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President's Message

Greetings WHEA members!

It is hard to believe that we made it to summer, although the weather has not made it feel too much like it. Even

Dan Loest WHEA President

so, the fun activities of summer are in full swing. I hope you all take time away from your busy lives serving the healthcare industry and spend time with your family and friends and recharge the batteries!

As President of WHEA I am pleased to inform you of two special announcements. I was recently informed that WHEA will once again receive the Platinum Level

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Affiliation Award for 2010. What this means is WHEA is achieving the objectives set forth by ASHE for developing and maintaining our status as a chapter of ASHE. WHEA has received this prominent award from ASHE for many consecutive years. What another great accomplishment for WHEA! And congratulations to Gordon Howie, WHEA Officer at Large who's responsibility it was to submit the application. Hours of work goes into preparing this document and Gordon, by the results, did a great job!

I am also pleased to announce Dean Pufahl WHEA Vice President and Director of Facilities Management/Safety Officer for St. Joseph's Hospital West Bend, WI will receive the Emerging Leader Award from ASHE for Region 6. I was proud to submit an application in Dean's behalf and even more proud that he was selected to receive this award! Currently Dean serves at the WHEA ASHE Liaison and has been involved in ASHE for many years. Dean will receive his award at the ASHE Annual Conference in Seattle Washington this July. Congratulations Dean!

Even though summer is in full swing there is plenty going on at WHEA! As president I have the opportunity to keep a pulse on all activities that are happening in WHEA. Preparations for the September annual conference are in full swing and it looks like we will be taking a journey up the mighty *(continued on page 2)*

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Mississippi stopping at several ports along the way and stopping in La Crosse for another great educational and fellowship opportunity. The Education Committee is working hard on providing various educational opportunities for our members through various methods; Member Services recently completed and delivered the annual directory that highlights the extended care area of healthcare engineering. There is also a lot of activity in many other areas of WHEA in the works to make sure you as members receive the most you can from your membership in WHEA!

RIO – Return on Investment. I am sure we have all heard that term once or twice in our careers, but what does it mean to us personally? When I think of RIO relating to my personal life, I think of my volunteer time. Time may be spent serving in church, coaching your child's sports team, maybe that Boy Scout troop, in the public sector, or maybe that certain trade association – like WHEA? What RIO do I get out of my volunteer time? Your return on your investment when you volunteer is something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It can only be measured in the experience you gain from volunteering and only you can understand the wealth of what you receive when you volunteer. I hope and encourage all of my WHEA co-members to consider volunteering your time to WHEA. I know what my RIO is from my experience! Do you know yours?

See you all in La Crosse!

		JULY			
	8	Education Committee - Conference Call	9:00 am		
	13	Mechanic Exam Prep & General Maintenance Workshop	Pewaukee		
	17 - 20	ASHE Annual Conference / Seattle, WA			
(\Box)	20	Healthcare Construction Certificate - Black River Falls			
	22	Conference Committee - Radisson - La Crosse	9:00 am		
AUGUST					
	TBD	Chapter II Golf Outing & Monsoon			
	4	Code Committee Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	12:30 pm		
	5	Board Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	9:00 am		
	11	Chapter IV Meeting			
	16	Mechanic Exam Prep & General Maintenance Workshop	Weston		
	18	Chapter V Meeting			
65	19	Education Committee - Conference Call	9:00 am		
\bigcirc	23	Life Safety Code Program	Pewaukee		
		SEPTEMBER			
	7	Chapter VI Meeting			
	20 - 23	WHEA's 46th Annual Conference	La Crosse		
	20	Conference Committee Meeting (at conference)	10:00 am		
\square	22	Annual Meeting (at conference)			
	22	Chapter II Meeting (at conference)			
	22	Chapter III Meeting (at conference)			
	22	Chapter IV Meeting (at conference)			

2011 WHEA Annual Directory Addenda and Errata

Although the Member Services Committee expended long hours creating and proofing this year's directory to make sure it's current and accurate, it seems to be an impossible task to get it perfect every time. In an ongoing effort to improve the effectiveness of our directory, the Member Services Committee provides corrections for the Addenda (omissions) and Errata (errors) that are discovered after we've gone to print. Fortunately, there has been very little brought to our attention so far this year, but we sincerely apologize for any errors that have been made. Below is what has been found so far:

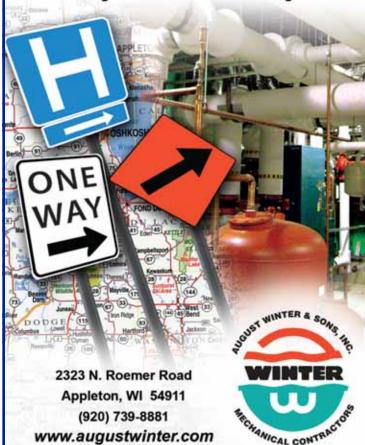
ERRATA:

- We had 3 incorrect advertisements that were ran this year. Their corrected ads are both below and on page 4.
 - ~ Zimmerman Architects (*please note the corrected contact information*).
 - ~ August Winters
 - US Water Services
- Carl Budde phone number change from 262.547.5787 to 262.922.7002.
- Neal Werner's addition to the "In Memoriam" listing.
- Ray Kirchoff's phone was printed incorrectly on pages 27 & 40. It should read 715.533.5096.

Please contact Roger Elliott (relliott@sjcf.hshs.org) or Jane Bruvold (bruvold@sbcglobal.net) if you find any other errors or omissions in this year's annual directory.



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MECH Certification Program Report

By Jim Hildebrand, MECH Program Manager

In 2011 we sold 69 preparation manuals and 70 MECH certification tests, grossing \$9,428.00. In 2010 we sold 95 preparation manual's and 73 MECH certification tests, grossing \$12,050.00.

The new MECH Board held its second phone conference meeting on May 17. The WHEA representatives are Dick Lange, Facilities Manager for St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, Gary Sankey from Waukesha Memorial Hospital and Jim Hildebrand, Wisconsin MECH Program Manager.

Our agenda was:

- Board Structure Length of term and rotation.
- Advertising and communication Discussed a newsletter via e-mail to Certified and Senior certified mechanics. A booth
 at the ASHE conventions and a direct mailing/e-mail to HR directors.
- Supervisory Certification Identify members for the steering committee. We are working on the Evaluation Matrix for the next meeting.

2011 goals:

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- 1. Increase the number of Certified and Senior Certified Mechanics.
- 2. Increase the sale of preparation manual's and the MECH Certification examinations.
- Review and update, as needed, the MECH program procedures, with copies to the Board and MECH Office Coordinator. (Under review at this time, last update was 11-01-10)
- 4. Support the MECH Re-Certification Program. (ongoing)
- 5. Work with MISHE on the development of a new <u>Supervisory Evaluation and Certification for</u> <u>Healthcare</u> (SECH) program. (In development)

ByLaws Report

By Bill Best, Committee Chair



This has been a banner year for bylaws changes and updates for the State Level and each of its Chapters. At the March 4 board meeting all work on the state bylaws to

update them as suggested by Legal Council was completed as noted in the minutes of that meeting. Since that time I requested and received bylaws from all six WHEA chapters. They were reviewed, suggested changes were inserted and the revised documents were forwarded to each chapter's representative for any further Chapter actions. Following that work, I received final documents for approval from Chapters 1, 2, 4, & 5. They were reviewed for conflicts with the State Bylaws and no apparent conflicts were found. Since the last Board meeting, I also attended a meeting of the Member Services Committee to provide feedback from legal counsel regarding the need for clarification of "Honorary" and "Affiliate" membership classifications. This is something that will require discussion at the Board Level. You may hear more about this in the Member Services Report. The impact of such classifications (and others) as they relate to Attorney-Client privileges was



Chapter I News

By Ron Heimann, Chapter President

The March meeting was held at Pro Health/ Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Hosted and sponsored by Matt Wade/ Waukesha Memorial. We had 31 members in attendance. The bulk of the business meeting was an

overview of proposed change of the by-laws to align the chapter bylaws with the recently changed state by-laws. After the business meeting adjourned, Dick Pearson – Pearson Engineering presented an educational topic on the background of Legionella, guidelines and testing requirements.

Our April meeting was hosted by Ron Heimann and Dale Scherbert and held at Froedtert Health / Community Memorial Hospital. There were 42 members and 2 guests in attendance. Prior to the start of the business meeting the group was greeted by Dennis Pollard, President of Community Memorial and CEO of Froedtert Health. Dennis shared his appreciation of WHEA to the overall healthcare environment and recognized the efforts of all its members. The board chose to change the format of this meeting as a trial to increase meeting attendance. The education topic was presented prior to the business meeting. Henneman Engineering presented on commissioning and retro commissioning. Upon conclusion of the presentation, the business meeting was held. We found however that approximately half of the attendance left prior to the business meeting. Under new business, the nominations from the floor for officers were presented: President - Jeff Eckstein, VP - Harley Herold, Secretary -Sheila Semrou, Treasurer - Roy Funk, Officer at Large - Stephanie Angst.

The May meeting was held at and sponsored by Johnson Controls. There were 35 members and 2 guests in attendance. Under old business the chapter approved the proposed by-law changes. Ward Komorowski, Director of Global Facilities Johnson Controls presented on how Johnson Controls has come to be recognized as a sustainability leader,



achieving LEED Gold status for the Building Efficiency headquarters and designing the new corporate campus to LEED platinum status. Ward described his approach to sustainability and pro active energy management as well as utilizing technology to optimize building efficiency. We were also given tours of the Johnson Controls Corporate Campus.

The final gathering for the 2010-2011 year will be our annual banquet. This year's event was held on June 3 aboard the Edelweiss Vessel of Milwaukee River. We held our business meeting aboard the vessel while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and the sights of the Milwaukee skyline.

Chapter II News

By Pete Goepfert, Chapter President



Chapter II currently has 82 full members, 68 associate members, 5 lifetime, 7 retired, and 1 honorary, for a total of 163. This is an increase of 14 since the last report.

Chapter II has met three times since the last report.

March 3, 2011: The meeting was held at the Esquire Club in Madison. 24 members were present. 2 new associate members were approved. The main topic of discussion under new business was the need for members to help on the various committees at the State level, as well as the upcoming need to fill the treasurer position in the Chapter. A very interesting educational program was presented by Madison Gas & Electric on Renewable Energy, focused on the variety of electricity producing solar installations around the area.

April 7, 2011: There were not enough regular members present to make a up quorum. There were several associate members present so we did have the educational program. The program was presented by Eagle Technology on "Mobile Asset Tracking to Save Time and Money".

May 12, 2011: This meeting was held at the Prime Quarter Steak House in conjunction with our annual banquet. 63 members and guests were present. No educational program was presented. Tim Ehlert, a full member with Dean Care was elected secretary for the upcoming year. Next year's Chapter II officers will be:

Tim Ehlert – Secretary John Pohlmann Sr. – Treasurer Derek Marshall – Vice President Pete Goepfert – President



Chapter III News *By Marc Teubert, Committee Chair*

A meeting of Chapter III was held on March 17, 2011. The meeting was held at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton. Twenty-six members and one guest were present.

Secretary Dan Loest will send a notice out to all Chapter III members to submit names for consideration for the CHFM and MECH scholarships. The selection of winners will be held at the May meeting.

Two new member applications were reviewed and approved and are: Greg Skaar of Markesan Resident Home, full member and John Krummick of FDI in Oshkosh, associate member.

President Marc Teubert appointed a nominating committee to provide a slate of chapter officers for 2011/2012. The nominating committee consists of Jim Teunas, Marti Isaacson, Bob Grapentine, and John Krummick.

Round Table Discussion – Members in attendance discussed several topics of interest to the members which included CMS Validation Surveys, and Elevator Sprinkler requirements.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the recently constructed facility central utility plant at St Elizabeth's.

2011 Officers:

President – Marc Teubert Vice President – Tom Laabs Secretary /Treasurer—Dan Loest



ASHE Liaison Report

By Dean Pufahl, WHEA ASHE Liaison

A very successful 2011 ASHE Region 6 Educational Conference was held April 7-8 in Mankato, MN drawing 275 attendees with the support of 58 sponsors. This is a record turnout surpassing this year's goal. Eleven members wrote the CHFM certification exam provided at the conference. This success is attributed to the great line-up of speakers that were presenting this year. The 2012 ASHE Region 6 Conference will be held in Mankato April 26 – 27, 2012.

The 48th ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition will be held in Seattle, WA, July 17-20. Sunday's

Leadership Forum is a great opportunity for our WHEA Board members attending the conference, to learn and develop new skills they can apply to improving their local affiliated Chapters. Registration for the Annual Conference is now open, visit the ASHE website for details. If you are already planning on attending please join myself and other WHEA members at the Regional Breakfast.

Hopefully you have noticed that I had not sent out an ASHE Advocacy Update for a few months. The information is now provided in the being ASHE Insider which is sent out to ASHE members each Thursday. An ASHE Committee has been formed to improve the communications to the Chapter Members. I will send out information as it becomes available.

Chapters To Determine Winners of 2012 ASHE Memberships

By Roger Elliott



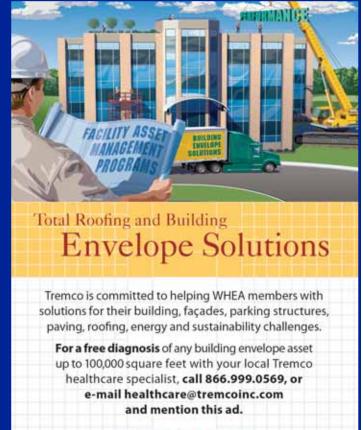
Every year the WHEA board of directors provides a FREE ASHE MEM-BERSHIP to each chapter. These free

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 MEM-BERSHIP 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 mem-

bership scholarships from ASHE, please contact me at 715.717.7331, or relliott@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 MEMBER-SHIP 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 vour chapter chooses to determine your recipient, please make sure that he/she is identified prior to the 2nd week of September!





NEW! Earn Education Hours at Chapter Meetings!

The Education Committee has received approval to offer WHEA education hours at chapter meetings. These education hours may be used toward renewing your Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC). When you attend your chapter meeting, your chapter representative will hand out certificates of attendance at the end of the meeting that reflect how many education hours have been earned.

Further information on how to use these education hours to apply for HCC renewal can be found in the Education Committee news article on page 11 of this newsletter OR go to www.whea.com under Education and Training to find info on HCC Renewals.

Codes and Standards News

By Jeff Eckstein and Jon Cechvala, Co-Chairs





The committee met on 6/3/11. The next scheduled committee meeting is 8/4/11.

The Code Committee continues to serve WHEA members in 3 areas:

- Proving timely **Code Alerts** updates
- Participating in Advocacy efforts

- Conducting code and construction related **Education** programs

Goals Update:

Continued support of WHEA through Code Alerts, education and advocacy. (supports ASHE Goal #1 – Regulation and Goal #2 – Reputation).

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of the following goals. Status: In progress

Support the Education committee as a resource for their educations programs that align with WHEA's mission. (supports ASHE Goal #2 – Reputation)



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Site Based:

- UST Training and Licensing
- Mid-Year Code Program (Spring Code Conference)
- Annual Conference Program

Web Based:

- Code Update – Consideration being given to a NFPA 99 Update.

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of the 4 educational programs by 12/31/11.

Status: In progress. Spring Code Conference was held May 3. 13 UST Programs all scheduled state-wide from May – July. Annual Conference agenda has been submitted: The Committee will be presenting Wednesday morning, a dual Track Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning (including a dual track for half the morning session) and Thursday afternoon.

Provide a minimum of two (2) Healthcare Contractor Certificate programs working with the Education Committee. (supports ASHE Goal #2 – Reputation)

- HCC Pewaukee Q1
- HCC Black River Falls Q2
- HCC Green Bay Q4

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of the 3 HCC programs by 12/31/11. Status: In progress with Pewaukee session complete. The Black River Falls is in planning. (continued on page 9)

Codes and Standards (continued from page 8)

Support the Education Committee as a resource to development and implement the HCC renewal program. (supports Goal #2 – Reputation)

Measurement of Success: Work in concert with Education Committee to develop program by?

Status: Need to work with Education Committee to determine how to support this process.

Support ASHE at the national and Region 6 level as a resource for their educations programs. (supports ASHE Goal #1 – Regulation and Goal #2 – Reputation).

Measurement of Success: Successful participation at the ASHE Region 6 program. **Status:** COM-PLETE. Jon Cechvala conducted 45 minute CMS presentation.

Develop and select a liaison between the Education and Code Committees. (supports ASHE Goal #3 – Capacity)

Measurement of Success: Select the liaison and full the position. **Status:** COMPLETE. Tom Grice has accepted the position.

Reformat meeting minutes in a clear and concise format to be shared at the chapter level. (supports ASHE Goal #2 – Reputation and Goal #3 – Capacity)

Measurement of Success: Reformat minutes by 7/11. **Status:** In progress. New minute format was introduced at the June meeting.

Code Alerts:

The committee is tracking the following issues for potential impact on the membership. Code Alerts will be issued as the topics are resolved.

- CMS Occupancy Classifications
- CMS Life Safety Code Component for ESRD- End Stage Renal Dialysis Centers.
- Wisconsin Department of Commerce'sWI potential Adoption of FGI – Facility Guidelines Institutes Standards i.e. 2006 or 2010 editions.
- ASHRAE 170 and New Energy Standards.
- CBRFs
- Storage in Hospital and Ambulatory Surgery Operating Room Suites and Spaces.& OR's
- Fire Sprinklers Nursing Homes
- Fire Alarm Testing
- DHS Code Work Groups
- Utility Load Curtailment

Generator Emissions during Peak Shaving Advocacy:

<u>FGI – Facilities Guidelines Institute:</u> Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph and David Soens fully participated in the first session of the 2014 edition revision process in Chicago in April 2011.

<u>NFPA 99 - new proposed Standard for Healthcare</u> <u>Facilities:</u> The committee proving input through Roger Lautz, Tom Spremo and Bill Best.

<u>ASHRAE 90.1 Energy Code:</u> Jeff Boldt is a voting member and chairs the Healthcare Working Group.

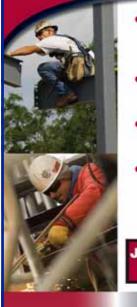
<u>ASHRAE 62.1:</u> Jeff Boldt submitted a proposed change to clarify whether boiler steam humidification is acceptable; the committee clarified the wording, but ruled against using chemically treated steam. Full code committee may comment once this reaches public review.

<u>ASHRAE 170:</u> Jeff Boldt submitted one change request that will be reconsidered after 62.1 takes action on boiler steam humidification; and one public review comment related to patient room ventilation

Advanced Energy Guide for Small Healthcare Facilities : Jeff Boldt was one of the authors. (continued on page 10)

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Codes and Standards (continued from page 8)

<u>Advanced Energy Guide for Large Healthcare Facilities:</u> DOE will form this committee in the next few months with Jeff Boldt as a member. Code Committee will be providing suggestions and comments.

State of Wisconsin - Commerce

The committee is advocating at the state level by participating on:

- Electrical advisory committee: Gordy Pierret and Tim O'Rorke
- Plumbing advisory committee: Jeff Boldt, Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph
- Elevator code advisory committee: Greg Graunke
- Boiler and Pressure Vessel advisory committee: Joe Bena.

State of Wisconsin – DHS: Code Work Groups

The committee is advocating at the state level by participating on:

- Architectural Group: Jeff Eckstein, Wade Rudolph and David Soens
- HVAC Group: Roger Lautz and Tom Stank
- Electrical Group: Amy Cote and Tim O'Rorke
- Mechanical Group: Bill Best, Tom Spremo
 - Note: These meeting have by put on temporary hold by DHS until staffing issues are resolved.

<u>2009 IMC:</u> Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council <u>2009 IECC:</u> Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council

Education:

In 2011, the WHEA Education and Code Committees are committee is working together on developing the following education sessions:

- UST Training and Certification Programs.
- A new one day WHEA Spring Code Conference.
- Providing 3 Healthcare Construction Certificate Programs.
- Annual Fall Conference Code Program.
- Code Update Webinar

2011 Pioneer Award Nominations Deadline Extended

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 state board members by comparing all nominations received against a criteria-based scoring grid, and subsequently determining a recipient by a simple majority vote.

The traditional deadline for submitting Pioneer Award nomination papers is June 30th, but this year the board has extended the deadline to July <u>31st</u>! However, it is important that all nomination papers be received by Dan Loest by the deadline extension so the board has time to evaluate all the nominations at the August 5th board meeting. This meeting is the last chance the board will have for determining a Pioneer Award recipient prior to 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, Dan Loest, 920.926.5601 or loestd@agnesian.com.



HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

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 heath 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:

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.
- Nomination papers must be submitted to the current state WHEA President for the previous calendar year, prior to June 30th of the current year.
- The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteriabased scoring grid.

The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.

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:
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MANAGER/CEO/PRESIDENT:
PHONE: () EMAIL:
NOMINATED BY: NAME:
ORGANIZATION:
FACILITY:
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.



Education Committee Report

By James Teunas, Committee Chair

The Education Committee has held a number of sitebased programs and a webinar in the 2nd quarter.

Our first site-based program was the highly anticipated "Code Committee Spring Conference" held on May 3rd in Wisconsin Dells. It was a mid-year code update program meant to be a midyear refresher before the annual conference. It was attended by 81 people who gave it very high ratings. The code committee presenters were: Jon Cechvala, Jeff Eckstein, Amy Cote', Marge McFarlane, Jeff Boldt, Bill Lauzon, Wade Rudolph, and Greg Graunke. We truly appreciate all the code committee does to keep our members up-to-date on code changes.

Our second site-based program was a hands-on "Intermediate Electrical" program held on May 24th in Madison. This in-depth program was presented by Ben Calhoun from Door Controls. The attendees constructed an Infrared Light Barrier. They were instructed in soldering techniques and not only got to take home the IR Light Barrier that they made but also the tools needed to construct it as you can see by the pictures to the right. It was attended by 30 people and got excellent reviews.

The "Underground Storage Tank" training is being taught at various locations across the state on various dates. It is being taught by Bob Lucht from Petroleum Testers. A large number of people have been attending this important program needed for the new regulations on underground tanks for Wisconsin.

On June 23rd the webinar "Overview of LEED for Healthcare" was presented by Theresa Lehman from Miron Construction. 29 people were registered for this webinar and those who logged in gave it high marks.

Healthcare Construction Certificate Renewal

It has been 3 years since we began our HCC program and 2011 marks the first year that our HCC certificates start to expire. Be sure to check the HCC renewal list at *www.whea.com* under Education and Training to see when your certificate expires. To renew, you can either attend the program again to acquire a new certificate or you can renew your certificate by meeting the renewal requirements. Complete information can be found on the WHEA website.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Registration is open for the General Maintenance and MECH Exam Workshops, one at Country Springs Conference Center in Pewaukee on July 13th and the other on August 16 at the Fairfield Inn in Wausau.

Also open is the 2nd Healthcare Construction Certificate program (continued on page 14)









Conference Committee Update

By Mike Blackwood, Committee Chair

The Conference Committee last met in Wisconsin Dells on Friday, April 15. The committee reviewed all phases within the upcoming conference. Potential educational programs were discussed, with the education team working closely with the WHEA Code Committee to de-

termine time slots. All educational programs are confirmed and promise to again be strong programs. This year we will open with Rita Emmitt speaking on multiple topics to include "Preventing Burnout and Stress", "Help for the Overworked, Overscheduled and Overwhelmed" and "How to do More in Far Less Time". Wednesday will again feature the WHEA Code Committee presentations for Healthcare and Long Term Care. Thursday will cover additional codes as well as Emergency Preparedness and we will close on Friday with Ode Keil.

The spouse program on Tuesday will be a relaxing time in LaCrosse allowing for everyone to explore their creative talents. Thursday the group will travel along the Mississippi River to Prairie du Chien for some shopping, lunch and more shopping. Other events will include the Tuesday evenings open house, Wednesday's technical exhibition and lunch, and Thursday's Annual Banquet, Awards Presentation and enjoyable entertainment.

With La Crosse again as the location for 2011, our conference this year will revolve around "the Ports of the Mississippi" theme.

Hope to see everyone in La Crosse this September!

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for the year to be held at the Comfort Inn and Suites conference room in Black River Falls on July 20th.

The Underground Storage Tank training still has classes open and new dates have been added, information on dates and locations are on www.whea.com.

Opening soon is a Life Safety Bootcamp taught by Brad Keyes of the Greeley Company. It will be held on August 23rd but the location has not been determined yet. So mark your calendars.

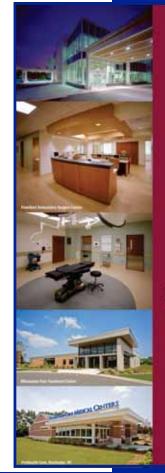
Watch for flyers in the mail, email notices and keep checking on the Education and Training webpage at *www.whea.com* for all programs open for registration.

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Chapter IV News By Randy Wegner, Chapter President

Chapter IV met May 12th at the Wausau Trap and Skeet Club. Chapter bylaws were discussed and voted on. Thank you to Bill Best for his dedication and focused effort to that

end.

We will pick a person for the free ASHE membership for the year if they are eligible by not being a former ASHE member. All those who met these requirements were asked to email Chuck Kostka if you would like to be considered for the drawing at our next meeting in Wausau.

Revised by Laws for the chapter were voted on by the group and passed.

The winner of our giveaway for the conference in La Crosse in September was Larry Krainz from St. Joseph's Hospital.

Round Table Discussions:

Troy Trogerson, Samuels Group is working on the St. Joseph's Hospital project. Samuels Group is the GC and CG Schmidt is the CM for the project. Also working with Aspirus and Flambeau Hospital on some remodeling of their ED areas and other areas.

Dennis Kwasny, of Garret Callahan is working a lot with a new Chlorine Dioxide system that is new to them as well as working on two new cooling tower systems' and boiler chemicals.

Sean McGlenn ,Class One Air. People are trying the free filters and are seeing what we are claiming is true about our filters lasting longer and more efficient.

Jedd Winkler, Focus on Energy is a new member to Chapter IV working on energy savings.

Ryan Fernstaedt, Complete Control is working with people in health care about energy savings.

Tom Boers, Langlade Hospital is continuing on getting the new hospital ready for opening next year.

Dave Bossio, Aspirus Hospital, opening shortly the new clinic in Wisconsin Rapids, a lot of small projects going or in the process of starting in our outlying clinics. Also Aspirus Hospital was given the VISTA Award for their new NICU unit by ASHE.

Chris Schultz, Systems Technologies is working on projects in Langlade Hospital and Flambeau Hospital as the Electrical Contractor.

Herb Hardt, Tweet Garrot is just finishing a project for Marshfield Clinic and one at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital.

Larry Krainz, Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital has finished up on the House of Dove project which is a 12 bed end of life care center. The new building is heated and cooled with a GeoThermal system.

Heath Heck, Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital is finishing up on projects and changing out some equipment in the Cardiac Cath Lab.

Glen Arnold, Riverview Hospital is working on the few bugs that are left with the HVAC system in the new tower and also was given back the old hospital. (continued

Dave White, Masters Building Systems has lots of work with Ministry St. Joseph's and is finishing up AHU 2/3 install with Tweet Garrot at St. Joseph's.

Charles Kostka, St. Michael's Hospital is getting the *(continued on page 16)*

2011 Annual Directory can now be found on www.whea.com !

The 2011 WHEA Annual Directory is complete and available for viewing on the members only WHEA website. The Member Services committee did yet another fantastic job on this important reference book. Be sure to check out the information pages, the membership rosters and the advertisements. When you are looking for that piece of information, trying to find a member or a contractor, the 2011 WHEA Annual Directory is the place to start!



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<u>NOTE:</u> Be sure to send any contact information changes to bruvold@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

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building ready for summer with getting chillers up and running, also getting the boiler's ready to run for the steam shut down at UWSP.

President Randal Wegner will be a presenter at the ASHE Annual Conference in Seattle in July.

Current Officers:

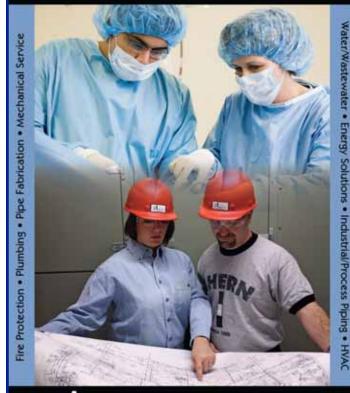
President: Randy Wegner VP-David White

Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Kostka Officer-At-Large, Tony Nedbal

Future meetings:

08-11-11 System Technologies Merrill September Annual MeetingLa Crosse 12-08-11 Christmas Meeting Hoffman House-Wausau

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