



President's Message



Dean Pufahl
WHEA President

Congratulation to Gordon Howie! Gordy has been nominated as WHEA's candidate for the 2012 ASHE Region 6 Emerging Leader Award.

It has become increasingly difficult to find members to take on a role in Chapter Leadership or a State Board position. Although participating at either of these levels is very rewarding, these roles take a significant personal commitment of time and energy. In most cases we all have many activities going on in our lives and it is hard to do everything we want to do, and unless there is something to be gained – it is not easy to commit. This is not a

problem it is just an issue that offers us a new challenge. At the March Board meeting, the WHEA Board took a bold step forward to meet this challenge and strengthen the commitment to our organization's leadership development, secession planning and member participation.

In the past, WHEA has paid for the six incoming Chapter Presidents to attend the Leadership Rally at the WHEA Annual Conference. The Board approved the financial resources to send 32 State Board Members and Chapter Leaders to the WHEA Annual Conference.

The scope of the Board's action include, covering the cost of the conference fee, travel, lodging and food not covered by the conference within the parameters of the current WHEA policy on reimbursement. The members covered by this action include; State Board members, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs and the six Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents.

The Board also took action to expand the number of Board members that would attend the ASHE Annual Conference and Leadership Rally from three to seven. Again, the scope of the Board's action include covering the cost of the conference and leadership rally fee, travel, lodging and food not covered
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5	Chapter II Meeting	
6	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	
10	Executive Committee Conference Call	8 - 9 am
12	Chapter I Meeting	
13	Conference Committee - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	9:00 am
19	Chapter V Meeting	
24	<u>Educational WEBINAR</u> : "LED Lighting"	1:30 pm
26 - 27	ASHE Region 6 Conference - Mankato, MN	
27	Directory Mailing Deadline	
	Budget Due Back To Treasurer	

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3	Chapter II Meeting	
8	Executive Committee Conference Call	8 - 9 am
10	Chapter I Meeting	
10	Chapter IV Meeting	
11	Education Committee - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	9 am - noon
11	Finance Committee Audit	
14	Chapter VI Meeting	Noon
23	<u>Education Program</u> "Spring Code Committee Update"	WI Dells
24	Chapter III Meeting	

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TBD	Chapter VI Annual Golf Outing	
TBD	Chapter I Annual Dinner	
7	Code Committee Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	12:30 - 4 pm
8	Board Meeting - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	9 am - 4 pm
8	Member Services - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells	12:30 - 4 pm
8	Newsletter Article Deadline	
12	Executive Committee Conference Call	8 - 9 am
21 or 22	Chapter V Meeting	
22	Newsletter Mailing Deadline	

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by the conference within the parameters of the current WHEA policy on reimbursement.

I am sure many of you are asking if this is a sustainable practice, looking back over the past several years financial records, it certainly is a sustainable practice.

To continue our commitment to our members - on the agenda for the June WHEA Board meeting is a topic to discuss options to reduce the fees our members pay for the conference and educational events. We tabled this topic at the March meeting to give the Chapter Presidents time to take this back to each of their Chapter members and develop recommendations. Some of the ideas that were discussed – vouchers for those who attend educational events, rewards for Chapter meeting attendance, WHEA Committee participation and random drawings. Please contact your Chapter President with ideas and suggestions on how we could implement an equitable program.

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If you have ever wondered - what is the difference between the WHEA-ASHE Liaison and the ASHE Advocacy Liaison - you're not alone. I've been asking that question for more than two years. Good news is that we now have an answer. Last December the ASHE Advocacy Committee rolled out the Repaving the Advocacy Highway and clarified the role of ASHE Advocacy Liaison. I will try to give a quick overview of the two similar but different roles.

The WHEA-ASHE Liaison role is a conduit between the leadership of ASHE and the members of each of the affiliated Chapters – WHEA members for example. As priority information needs to be

shared with the affiliated chapter members, ASHE sends the information to the Chapter Liaison who distributes it to the members. Also, if a member has a question for ASHE it can be directed to the Liaison to communicate with ASHE leadership or the correct member of the ASHE staff.

The ASHE Advocacy Liaison is part of the redesigned ASHE advocacy strategy known as *Repaving the Advocacy Highway*. The Advocacy Highway is designed to improve communications efforts between the ASHE Advocacy Committee and the members of the affiliated chapter code committees. There are some great new tools for reporting local, state and nation code concerns. The

ASHE website boosts a new page for the members to anonymously report crazy or inconsistent code interpretations to Advocacy Committee for clarification. The goal is to keep all parties informed of the miss-interpretations and to take action so they do not grow or expand to other areas of the country. In WHEA this role will be called the ASHE Advocacy Liaison to the WHEA Code Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dean Pufahl, CHFM  
WHEA President, 2012  
WHEA-ASHE Liaison



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## Chapter II News *By Pete Goepfert, Chapter President*



Chapter II currently has 80 Full Members, 73 Associate Members, 6 Lifetime, 8 Retired, and 1 Honorary, for a total of 168. Since it is membership renewal time, numbers are down but we expect this total will double when everyone has re-joined.

Chapter II has met two times since the last board meeting: The February meeting was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Esquire Club in Madison. Thirty One members were present. Primex Wireless presented a program on their wireless technology focused on Joint Commission Compliance documentation and recording. The March meeting was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Esquire Club in Madison. Twenty Two members were present. Energy Performance Lighting in McFarland presented a program on Lighting Research Projects.

We continue our program for Chapter II officer's meetings where we meet occasionally over lunch to discuss whatever WHEA topics may be on our minds. They have proven to be especially helpful for sharing of information with the officers that are about to change roles. All of the officers feel that these meetings have been beneficial.

### Chapter II Goals Update

**Goal #1:** Increase active membership within the Chapter. Measure: Number of paid members, and increased meeting attendance. **Result:** We gain new members at each monthly meeting. Meeting attendance is up significantly from last year.

**Goal #2:** Increase Chapter II participation at the State Level through committee participation and generate interest in Board positions. Measure: Chapter II members coming forward to express interest in these positions. **Result:** We now have an additional Chapter II member assisting on one of the committees.

**Goal #3:** Increase the "Value" of WHEA to it's members by polling them on a regular basis for suggestions on educational topics, meeting content, and other ways to generate interest and increase activity. Measure: Responses from members indicating what they would like to gain from WHEA that they currently are not getting. **Result:** This goal has not been successful. Response from members was poor.

### Chapter II 2012 Event Schedule:

April 5 - Chapter II Meeting @ Devine Savior Hospital – Portage

May 3 - Chapter II Annual Dinner & Meeting, & Election of Officers @ Prime Quarter – Madison

August 3 - Chapter II Golf Outing – Lake Windsor Country Club – all welcome

September 19 - Chapter Meeting @ Annual Conference – La Crosse

October 4 - Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

November 1 - Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

December 6 - Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

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## Conference Committee

*Mike Blackwood, Committee Chair*

The Conference Committee has met via conference call to continue to plan the WHEA 2012 Annual Conference. 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 determine time slots. While all programs are not yet complete, it is proposed that the Wednesday program will again include the WHEA Code Committee presentation. The Education team is waiting for the final programs from the Code Committee to determine time requirements for their presentations, after which the remainder of the educational programs will be added into the agenda.

Completion of details for the spouse program is in the final stages. Tuesday's opening program will be in La Crosse with a tour of the Pearl Street Brewery including samples, appetizers and a trip to the gift shop. The conference open house is on the schedule for Tuesday evening. Wednesday spouses are invited to the technical exhibition and lunch. Thursday will be a busy day with a trip to various sites in Decorah, Iowa returning in time to take in the social hour, dinner and awards banquet that evening.

The committee has chosen to allow more time to relax in 2012. This year rather than a program following the banquet, we will allow guests to simply relax and enjoy the evening. More details will be provided for the June board meeting.

Registration for the annual conference will be open later in April. Watch the website! Hope to see everyone in La Crosse this September.

## ASHE Liaison Report

*By Dean Pufahl*



There is still time to register for the ASHE Region 6 Educational Conference. Once again this year the conference will be held in Mankato, Minnesota on April 26 & 27 and include multiple tracks for both our healthcare contractors/architects/engineers and facility managers. There will also be a one day CHFM Workshop held on Wednesday April 25 with the CHFM paper exam held given on Friday afternoon. This year the first thirty people to sign up to take the CHFM exam and met the qualifications, received an ASHE voucher to waive the cost of the exam. Congratula-

tions to all those early birds who took advantage of this option.

San Antonio, Texas is the destination for the ASHE 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference and Technical Exhibition, July 15 – 18, 2012.

Both of these conferences offer excellent educational sessions with the Region 6 Conference being one of the best values around. You can check out the details of these conference and other ASHE activities by visiting the ASHE website at [www.ashe.org](http://www.ashe.org).

I look forward to seeing you in Mankato and then again in San Antonio!

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## Chapter III Report

By Tom Laabs, Chapter President



A meeting of Chapter III was held on January 19, 2012. The meeting was held at Holy Family Memorial Hospital, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

CHFM and MECH Scholarships – A motion was made, seconded and passed to offer (1) scholarship for CHFM and (2) MECH Certifications scholarships to be selected at the May meeting and allow for (1) year to complete. The requirements and process will remain the same as in past years.

Annual dues for 2012 are \$50.00 per member.

The meeting concluded with a tour and presentation on the Manitowoc Water Utility and Filtration System that serves the community of Manitowoc as well as suburbs of Green Bay.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The lunch and business meeting will be held at Appleton Medical Center, 1818 N Meade Street, Appleton. The program following the business meeting will be a presentation on Lean Concepts by members of the Appleton Medical Center and a presentation on Solar Thermal in the Healthcare Industry by Kurt Koepp and Aaron Adler. There is be time to tour the solar panels and associated equipment that is on site.

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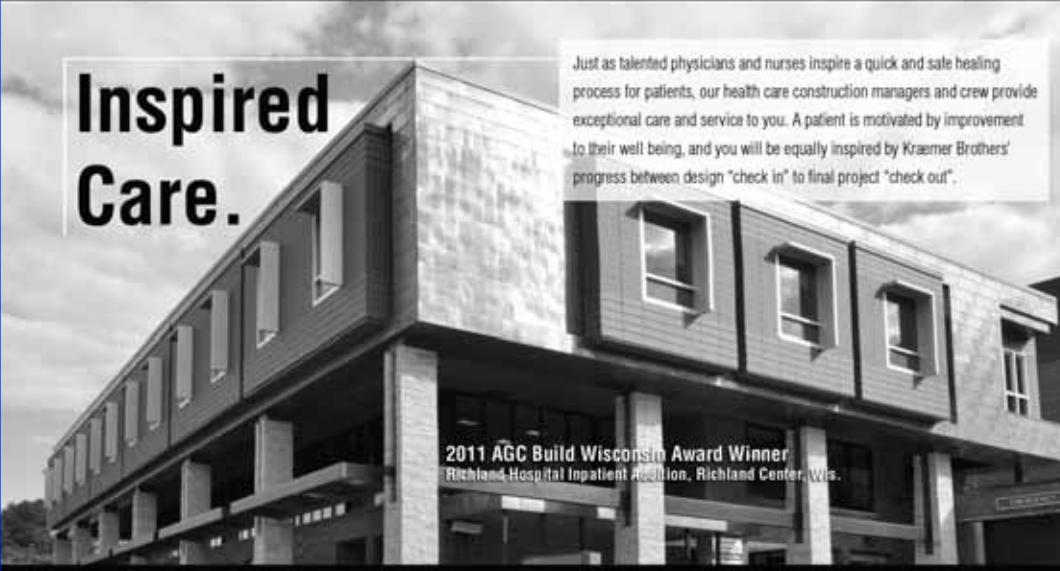
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## Chapter I News

*By Jeff Eckstein, Chapter President*

Chapter 1 has 49 Full, 89 Associate, 49 MECH, 12 Lifetime, 5 Retired, 3 Honorary, 29 In Memoriam members for total of 237. Chapter 1 has met three times so far this year:

January 26 Meeting (rescheduled from 1/12 due to snow):

Location: Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa.

No business meeting occurred as the get together was purely social. A “white elephant” gift exchange was the high of the evening. A special thanks to Harley Harold and Sheila Semrou for pulling the details of this party together.

February 9 Meeting:

Location/Host: Bradley Center and Johnson Controls - Mark Prioletta

A special thanks to JCI Mark Prioletta for hosting the meeting.

Education: Dale Kondik, PE CEM / Johnson Controls presented Operating Room Energy Optimization

March 8 Meeting: Held at Milwaukee Catholic Home in Milwaukee Wauwatosa.

Education: Tim Cole, RCDD information technologies / Henneman Engineering

Future Meeting Dates:

April 12 Meeting: The meeting is planned for Miller Park in Milwaukee.

May 10 Meeting: The meeting is planned for Aurora Grafton Hospital in Grafton.

June Meeting: Our Annual meeting is planned at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

Chapter I Goals:

GOAL #1: Increase Full member involvement at Chapter meetings and activities

Steps to archive: Survey Full Membership, review with Chapter 2 and 5 their process and progress

Measurement of Success: Increased Full member meeting attendance.

Status: in progress

GOAL #2: Develop an approach, system and process for electronically archiving Chapter 1 information (reports, minutes, Officer info, etc.)

Steps to archive: Work with Tamarah Cox to understand State policies and Jane Bruvold on website capabilities

Measurement of Success: Completed system for archiving in place. Actually archiving will be addressed in a future goal.

Status: in progress

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## Chapter I Report *(continued from page 7)*

GOAL #3: Develop Chapter annual calendar for scheduling tasks and deadlines to accomplish Chapter activities (meeting and education program scheduling, membership renewals, annual banquet, etc.)

Steps to archive: Work with Chapter Board to identify activities and establish schedules.

Measurement of Success: Completed schedule available for use in 2012/13

Status: in progress

## Bylaws Committee Report

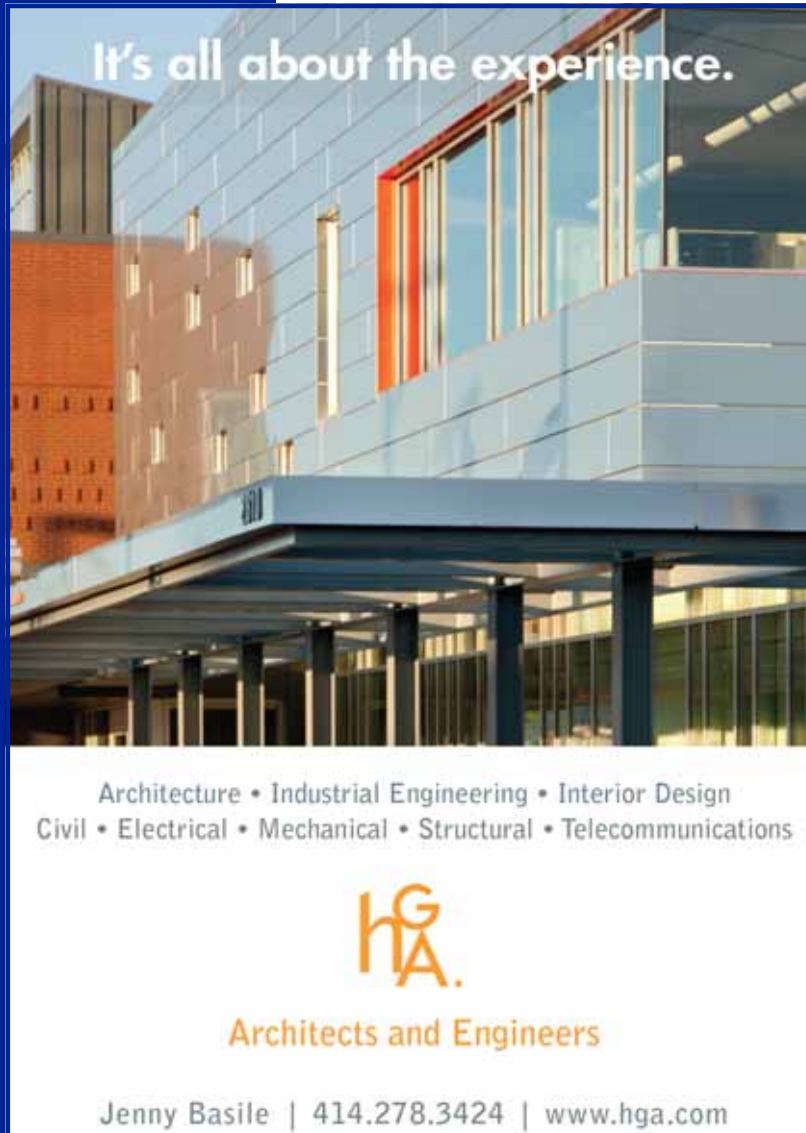
*By Paul Feldner, Committee Chair*



The Bylaws of two Chapters have been submitted for compliance with the State Bylaws. On September 22, 2011 Bill Best reviewed the Bylaws of Chapter III and Chapter VI and found no apparent conflicts with the State Bylaws.

The Chapter III Bylaws have been returned to the Chapter Secretary / Treasurer for signatures of Chapter Officers. A revised signature page has been returned to the Chapter VI President for signatures of Chapter Officers.

It is my recommendation that the Board of Directors move to approve the Bylaws of Chapter III and Chapter VI, provide the signatures of the President and Secretary and return the original copies of the Bylaws to the Chapter Representatives.



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The State Bylaws were approved by the WHEA Membership at the September 22, 2011 Annual Meeting. Four copies of the signature page of these Bylaws have been provided to Dan Loest and Dick Lange for their signature. Copies of the approved bylaws have been provided to the Member Services Committee for publication in the 2012 Directory. An electronic copy will be provided to the Resource Committee for the archives.

Since the December 2011 Board meeting, I have contacted the six Chapter Representatives with a request for representation from their Chapters on the Bylaws Committee. As the Chapters conduct their regular meetings and have the opportunity to discuss potential representation, I anticipate recommendations being submitted.





## Education Committee Report

*By James Teunas, Committee Chair*

The Education Committee met in January and set forth a slate of education programs for the coming year. Following one of our goals, we are again planning at least 4 webinars and 4 site-based programs this year. We kicked off the year with, an always favorite presenter, Tom Spremo of Purely Med Gas, LLC, who presented "Medical Gas and Vacuum Industry Systems Updates" on February 29 at the Country Springs in Pewaukee. It was attended by 58 people and Tom continues to receive amazing evaluation results. On March 21, we held the first of our three Healthcare Construction Certificate programs at the Radisson North in the north Milwaukee suburb of Glendale. This program continues to be a highly popular and necessary training program provided by our members of our talented and dedicated Code Committee. Our final site-based program of the quarter was a 2-tiered program with the morning session titled "Joint Commission Updates" presented by Michael Chisholm from The Joint Commission and the afternoon session titled "Practical Preparation for a Pleasing Survey" presented by Bill Lauzon

of Lauzon Life Safety Consulting, LLC. It was held at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, 64 people attended and this program also received excellent evaluations.

We have provided one webinar titled "Addressing Water Damage/Mold in a Healthcare Setting" on April 3. It was presented by Cassidy Kuchenbecker of Environmental Initiatives, LLC. Cassidy was an excellent presenter, provided a highly informative webinar and received high marks on the return

evaluations.

Future educational programs on the WHEA calendar include:

### Webinars:

4/24/12 - LED Lighting Technologies

### Site-Based Programs:

~ **5/23/12** - Spring Code Update Conference, Glacier Canyon, WI Dells

~ **7/18/12** - Healthcare Construction Certificate Training, Avalon Hotel and Conference Center, Chippewa Falls.

~ **Early August** - Reliability Centered Maintenance, Location TBD

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In 2011, we sold 95 preparation manuals and 94 certification tests, grossing \$12,990.00.

In 2010 we sold 95 preparation manuals and 73 certification tests, grossing \$12,050.00.

Per the Oct. 7th, 2011 State Report from MISHE, Wisconsin now has:

107 Certified Mechanics (up from 97)

246 Senior Certified Mechanics (up from 222)

The total number of Certified Mechanics in Wisconsin is 353.

The new MECH Board is working on the Supervisory Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (SECH) program. The Board has met nine times this year, there is now a sub-committee of Certified Mechanics that will meet to review the program content.

<http://www.mech-certification.org> is the place all **Certified Mechanics** and **Senior Certified Mechanics** need to go to get the needed information on the re-certification process.

### 2011 goals:

Increase the number of Certified and Senior Certified Mechanics.

**(goal met/exceeded)**

Increase the sale of Preparation Manual's and the MECH Certification examinations.

**(goal met/exceeded)**

Review and update, as needed, the MECH Program Procedures, with copies to the Board and MECH Office Coordinator.

**(Completed 12-23-11)**

Support the MECH Re-Certification Program. Ongoing, this needs to be a regular part of the WHEA Newsletter.

Work with MISHE on the development of a new Supervisory Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (SECH) program.

**(Being developed)**

### 2012 goals:

Increase the number of Certified and Senior Certified Mechanics.

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.

Increase the awareness of MECH re-certification.

Work with MISHE on the development of a new Supervisory Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (SECH) program.

Develop a MECH only section in the WHEA Quarterly Newsletter.

Working with MECH, create a MECH Newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Education Committee Report

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~ **10/24/12** - Healthcare Construction Certificate Training, Kalahari Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Be sure to check back on the Education and Training pages of the whea.com website for other education program information. Registration for site-based programs open up approximately 6 weeks before the program date. We continue to work on hot topic programs, both site-based and webinars to keep our membership and all healthcare workers informed and safe.

We will begin regularly highlighting our MECH program *(see article to the left)* facilitated by Jim Hildebrand in each monthly newsletter. Be sure to check back for the latest news on MECH.

### SPEAKERS BUREAU

Just a reminder that we have a Speakers Bureau listing that you can use to find speakers for your chapter meetings or events. Go to [www.whea.com/Education](http://www.whea.com/Education) and follow the drop-downs to the Speakers Bureau web page. There are 2 links, one to the searchable speakers list and the other if you are interested in putting your name and information onto the list for others to see. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Schulist, 715-346-5443, [schulistb@smhosp.org](mailto:schulistb@smhosp.org)

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# Codes and Standards Committee Update

By Jon Cechvala, Jeff Eckstein,, Committee Co-Chairs



In 2012, the committee has met once on 3/8/12. We also held special meetings on 1/18/12 and 1/27/12 to review change proposals to the FGI. **The FGI Institute accepted approximately 90% of WHEA recommended changes!** Thanks to Wade Rudolph and Donella Sarauer for their help facilitating the process. Wade Rudolph was appointed to the FGI steering committee in December of 2011, and also serves as the chair for the Facilities Management Focus Group. There were over 2,000 proposed changes to the guidelines last year that were reviewed,

discussed, and voted on by the FGI. A draft version of the document with changes will be available for public comment this summer. The final meeting to review the final proposals will be April 2013 with the new standard published by January 2014. Wade and Jon Cechvala will provide an update at the Spring Code Update conference.

## Breaking News...

### Code Work Groups (CWG) have restarted

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Lauzon, the Code Works Groups will be restarted in April! This is chiefly due to:

- Support by the DQA Relationship Enhancement Committee, and
- Support of the WHEA Code Committee, and
- Recent success of DQA approving 6 of past CWG recommendations, and
- Support of the concept by DQA's David Soens (although staffing level limits DQA involvement at this time)

The kick off meeting was held on April 5, 2012. The discussion was around:

- Re-affirm the CWG Purpose Statement: *"The Code Work Groups assist DQA to arrive at an understanding of consistent code applications, and act as a sounding board for DQA process changes, in essence to "clarify the ruler" that designers & facilities must measure against. The Work Groups consider code related questions that arise during the design, construction, and*

*survey processes; research the intent of the code; evaluate situations that effect the interpretation; and recommend interpretations to DQA regulators. The DQA regulators will review the recommendations and will modify as needed to receive DQA approval and post them on the DQA Construction Website. Position Statements must be consistent with CMS guidelines and Commerce interpretations."*

- Review the DQA approved interpretations
- Review the interpretations waiting to be approved
- New topics that have come up that need a recommendation and an official interpretation.
- Organizational structure
- Use of a Blog to facilitate recommendation input

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Bill Lauzon at [lauzon.lsc@gmail.com](mailto:lauzon.lsc@gmail.com).

### CMS References some 2012 Life Safety Code 101:

CMS has issued a new memo that it will accept waivers to allow the use of certain 2012 Life Safety Code Standards. The Code Committee will monitor the process. Discussions between CMS State Agencies and accrediting agencies like the Joint Commission are under way.

### ASHRAE VENTILATION & MECHANICAL 170 UPDATE:

The ASHRAE 170 was amended in January as this document is under continuous maintenance. These changes will be incorporated in the new 2014 FGI document.

### SPRING CODE UPDATE CONFERENCE:

The Code Committee will be presenting at the Wilderness Glacier Canyon Conference Center May 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide a detailed update of current issues and code changes.

### 2012 Goals Update:

Continued support of WHEA members through:

**Code Alerts**

**Education**

**Advocacy**

Measurement of Success: Development of Code Alerts required informing the membership on codes and standards and successful completion of the following goals:

*(continued on page 12)*



## Chapter V Report

by Tony Bennett, Chapter President



A meeting was held on February 16th.

Rick Casper is stepping down as secretary due to personal reasons and a death in the family. Roger Elliott passed around the sample new cover for the directory. Wade Rudolph provided an update to the FGI guidelines. After comments made by 2013 new guidelines

may be adopted in 2014. A separate document for residential, facilities and specialty living centers. Wade request names of folks who have these facilities. Clean steam proposal was discussed by Wade. Comments were rejected in January, trying to push the proposal out again for public comments. Wade passed out the document; pharmaceutical waste is being considered hazardous waste. P Listed containers managed as hazardous waste (state of WI) is minuscule. Wade is enlisting ASHE to help with this issue.

Goals for the year were to Improve Participation and Increased emphasis on Education.

Increased effort to invite Chapter Region by Email for Members and letter to potential new Members.

Meeting Dates with education topics are as follows:  
Updated meeting dates for 2012 :

April 19 – Education Program

June 21 or 22 - outing TBD

Aug 16 – CHFM Training-at Marshfield Hospital Rice Lake

Oct. 18 – TBD-at Whispering Emerald Ridge

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## Code Committee *(continued from page 11)*

Status: In progress

### Part A

Support the Education committee as a resource for their education programs that align with WHEA's mission.

Spring Code Conference

Annual Conference Program

Web Based Code Update – TBD

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of these educational programs by 12/31/12.

Status: In progress

### Part B

Provide a minimum of two (2) Healthcare Contractor Certificate programs working with the Education Committee.

Milwaukee 3/21/12

Chippewa Falls 7/18/12

WI Dells 10/24/12

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of the at least 2 HCC programs by 12/31/12.

Status: In progress

Support WHEA members with active participation on advocacy efforts at the National and State level regarding development of new or revisions to existing healthcare code and standards.

National: FGI, ASHE Advocacy Liaison, NFPA, ASHRAE, DOE, ICC

State: DSPS (formerly COMM), DHS

Measurement of Success: Representation on the preceding groups

Status: In progress

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## 2012 Robert H. Botts HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD Nominations Deadline June 30th, 2011

The WHEA Robert H. Botts 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.

WHEA members who wish to nominate someone for this award should submit nomination papers prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 so the board can evaluate all the nominations at the August board meeting and be able to present the award at the 2012 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 the WHEA Members Services Committee chair, Roger Elliott, 715.717.7331, [relliott@sjcf.hshs.org](mailto:relliott@sjcf.hshs.org) or WHEA President, Dean Pufahl, 262.836.8578 or [dpufahl@froedtert-health.org](mailto:dpufahl@froedtert-health.org).

## Chapter Leaders - It's Time To Determine the Winner of your FREE 2013 ASHE Membership!

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 [relliott@sjcf.hshs.org](mailto: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 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 ASAP, but no later than the 2nd week of September!

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# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## Robert H. Botts HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

The intent of this award is to annually recognize a member of WHEA who has made significant contributions through personal or professional initiatives to improve and promote health care facilities management or the health care industry, in keeping with the mission statement of the organization: "The Wisconsin healthcare Engineering Association serves the community by providing a safe and comfortable environment for health care through the application and practice of health care engineering developed through education, professional growth, and advocacy in codes and standards."

### The AWARD:

Will be presented annually and consists of an engraved plaque displaying the WHEA logo, the recipients name and chapter, and the year awarded. Additionally, a letter recognizing the award with a brief synopsis of details of the recipient's accomplishments will be presented to both the recipient and his/her CEO/President.

### Qualifications:

In order to be nominated for the WHEA Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a current member of the WHEA
- Must have held continuous membership for a minimum of three (3) years
- Must not be a current elected state board member or an elected board member during the previous calendar year.

### Achievements & Contributions:

In order to be selected for the WHEA Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award, the successful candidate must have attained a significant level of achievement (as a professional working in the field of health care facilities management, or allied health care professions,) in one or more of the following areas:

- through achievement of significant operational efficiencies,
- through implementation or design of cost containment strategies,
- through significant innovation in facility design,
- through innovative facilities management practices,
- through innovative safety initiatives,
- through innovative technology initiatives,
- through innovations in construction management strategies,
- through participation in citizen advisor boards or other advocacy projects where personal facilities management expertise or applied engineering excellence:
  - significantly improved the overall quality of health care in the community(s) being served,
  - significantly improved accessibility to health care services,
  - significantly improved local, state, or national code compliance or code revisions, or
  - significantly improved levels of health care services to the community(s) served.

### Selection Procedure:

1. Candidates must be nominated by another member of the WHEA, in writing, including:
  - A written narrative of not less than 250 words, describing the actions that you feel qualifies your nominee for the Healthcare Engineering Pioneer award.
  - Include one (1) additional letter of support if so desired (not required)
  - Attach other supporting documentation as needed to validate the accomplishments of the nominee.
2. Nomination papers must be submitted to the current state WHEA President for the previous calendar year, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
3. The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteria-based scoring grid.
4. The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.
5. The award will be presented to the selected recipient by the President of WHEA at the Annual Banquet or other appropriate event or venue prior to the end of the calendar year.



# Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association

## Robert H. Botts HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING PIONEER AWARD

### Nomination Form

I nominate the following individual for the \_\_\_\_\_ WHEA Robert H. Botts  
Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award. Year

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER/CEO/PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATED BY:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## Sponsorship Report

By Dennis Havlik, Chair

I am happy to report that WHEA has received and approved 46 requests for Sponsorship.

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The Sponsorship committee will be meeting to explore additional levels of sponsorship for 2013.

## Chapter VI Report

By Dennis Renaud, Chapter President



Chapter VI has met twice since our last report, first on January 10, 2012. Aside from regular business, attendees listened to a presentation from Bill Lauzon of Lauzon Safety Consulting regarding Code Issues Affecting Healthcare Institutions. We met again on March 6, 2012, and after regular business, representatives of HSR

Associates, Jake Beran and Michelle Sletten demonstrated the use of Computer Modeling in Building Design: Revit and Sketch-Up.

Regular business at these meetings included nomination of chapter officers for next year, with all current officers agreeing to serve another year in their current positions. We have also set the details for a social outing to be held at the Cedar Creek Country club on May 14. I hope you will join us for an afternoon of camaraderie and fun with your fellow healthcare facilities professionals on a great golf course.

In between regular meetings our Treasurer, Donella Saraurer, has worked diligently to collect dues and update our roster - Thanks to Donella, this year's directory will include current information for all of our members.

We will continue to work over the next few months on a mini-trade show to be held at one of our regular meetings next year, and to increase participation in the various WHEA Chapter VI activities.

