jeff Boldt, who is on the DOCOMM Comm. 63 Committee states that the Department is most likely to adopt new Energy Rules in January of 2011, referencing IGCC and ASHRAE's 189.1 – this will align Wisconsin with Federal Rules.
- Wade Rudolph reports that EPA - Commerce has changed testing of their fuel storage.
- A "lead contractor" regulation will be going into place soon. Contractors must be certified to remove lead in buildings. This goes into effect on 4/20/10.

Advocacy:

- At our April 1st Code Committee meeting, we hosted the Iowa Society of Healthcare Engineers Advocacy Committee delegation – Mark Wurscher and Kim Jahn. We were happy to have ISHE members attend to observe and ask questions of our committee (continued on page 9)

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- Jon Cechvala: Highlights of the 2010 Health Care Facility Guidelines
- David Soens: Top 10 Life Safety Code plan review deficiencies
- Tim O'Rourke: Fire alarm system planning and testing (NFPA 72)
- Tom Spremo: Medical gas system planning and testing (NFPA 99)

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in action. This will hopefully assist the Iowa team in establishing their state Code Committee. We were pleased to host our fellow ASHE Region 6 members and hope the impact and benefits of their new committee will be felt across the entire state of Iowa and on the national level.

Education:

The committee is planning the following education sessions:

- Healthcare Construction Certificate seminars for contractors and vendors providing services to healthcare facilities - New Date and Location: 10/28/10 in Weston
- WHEA Annual Conference 9/14 – 9/17/10. We will be adding a ½ day of code related topics to our usual 1 day program.
- FGI Guidelines Update - Fall/Winter 2010
- Webinar's -- In conjunction with UW College of Engineering:
 - 6/10/10 Life Safety Compliance
 - 6/17/10 Electrical Systems
 - 6/24/10 Medical Gas Systems
- Fire Stopping – date to be determined
- Energy Conservation – date to be determined

2010 Pioneer Award Nominations Deadline June 30, 2010

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 June 30th, 2010 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, Wade Rudolph, 715.717.4997 or wru-dolph@shec.hshs.org.

Chapters to Determine the Winners of Free 2011 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 next 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 715.717.7331, or relliot@sjcf.hshs.org.

Because many chapters suspend meeting activities for the sum-

mer, 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!



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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 30th 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 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.
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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.

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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 new WHEA member or have not yet 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. There is a great deal of important information available to you inside the "Members Only" area, but only if you have a user name and password!

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In addition, the incumbent ensures the maintenance of records required for safety and hazard control by all authorities having jurisdiction as well as ensures UWHC compliance with all federal, state and local laws, and standards of The Joint Commission (TJC). This requires in depth knowledge of the requirements of health care delivery, applicable laws and standards, accepted professional safety practices, as well as effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Requirements:

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