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Presidents Message

The winter drags on. Hope can be seen however with spring in sight. Seems like each winter will never end but it eventually does end. I can't believe that I am already half through my year as your WHEA President. I can say without hesitation that it has been a joy to work with the chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs. You simply have no idea until you are in this position just

how very talented these folks are and the level of dedication it takes to continue to make our organization, in my opinion, the best in the nation. Ronald Reagan put it best when he said, "if you are not an expert, surround yourselves with people that are". I am blessed to have such an environment.

By the time this newsletter comes out we would have



Dick Lange
WHEA President

submitted our chapter affiliation packet. As you know, we are Platinum level and have been for years. This is the highest level of affiliation within
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Calendar

If you have any changes or additions to this calendar please email them to bruvold@sbcglobal.net

Thu Apr 4, 2013

- Chapter II Meeting

Fri Apr 5, 2013

- Member Services Meeting
9 am to noon - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Newsletter Mailing Deadline

Fri Apr 12, 2013

- Conference Committee Meeting - Conference Call

Thu Apr 18, 2013

- Chapter V Meeting

Thu Apr 25, 2013 - Fri Apr 26, 2013

- ASHE Region 6 Conference - Mankato MN
- Directory Mailing Deadline

Fri May 3, 2013

- Chapter II Meeting

Thu May 9, 2013

- Chapter IV Meeting
Wausau Trap Club

Fri May 10, 2013

- Education Committee Meeting
9 am to noon - Wintergreen, WI Dells

Wed May 15, 2013

- "Spring Code Update" Education Program

Thu May 16, 2013

- Chapter III Meeting

Tue Jun 4, 2013

- "Documents for a Successful Joint Commission Survey" Education Program - Holiday Inn at The American Club, Madison

Thu Jun 6, 2013

- Chapter VI Meeting
- Code Committee Meeting
12:30 pm to 4 pm

Fri Jun 7, 2013

- Board Meeting
Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Member Services Meeting
1 pm to 4 pm - Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Newsletter Article Deadline

Wed Jun 19, 2013

- "Healthcare Construction Certificate" Education Program

Thu Jun 20, 2013

- Chapter V Meeting

Fri Jun 28, 2013

- Newsletter Mailing Deadline

President's Message *(continued)*

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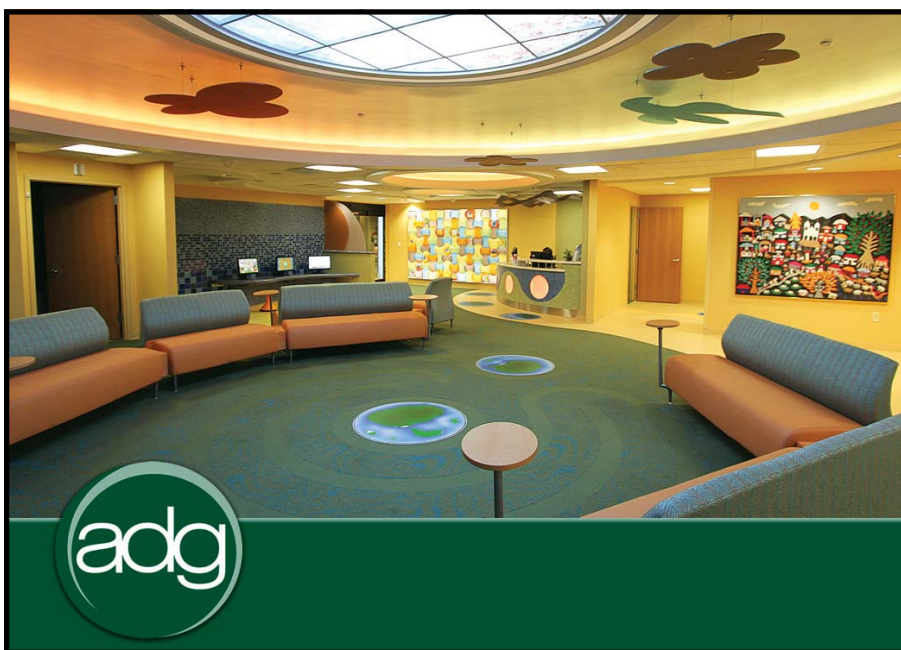
Part of the process is to submit two names for Emerging Regional Leader. Our organization has many winners and future winners of this award and again it indicates the level of commitment and attention to detail that makes us what we are.

We have recommended two individuals for Emerging Regional Leader. Both are excellent and I wish them both the best as the selection process begins and the candidates from Region 6 are reviewed. It takes considerable work to get this paperwork submitted; complete and on time. Kudos to your Officer-At-Large, Marc Teubert, for his efforts.

Work continues on one of my goals of having a Facebook account. You need only to look at ASHE, The Joint Commission and others in our industry that utilize this and other social media tools to stay in front of our members and potential members. Additional benefits to this are on the individual member level and the interaction between WHEA members from across our six chapters. My thanks to Amy Cote' for her fine efforts to get this ready for board presentation and anticipated rollout.

Spring brings with it the renewed energy of the sun and new opportunities for growth throughout Gods creation. It is the same within WHEA and the energy of the above mentioned folks. It is through their hard work, focused attention and energy that new opportunities for growth are possible for all of us.

Thank God for spring, and I thank God for all of you. May the change of the seasons bring renewed strength and growth for all of you.



2013 Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award

Nominations Deadline is June 30, 2013

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 30th, 2013 so the board can evaluate all the nominations

at the August board meeting and be able to present the award at the 2013 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 in the following 2 pages of 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 or WHEA President, Dick Lange, 715.387.5967 or dick.lange@ministryhealth.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 rel-

liott@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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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 30th of the current year.
3. The WHEA elected state board members will evaluate all submitted nomination papers, with the aid of a criteria-based scoring grid.
4. The selected recipient will be determined by a simple majority vote of the elected state board members.
5. The award will 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: _____

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ATTACHMENTS/INCLUSIONS: (Check all that apply.)

____ Nomination Narrative

____ One additional letter of support (Optional) Limit, one (1)

____ Support documentation: Published articles, Financial documentation, and other documents as needed to validate the accomplishments of the nominee.

Chapter VI Activities



*Dennis Renaud
Chapter President*

Chapter VI met on January 8. After our regular business meeting, attendees listened to a presentation by Chapter VI members Dennis Havlik and Al Neitzel regarding their recent experience with a CMS survey at the Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse.

Chapter VI had planned to meet again on March 5, 2013, but the meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for April 9, 2013. Among other business at this meeting, Chapter VI will present nominations for next year's officers. After the business portion of this meeting, (10) of our Associate members will man the booths of a mini-tradeshow, or what we're calling a vendor fair. We're hoping for a large turn-out for this meeting as a mini-trade show was noted by our recent survey of members as the most interesting presentation topic for a meeting.

Chapter VI has another regular meeting planned for May 7, 2013 with the program to be determined; a meeting notice with details will be sent shortly before. The business portion of this meeting will include the election of next year's officers.

Chapter VI also has scheduled a social outing at local golf course Cedar Creek Country Club. Included will be an afternoon of excavation, which will be followed by a gathering of golfing and non-golfing members in the club house. Come join us on June 13, 2013 for an afternoon of fun and an evening of socializing with your colleagues.

In Memoriam - Harold Lowe

Harold E. Lowe, 90, of Tomahawk, died Dec. 22, 2012, at Golden Living Nursing Home in Tomahawk. He was born March 30, 1922, in Dovray, Minn., to Charles and Ruby (Elliott) Lowe. He is survived by his wife, Jan; his children, Jill (Gary) Hildebrand of Lake Tomahawk and Scott W. Coey of Tomahawk; eight grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and three sisters. He was preceded by his parents; a grandson; and two sisters. Harold served in the Army during WW II, and then spent most of his civilian career as a maintenance supervisor. He was proud of being a member of WHEA and has been rostered as a Retired member of Chapter IV for many years. He loved going to the meetings when he was still able.

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Chapter III Report

Chapter III began the 2013 year with an excellent meeting held on January 17, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh.

Prior to the business meeting, the members participated in two educational programs. The first presentation was provided by John Bero with L&C Insulation

on various insulating materials and thermo loss. The second program was provided by Bill Lauzon, a consultant with Lauzon Life Safety Consulting on fire alarm testing requirements. All attendees were encouraged to bring their fire alarm system testing documents so that Bill could jointly review the documents and ensure that they were in accordance with Joint Commission and Life Safety Standards. Bill also answered addition code related questions on other various topics.

CHFM/MECH Vouchers

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sponsor through a voucher program for one qualified chapter member to take the CHFM Exam or any approved healthcare based credentialing certification/certificate.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to sponsor two individuals from healthcare organizations represented by a chapter III member to take the



Amy Cote'
Chapter President

MECH certification test. It will be at the discretion of the members present at the May Chapter III meeting to decide if more than two will be issued if more than two apply.

We're happy to announce that Chapter III received fifteen new member applications which were reviewed and approved.

Various topics were discussed in the round table discussion such as the implementation of Facebook, LinkedIn, and paying chapter dues on the WHEA (continued on page 8)

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Chapter IV Report

On 12-13-2012 a meeting was held at the Midway Hotel Conference Center in Wausau. We introduced 3 new members.

There were reports from representation from the state board, ASHE, Code committee, Conference committee, Education committee, and the Membership committee.

Two meetings were held on

12/13/12 and 3/14/13. The next meetings scheduled are: 5/19/13 at the Wausau Trap Club, 8/8/2013 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, the annual meeting on 9/26/13 in Green Bay and finally at the Wausau Midway Motor Lodge on 12/12/2013.

We are still working on the Tax ID exempt status with WHEA. We now have both of our ID's, one from the



Darwin "Duke" Cook
Chapter President

state and one from the federal government. Thanks went out to all that helped work on this.

Chapter V Report

Chapter V met on February 21st at Mayo Clinic Health System - Barron. Committee reports were received and approved within the business portion of the meeting. The 2013 goals of improving membership and improving the educational sessions were discussed. John Urice from the Habitat for Humanity was invited to the meeting. The intent for having John present was an idea brought forward at the last chapter meeting. The chapter would like to give back to the communities we serve and to possibly provide more interest for full members who have not attended chapter meetings for a long time, to possibly volunteer. After John completed his presentation describing how Habitat for Humanity works, a poll was taken of the chapter members who would be interested in volunteering for a day or a weekend. Many of those in attendance felt that they would volunteer. The chapter will be contacting John with the details and bring back to the April

meeting for discussion.

The educational session was provided by Corey Fedie, Gordon Howie and Bob Dubiel on the value of becoming CHFM certified. 3 full time members from the chapter are considering taking the test this year.

A portion of the meeting was set aside for round table, hot topic discussions (2013 Goal). The ASHE alert on the alcohol gel fire involving the 11 yr old was discussed. The code alert on hand gel placement was discussed. Each discussion was very informative for the members present.

Future meetings dates:

- April 19th, Mayo Clinic Health-Eau Claire
- ~ Full Day MECH Training
- ~ Jeff Eckstein, ILSM, ICRA for maintenance
- ~ Wayne Giest, Arc Flash, Power Factor
- ~ Tim Vick, OSHA, Ladder, Roof, Lockout Safety



*Bob Dubiel
Chapter President*

June 20th, (May be the Habitat for Humanity Day or Golf Outing)
August 15th, Sacred Heart Eau Claire, Thermal Imaging Electrical Inspections
October 17th, Rolling Oaks Menomonie, MEP Engineering on Sustainability

Committee Membership:

Searching for a replacement as a chapter Education committee representative. Darrell Courtney from MCHS-Osseo is being considered.

Chapter III Report (continued)

website via credit card. Many members were in favor of implementing a chapter Facebook & LinkedIn page to use as an additional means for communicating. The ability to (continued on page 4)

use a credit card to pay chapter dues online was also heavily favored among the members.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay.

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Chapter I Report

Chapter 1 Officers

President – Harley Herold

Vice President – Jeff Eckstein

Secretary – Roy Funk

Treasurer– Stephanie Angst

Officer at Large – Martin Schutte

Jr. Past President – Jeff Eckstein

Sr. Past President – Ron Heimann

Dale Scherbert has been given the status of life member after retiring in December.

Chapter 1 has met four times.

December 13th Meeting:

Location: Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph Facility

Sponsor: Paul Ramirez, Director of Facilities, Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph Facility

Food Sponsor : F.J.A. Christiansen Roofing Co., Inc.

Education: *Timothy P. Larson, P.E., LC, LEED AP Principal*, Geiger-Larson Engineering Inc. Tim Larson presented a practical guide to LED lighting, which included basic review of the LED lighting system, comparison of cost, energy consumption and rated life to other technologies. Tim gave us a basic understanding of where LED technology is so we can determine if it is the right time to start installing LED lighting to light the inside facilities and parking lots.

January 10th Meeting

Location: Mo's Irish Pub in Wausau. No business occurred since the get together was purely a social event. A "white ele-



*Harley Herold
Chapter President*

phant" gift exchange took place.

February 14th Meeting:

Location: Froedtert Health

Sponsor: Neil Jensen and Roy Funk, Froedtert Hospital Plant Operations and Froedtert Health Facility Planning and Development

Education

Bill Lauzon presented his new, *(continued on page 10)*

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updated code toolbox and new maintenance inspection and test document electronic storage tool. A copy of the printed code tool box was handed out to everyone attending the February 14th meeting.

March 14th Meeting

Location: Columbia-St.Mary's Milwaukee Hospital

Sponsors: Columbia-St.Mary's, Director of Facilities, James A. Valenti, Physical Plant Manager. Troy Karll, and Dan Chovanec, CG Schmidt

Education: Dan Chovanec, CG Schmidt presented a slide show of Columbia-St. Mary's, Milwaukee Hospital design. James A. Valenti and Troy Karll covered the details and the hospital mechanicals. After the presentation we had an opportunity to tour through the mechanical rooms and the central utility plant.

Future Meetings

April 11th Meeting

Location: Johnson Controls Headquarters.

Sponsor: Mark.M.Pioletta, Johnson Controls

Education: TBD

May 9th Meeting

Location: Calatrava Milwaukee Art Museum

Sponsor: Chris Surges, Next Electric; Jeff Lee, Total Water; Mark Cyganiak, Service Master Recovery Service

Education: Steve Chamberlin from the Chamberlin Group who had much to do with the construction of the Calatrava will have a presentation on the facility. A tour of the facility and mechanicals will follow.

June 7th Annual Banquet

Location: Harley Museum

The Chapter new officers will be installed and a good time will be had by all.

Chapter II Report

Chapter Officers:

President – Derek Marshall

Vice President – Tim Ehlers

Secretary – Tony Lewis

Treasurer – John Pohlmann Sr.



*Derek Marshall
Chapter President*

The Chapter met on March 7th at the Esquire Club in Madison. We had a very informative program given by Total Water.

The meeting scheduled for February 7th was cancelled due to inclement weather. That meeting and program presenter could not be rescheduled.

The next meeting will be held at the UW Hospital in Madison.

The annual banquet will be held May 1st at Prime Quarter in Madison. The annual golf outing has been scheduled for August 2nd at Lake Windsor Golf Club.

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Conference Committee Report

The Conference Committee last met via conference call on Friday, February 1. The committee reviewed all phases within the upcoming conference. Tom Stank is working closely with the WHEA Code Committee to determine appropriate code programs and necessary time slots. It appears that the Wednesday program as well as a portion of Thursday will again include code related presentations. The education team hopes to have a keynote speaker locked in this month and is waiting for the outcome of the next Code Committee meeting to determine time requirements for their presentations.

After the code presentations have been finalized, the remainder of the educational programs will be added into the agenda. Ode Keil has agreed to, again, close out the conference this year.

Survey results from the 2012 conference have indicated that the majority of individuals attending would prefer to see a similar four day conference rather than changing to a potential three day program with a more compressed schedule. We are discussing surveying the membership as a whole to assure we have appropriate information for future conferences. The conference events



*Mike Blackwood
Conference Chair*

for 2013 will basically follow the same schedule as previous years.

In addition the committee is pleased to report that contracts have been signed for the WHEA annual conference for 2015 & 2016 with the Hyatt on Main and the KI Center in Green Bay.

Hope to see everyone in Green Bay!



Bylaws Committee Report

The work of the Committee, since the last Board meeting, has focused on the dissolution issue. The committee had input related to the final wording of the dissolution amendment and the e-mail voting process.

Should the vote of the membership regarding the dissolution amendment



*Paul Feldner
Committee Chair*

be in the affirmative, the Committee has the following recommendation for Board consideration:

The amendment be included in Article V – Indemnification as, Section 3. Dissolution.

Regardless of the outcome of the vote, the committee offers the following recommendation for Board to consider: A policy and procedure be formulated to address e-mail voting by the membership on Bylaw amendments. The policy and procedure would focus on consistency and transparency in the e-mail voting process. It would address the process for including voting members who do not have an e-mail address. It would include all elements of Article XIV – Amendments, of the current Bylaws. The policy and procedure would be included with other WHEA policies and procedures and be placed on the WHEA website for member access.

The committee continues to assist Chapter I with their Bylaw revisions.



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Codes & Standards Committee Report

The committee last met on March 26th.

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 Alarm Testing
- ~ DHS Code Work Groups



*Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair*



*Jon Cechvala
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- ~ Utility Load Curtailment
- ~ Generator Emissions during Peak Shaving
- ~ OR's - Wet Locations
- ~ DHS Waivers
- ~ ASHRAE 188 Legionella standards
- ~ CSI Cabling
- ~ NFPA 101 – 2012 edition
- ~ NFPA 99 – 2012 edition
- ~ DHS 124 update

Advocacy:

ASHE Liaison Committee

The Code Committee will be represented by Wade Rudolph with Jon Cechvala and Jeff Eckstein as back up.

FGI – Facilities Guidelines Institute

Jon Cechvala, Wade Rudolph and David Soens will participate in the third session of the 2014 edition revision process in April in St. Louis.


ICC

The International Code Council (ICC) is conducting final hearings October 24-28 in Portland, OR
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Codes & Standards Committee

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to determine what will be included in the 2015 edition of the I-Codes. Jon Cechvala represented WHEA at the hearings.

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.

State of Wisconsin – DHS Relationship Enhancement Committee

Jon Cechvala is representing the committee by participating on this committee.

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

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

IECC: Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council.

The committee will be presenting at the ASHE Region 6 Conference Education Committee to present at the 2013 conference. The program is: How to Ensure Your Contractors are Competent?

Jeff Boldt presented at the 2013 PDC Conference in San Francisco in February talking about Acoustics in Design of Healthcare.

The Committee would like to thank the WHEA Board for the funds in 2013 for Jeff Eckstein to attend the ASHE PDC Conference in San Francisco in February 2013 and Jon Cechvala to attend the



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Education Committee Report

The Education Committee last met on March 8th and continued setting up it's slate of programs for 2013.

Programs already presented this year are:

2/26 Webinar "Introduction to Life Safety" presented by Bill Lauzon.

3/6 Site-Based "Healthcare Construction Certificate" program.

There are two programs on the upcoming calendar:

~ **5/15** Code Committee "Spring Code Update Conference" - Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells.

~ **6/4** "Documents for a Successful Joint Commission Survey" - Holiday Inn at the American Center, Madison

And the dates for the 3 remaining Healthcare Construction Certificate programs are:

~ **June 19th** at The Plaza Conference Center in Eau Claire.

~ **September 4th** at the Bayshore Medical Center Sports Complex in Green Bay.

~ **December 4th** in the Janesville/Madison area.



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Co-Chair*



*Marc Teubert
Co-Chair*

The Education committee has been discussing it's goal to change the committee name to the Education and Professional Development (EPD) committee. It is felt that it would better reflect what the committee does, which is so much more than just educate.

A bylaw change would be needed. Work on this goal will continue.

Future meeting dates:

5/10 Site-based Meeting
7/12 Conference Call
8/23 Conference Call
10/11 Site-based Meeting



Jeff Eckstein and Jon Cechvala, Code Committee co-chairs, along with Marge McFarlane (not pictured) teach the basic safety measures that make the Healthcare Construction Certificate program such an important and popular class.



This March 6th Healthcare Construction Certificate program is a packed house. Attendees are kept focused on the important safety issues by the dedicated Code Committee presenters.

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ASHE Liaison Report



By Dean Pufahl

The 2013 ASHE Region 6 Educational Conference will be held in Mankato April 25 – 26, 2013. We will be offering the CHFM and CHC prep classes on Wednesday for those interested. We will also be offering the CHFM and CHC written exam on Friday afternoon to those who are qualified and pre-registered. There are a few waivers available for the CHFM exam for those who qualify. You would need to submit your application within the next week.

If any one is interested in being part of the ASHE Region 6 Conference Committee please contact me. The Wisconsin representation on the committee is only Steve Vinopal and I.

ASHE Region 6 Conference Committee is continuing to pursue the opportunity to become an independent entity, separating itself from operating restrictions of the AHA.

In July ASHE will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition. This year's Conference will be held in Atlanta, July 22 – 24.

MECH Monthly Information



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The MECH board met on February 20th. We are looking for additional Certified MECH members for the SECH Committee. I volunteered for the committee, the bulk of the work has been completed, we will meet to get the final details worked out for implementation, we hope that will be by midyear.

MECH Newsletter – We were struggling to find articles for a quarterly newsletter, we will focus on a Semi-Annual newsletter.

Pam LeForge, MECH Office Coordinator, will be retiring the end of July, 2013, they are interviewing for a replacement.

A three year rotation of Board members was discussed.

We discussed the review process of the MECH Re-Certification forms. A suggestion was made to have an online form that will be typewritten vs. handwritten, it is too hard to read the handwritten applications.

STILL NEEDED:

Certified Mechanics, MECH Certified & Senior MECH Certified if you haven't done so already: please go to the WHEA website (www.whea.com), go to Education tab and follow the dropdowns to MECH Certifica-



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MECH Program Manager*

tion and then to MECH Certification Application, complete the top half of the MECH Application, including your e-mail address, fill in all blanks, then mail them to:

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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 semi-annual 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 mechanic to assure all new applications were received. If you have any questions, please email Jane at bruvold@sbcglobal.net.