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WHEA President*

The year is certainly flying by and I find myself praying for time to slow down however it continues to move at its own pace. The first meeting of your new board of directors was December 7th, with a welcome of the new chapter presidents. It is only by the energy these new folks bring to our organization that allows WHEA to stay on the cutting edge of our industry. Change is a constant, not only in our personal lives, and in our work lives, but also in our organization. Without change, without evolving within our environment, we are not long for this world. These new members of your board bring the needed ideas and energy to affect that needed change.

In November I attended the American Society of Healthcare Engineering Leadership Academy in Arizona. This was my third year and I will graduate next year. I am amazed at the folks that attend this gathering of selected individuals from the state chapters. This is an invitation-only gathering and attendees are selected from prior Emerging Leaders, Presidents, various committee folks and others that are looked upon to lead not only their own organizations but ASHE in general.

My invitation to this leadership training opportunity came about as a result of my service to our state organization. Serving as local chapter representatives, and committee chairs leads to your involvement in WHEA at the state level. This in turn opens the door for positions of leadership recognized by ASHE and results in the opportunity to attend this excellent educational program.

December brings the hustle of shopping and the holiday season. As I go
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2013 CALENDAR

JANUARY

9	Chapter VI Meeting - TJC & CMS Surveys Discussion	
10	Chapter I Meeting - Mo's Irish Pub, Wauwatosa	
17	Chapter III Meeting	
18	Education Committee Meeting - Wintergreen, WI Dells (w/lunch)	9 am - noon
31	Executive Committee Conference Call	
31	Directory Advertising Deadline	
31	Directory Article Deadline	

FEBRUARY

1	Conference Committee Meeting	Conference Call
7	Chapter II Meeting	
21	Chapter V Meeting	
28	Executive Committee Conference Call	
28	<i>www.whea.com</i> Database Edit Deadline	

MARCH

6	Chapter VI Meeting - Mini Trade Show	
7	Chapter II Meeting	
8	Education Committee Conference Call	9 am
8	Newsletter Article Deadline	
14	Chapter III Meeting	
14	Chapter IV Meeting - Woodruff	
15	Board Meeting - Glacier Canyon	9 am - noon
26	Code Committee Meeting	12:30 pm - 4 pm
28	Executive Committee Conference Call	
	Treasurer Distributes Budget Package	
	Chapter Dues State Payment Deadline	

Calendar Edits and/or Additions
 If you have edits or addition to this calendar,
 please email them to bruvold@sbcglobal.net.

Chapter I Report

By Harley Herold, Chapter President



We have met three times this past quarter and continue to work toward our goal of not only educating our

members but make meetings a place where our members want to be. When our members want to be at our meetings people talk, when they talk they become friends. When people become friends all of the work we do to keep our members educated flows through the organization better. Chapter I has made a decision to take its meetings to the next level. Take care of the person first, the rest will follow.

We are in need of a Vice President and work is underway to change the Bylaws to allow filling the vacant vice president board position.

President's Message

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further into my life I realize that getting back to the season, the reason for it, is a personal one and not for me to determine for anyone else. I simply welcome a time of quiet reflection on my saviors birth. To my shame I don't do this enough throughout the year, perhaps someone much wiser than I knew that years ago and made sure we had a day in our busy lives to at least stop for a day.

We are all in this business to serve our patients. Everything we do, all the hours spent worrying about things and keeping things going ...is for our patients. Without them, we do not have meaning in

our jobs, or in our lives. You cannot be in a job like this for 33 years without being affected on a daily basis as I interact with our staff and our mission of putting our patients first in everything that we do -- this is the healing ministry of the one who made this season possible.

I wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas season and wish you all good health, and a safe and prosperous new year.

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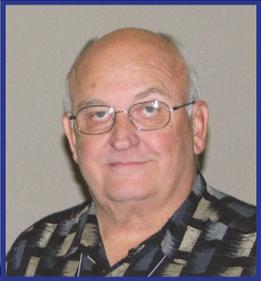
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Resource Committee Co-Chair to Step Down

By Carl Budde, Committee Co-Chair

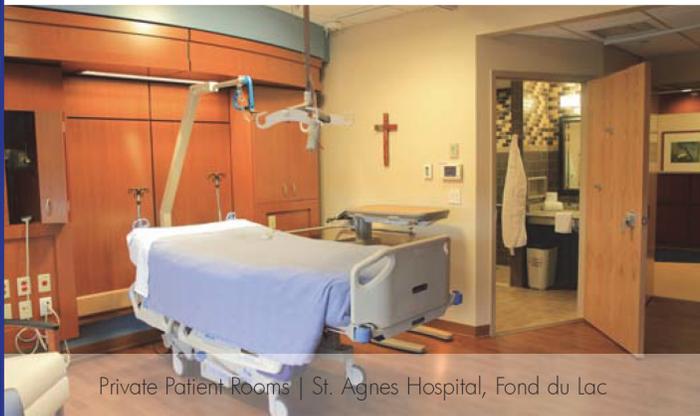
Since the inception of the WHEA Resource Committee, Darwin Clausen has been serving as co-chair of the committee. Darwin will be stepping down at the end of 2012, but will continue as a member of the committee.



Darwin has served on almost all of the WHEA committees over his 30+ years in WHEA. He along with Steve Vinopal was instrumental in changing the format of the annual conference in the late 1980's. The continued success of the classic event had its foundation established with Darwin's and Steve's foresight and vision. In addition to serving back to back years as President in 1988-1989, Darwin also provided leadership in the years that followed. Roger Haines will join Carl Budde to co-chair the resource committee.

A huge "THANK YOU" to Darwin for all his work for WHEA.

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Resource Committee Report

By Carl Budde, Roger Haines
Committee Co-Chairs



The WHEA resource committee was appointed by President Tom Laabs in 2006, as a way of providing opportunities for "retired" members to volunteer their services to WHEA in a variety of roles.



The current resource team includes: Darwin Clausen, Melvin "Red"

Benschop, Paul Feldner, Erwin "Pat" Korish, Bing Zillmer, Clarence Day, Steve Vinopal, Ray Kirchoff, Joe Plonka and co-chairs Roger Haines and Carl Budde. Bob Botts is an honorary committee member.

One of the primary responsibilities of the committee is to manage the archive documents for the WHEA state association. As has been reported over the past years, the resource team continues to search for historical documents. Heading the list of documents are: board meeting minutes, and annual business meeting minutes. zMembers can find an updated list of documents on file in the archives by searching the resource committee webpage at www.whea.com.

The resource team also continues to provide volunteer services for the on site one-day educational programs offered by the WHEA Educational Committee.

The committee also provides a variety of volunteer services for the WHEA annual conference.

Retired members interested in getting on the list to join and help the resource team should contact one of the co-chairs.

DQA Announces New Lean Plan Review Application Submitted by Bill Lauzon

The Division of Quality Assurance, Office of Plan Review and Inspection (OPRI) has been partnering with private industry in an effort to streamline the process of plan review. It was identified there was a delay at the beginning of the process; the initial application for plan review. The applications were coming into the Office with missing information, wrong fees and inaccurate data. Hence, OPRI decided to implement a Lean initiative to review why the applications were being received with a twenty-five percent (25%) error rate. It was discovered that the application itself was cumbersome and difficult to navigate.

After several OPRI meetings, the new application went to the Value Streaming participants for review and comments. The private sector designers and contractors assisted with revisions to the form and provided positive feedback that this Lean initiative was going in the correct direction.

The new application (DQA form F-62333) is now available and can be downloaded directly from the DQA website at: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rl_dsl/PlanReview/frmsAppFeeFirRpt.htm

The Office of Plan Review and Inspections would greatly appreciate consumer feedback on the new application that will assist us in continuing our development of a consumer friendly product and to achieve our goal to shorten the total process timeline by fourteen days. Feedback may be sent directly to the Office at: DHSDQAPlanReview@dhs.Wisconsin.gov

Chapter III

By Amy Cote', Chapter President



The first Chapter III meeting with the new elected chapter officers was held Thursday, September 20th in La Crosse.

Twenty one members were present.

Dan Loest, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer stated that he would be stepping down from his position after this year and discussed nominating another member for this position, for a three year term versus the current one year term. This discussion is still an open topic and the nominee for this role has not yet been determined.

I talked about adding new discussion items to the agenda in order to add more communication and collaboration within the group members. This was agreed upon by the members. Chapter members also shared their ideas as to what types of presentations and guest speakers that they would like for the coming year.

We discussed implementing the following goals for the year:

- Improve Attendance to the meetings
- Improve Membership Benefits
- Plan an annual 'Get Together' for 2013

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Codes and Standards Committee Update

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



The committee met on 11/1/12. The committee also held an adhoc meeting on 11/20/12 to review the proposed 2014 edition of the FGI "Guidelines". The next scheduled committee meeting is 3/26/13. Our committee has 30 Full and Associate members with at least 2 members from each Chapter.

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

Code Alerts:

The Committee is tracking the following issues for potential impact on the membership.

- CMS Occupancy Classifications
- CMS Life Safety Code Component for ESRD- End Stage Renal Dialysis Centers.
- Wisconsin Department of Commerce's 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
- OR's - Wet Locations
- DHS Waivers
- ASHRAE 188 Legionella standards
CSI Cabling

Advocacy:

ASHE Liaison Committee

The ASHE Liaison Committee met in Chicago in December 2011. The Code Committee will be represented by Wade Rudolph with Jon Cechvala and Jeff Eckstein as back up.

FGI – Facilities Guidelines Institute

Jon Cechvala and Wade Rudolph and David Soens fully participated in the second session of the 2014 edition revision process in January in San Antonio.

ICC

The International Code Council (ICC) is conducted final hearings October 24-28 in Portland OR to determine what will be included in the 2015 edition of the I-Codes. Jon Cechvala represented WHEA by emphasizing the impact of burdensome health-care regulations
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Sponsorship Report

By Dennis Havlik, Committee Chair



2013 sponsorship packets were sent out the week of October 15th. So far we have 3 Platinum sponsors, 12 Gold sponsors, and 22

Silver sponsors. 7 of these sponsors are new sponsor requests. We also implemented the plan to distribute sponsorship information at this years annual conference in September. We gained 7 new requests from that plan so far.

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and supporting the proposals of ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Healthcare.

From ASHE Insider:

“The ad hoc committee spent many hours with building officials, fire officials and hospital experts carefully crafting proposals. These proposed changes do not reduce the safety of patients or staff, but rather improve safety as a whole. Current federal requirements permit substitution of the Life Safety Code with a comprehensive fire code. ASHE and the ICC have formed a partnership to align the ICC Codes with federal requirements”

NFPA 99 - new proposed Standard for Healthcare Facilities The committee providing input through Tom Spremo.

ASHRAE 90.1 Energy Code Jeff Boldt is a voting member and chairs the Healthcare Working Group

ASHRAE 62.1 Jeff Boldt is a voting member

ASHRAE 170 Jeff Boldt is a voting member

Advanced Energy Guide for Small Healthcare Facilities Jeff Boldt was one of the authors

Advanced Energy Guide for Large Healthcare Facilities Jeff Boldt was one of the authors

State of Wisconsin – Department of Professional Services Commerce

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

Electrical advisory committee: Gordy Pierret and Tim O’Rorke

Plumbing advisory committee: Brian Koca, Jeff Boldt, 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: Tom Stank

Electrical Group: Amy Cote and Tim O’Rorke

Mechanical Group: Bill Best, Tom Spremo

2009 IMC: Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council

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Chapter V Report

By Bob Dubiel, Chapter President



Chapter V's last meeting was held on October 18 at Emerald Ridge in Menomonie. It was attended by 14 members. The new officers were voted in. Goals and future meeting dates were discussed and the following came out of that discussion:

Goal: To improve Chapter meeting attendance-

Action: Set aside the April meeting as a day-long training session for Mechanics and Management.

Dates for future meetings:

Feb 21st: will be at Barron with a possible Habitat for Humanity speaker. Chapter V would like to volunteer time to a charity.

April 18th

June 20th: will showcase environmental lawn care and possibly be in Baldwin.

Aug 15: meeting will be about thermal imaging, possibly at Sacred Heart.

Oct 17. will possibly be back at Emerald Ridge.

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2009 IECC: Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council. Jeff is looking members to join this group

Education:

The committee submitted a proposal to the ASHE Region 6 Conference Education Committee to present at the 2013 conference. The program, while still in development, is titled: How to Ensure your Contractors are Competent?

Jeff Boldt will be presenting at the 2013 PDC conference in San Francisco in February talking about Acoustics in Design of Healthcare.

Other Updates:

Thanks to Steve Vinopal for the development of the Healthcare Facilities Abbreviations List.



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Chapter II

Derek Marshall, Chapter President



On October 4, 2012 JCI hosted our Chapter II meeting at the Esquire Club in Madison. We heard a very interesting presentation on OR automation and controls that yield significant energy savings.

On November 1, 2012 we were invited to UW Watertown hospital and hosted by Graef Engineering, Maas Brothers Construction and Findorff. We were able to see and learn about the installation of bubble deck.

The membership of Chapter II for 2012 consists of 55 Full Members, 35 Associate Members, 6 Lifetime, 8 Retired, and 1 Honorary for a total of 105 members.

Education Committee Report

By Jim Teunas, Marc Teubert, Committee Co-Chairs



The Education Committee held 2 site-based programs and 1 webinar in the last quarter.

On November 14, a program "Reducing Your Facilities Environmental Impact with the Latest Winter Maintenance Techniques" was held in Weston. Although attendance was lower than we would have liked, it proved to be a valuable program for those that were there.



A webinar, "Make Your Next Medical Gas Shutdown 'Painless'" was held on December 6. It was well attended and the evaluations on the program were very good.

Our last program "Facility Managers Role and Responsibility for OSHA Compliance" was held on December 11 at the Glacier Canyon in the Dells. It was a great program and received very good reviews and was attended by 32 people.

The education committee definitely met its objective this past year to develop, promote and conduct educational programs for health-care engineering professionals and to support WHEA's mission. We held 8 site-based programs which included 3 Healthcare Construction Certificate programs and 4 webinars.

We have put together an aggressive slate of programs for 2013. A partial schedule should be out in early January. We also will be making available our webinar subscription service again this coming year. Registration is now open at www.whea.com under Education and Training.

We would like to thank our dedicated education committee members for developing these important education programs for both the WHEA membership and non-members from Wisconsin and beyond.



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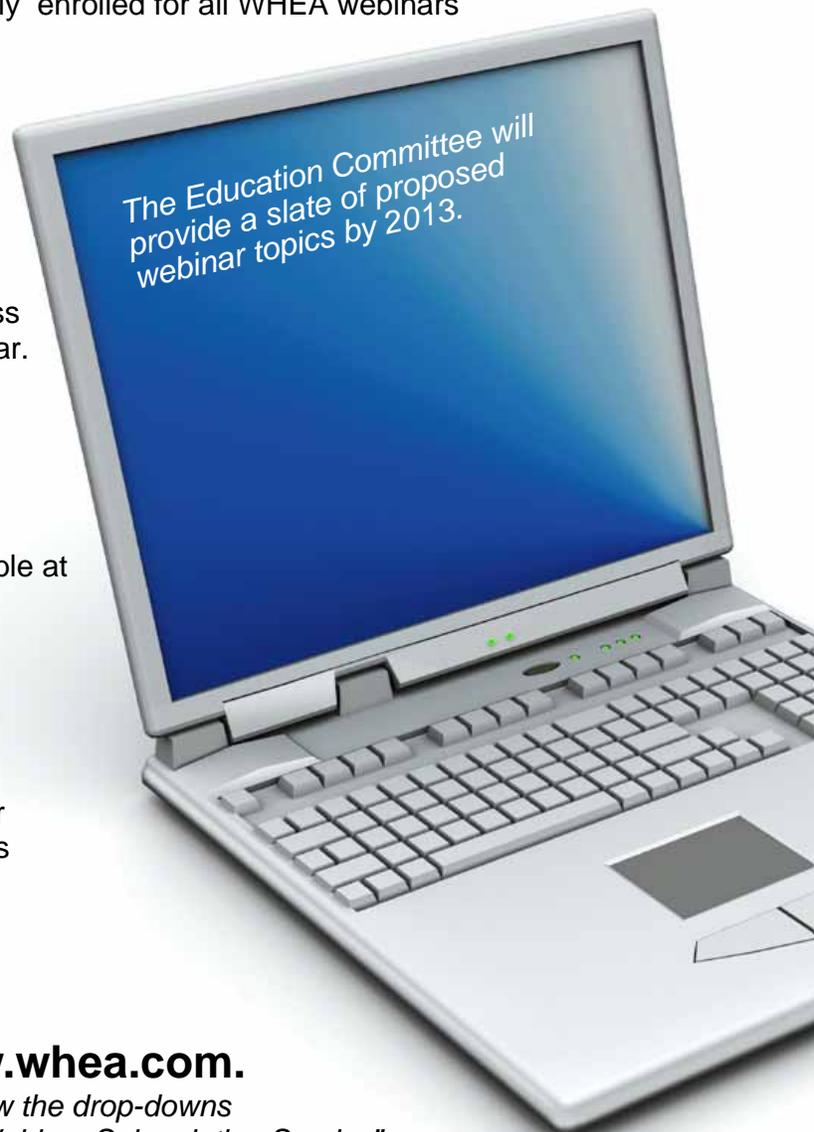
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Chapter IV Report

By Duke Cook, Chapter President



At our last meeting, future meeting dates were proposed and our goals were discussed. Goals for the year are to improve training & participation within our chapter for new or younger mechanics & some refreshing for others. These can be members or potential members working at our healthcare organizations. The first scheduled seminar offered is March 14 at the Marshfield Clinic Minocqua center. Tom Spremo from Purely Med Gas is doing instruction/maintenance on Med Gas 101. Target participants are new to healthcare maintenance mechanics. Cost is free but limited to 45 people. It will be a 4 hour program with lunch included. The goal is to get some new nonmembers involved and do some education along with introducing them to the WHEA organization. The rest of the Chapter IV meeting dates will allow for some planning & flexibility as the year moves on.

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We need to update the information for the WHEA annual directory and the MECH office records. MECH needs that information so they can send the mechanics the re-certification information and our new Quarterly Newsletter. With this economy and many mechanics changing jobs, home addresses and e-mail address, we must update our records. Once I have this information it will be entered into our data base, and I will follow up with each mechanics to assure all new applications were received. If you have any questions, please email Jane at bruvold@sbcglobal.net. THANK YOU!

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Chapter VI Report

By Dennis Renaud, Chapter President



Chapter VI has met twice since our last report. First, the chapter met on September 11 on the La Crosse campus of Gundersen Lutheran Health System. We set our calendar for the rest of 2012 / 13 meetings as follows:

January 9
March 6
June 6

After our regular September business meeting, attendees listened to a presentation from Ron May, Owner, of Winona Nursery and Ryan Peterson, Landscape Architect, of RDG Planning, regarding Site Management of Storm Water.

Chapter VI met again on November 6, 2012, also at Gundersen Lutheran. At this meeting, attendees voted and approved to begin the practice of paying the registration fee to the WHEA Annual Conference for our Office At Large; this as an incentive to members who might consider becoming more active with Chapter VI. Also, two special committees were formed; the 1st to make arrangements for our social outing; we're hoping to make this event much more entertaining for members. We also formed a special committee to make all arrangements for the Mini Trade Show. After our regular November business meeting, attendees listened to a presentation from Eric Johnson of Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies regarding The Essentials of Access Control .