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Presidents Message

Summer finally! Good Lord what a long winter it was. Looking to a productive summer and with it plans in the works to attend the ASHE Annual in Atlanta in July. If you have never attended one of these events it is truly time well spent. This is the 50th Annual Conference and all indications are that it will be a memorable one for all that attend. I encourage you to become a member of ASHE if at all possible.

Both of our organizations are stronger together than alone and support each other's mission. Our own Carl Budde was President of ASHE in 1996 so we have been represented well in this organization. Many of our members are active on various ASHE committees as well.

Plans continue for our own annual conference scheduled for September 24th through the 27th. I encourage all of you to make



Dick Lange
WHEA President

plans to attend this gathering of your friends and peers. We return to Green Bay for this year's conference and as always the Conference Committee (continued page 2)

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President's Message (continued)

has been busy all year preparing another memorable event. Not enough can be said on this stellar effort put forth by these folks.

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

Some updates on happenings so far in my term as WHEA President. The Director/ Officer Insurance seemed to become a bigger task than anticipated -- somewhat like replacing some interior plumbing to an older part of your facility - more there than you figured. Much discussion was held on is "e-mail, mail" as defined in our by-laws. After much discussion and a board vote of 11-1, it was determined that it was however by-laws changes are in the works to define via the bylaws that in the ever evolving electronic media communication means change daily, and keeping up in a static by-law environment is difficult and time consuming. It is my position that organizations must be true to the by-laws that govern but also nimble enough to function appropriately when items are a bit vague.

Our status as a Platinum Level Affiliate chapter was maintained and that is quite an accomplishment. Everyone has a part in this effort throughout the year and my thanks to Marc Teubert for his efforts in compiling the application packet that was submitted to ASHE.

Our goal of having a Facebook account which puts our organization out there with the ability to communicate real time is ongoing. It was discussed at the March board meeting by Amy Cote'. Amy brings the eyes of the younger generation and knows the power of social media and success organizations are having by utilizing these communication means. Hopefully we can implement this at the state level and I encourage the local chapters to look into this as well.

In keeping with putting our members first, it was approved at the March board meeting to not charge the local chapter's state dues. This allows the chapters to utilize those funds for WHEA educational offerings.

Inclusiveness also was discussed as to how retired members can be a part of the Resource Committee and potentially recommended to the board as a voting board member representing the retired members. Much work has been accomplished by these folks to clearly delineate the process. The resource Committee has been invaluable to our organization and not only provides needed presence at educational offering and our annual meeting but also for their wisdom from years of active participation within WHEA over many years.

The directory came out in all its full color and I have received many compliments on the quality of this publication. All the credit goes to Roger Elliott and his committee -- First rate.

Kudos also to Paul Felder, representing the By-Laws Committee. Paul crafted many by-laws changes that keep our organization performing according to structure. It isn't an easy task and Paul's patience has been a real asset to this organization.

Nominations are open for the Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award. Please get your nominations to me or Roger Elliott before July 31st so we can discuss them at the August Board meeting.

In closing, my short stay at the head of this organization is half over, and so far I have managed not to do any harm to it. I guess after all is said and done on a President's term that would have to be one something each one would like to be able to say.

Stay well,

Dick Lange - 2013 WHEA President

Calendar

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

Sun Jul 21 - ASHE Annual Conference -
Wed Jul 24 Atlanta, GA

Tue Jul 30 Education Program: "NFPA 13
& NFPA 25 Fire Protection Over-
view /Special Hazards Systems
Compliance Requirements"

Thu Aug 1 Code Committee Meeting -
12:30 pm to 4 pm - Glacier
Canyon, WI Dells

Fri Aug 2 Chapter II Meeting

Conference Committee Meeting
- Hyatt on Main, Green Bay

Thu Aug 8 Chapter IV Meeting - St
Michaels Hosp, Stevens Point

Fri Aug 9 Board Meeting - Glacier
Canyon

Member Services Meeting -
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Glacier
Canyon, WI Dells

Thu Sep 12 WHEA Webinar "*Navigating the*
Codes"

Tue Sep 24 - WHEA Annual Conference at
Fri Sep 27 Green Bay (KI Conference
Center)

2013 Robert H. Botts Healthcare Engineering Pioneer Award *Nominations Deadline is July 31, 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 July 31st, 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.



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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:
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- 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: _____

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.

Chapter VI Activities



*Dennis Renaud
Chapter President*

At our regular business meeting on April 9, attendees nominated office holders for Chapter VI 2013 – 14 year, as follows:

President: Kevin Feyen
Vice-President: Wade Rudolph
Secretary: Jeneen Ablan
Treasurer: Donella Sarauer
Office-At-Large: Troy Torgerson

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Other business included the approval of applications for membership for (6) new members.

After the regular business meeting, (9) associate members manned booths and discussed issues with attendees for our 1st Mini-Trade Show / Vendor Fair. Participating vendors included the Trane Company, Market & Johnson, Findorff, The Boldt Company, Schumacher Elevator, Kraus Anderson, J. F. Ahern, Tremco, and Tycal / Tech-Fitt. Feedback from folks on both sides of the vendor booths indicated this was a very successful event, sure to be repeated in future years.

Chapter VI met again on May 7, at which time the above slate of Chapter VI officers were elected. We also voted to approve the applications for membership for (3) more new members. The meeting was followed up by a presentation from Eric Bashaw of the Gundersen Health System regarding Comprehensive Waste Management for Healthcare Institutions.

Chapter VI met again on May 13, 2013 at the Cedar Creek Country Club for our annual social outing. Over 30 members participated in a fun golf outing and dinner / social after. We were blessed with nice weather, and lots of fun and prizes. Jeneen Ablan, Brian Ernst, Jim Tempke, Todd Reismann, and others deserve a lot of credit for making this a very special event.

Chapter I News

The new officers for 2013 -2014 year will be:

President – Harley Herold
Vice President – Stephanie Angst
Secretary – Martin Schutte
Treasurer– Neil Jensen
Officer at Large – Allan Bassett
Junior Past President – Jeff Eckstein
Senior Past President – Ron Heimann



*Harley Herold
Chapter President*

WHEA Chapter One has added 21 new members during this fiscal year

Our attendance at our meetings this year has been our way to measure how we are doing. Chapter one is meeting our goals by giving members the education, social interaction and environment they are looking for.

WHEA Chapter One records being kept electronically goal has been accomplished however we are still looking at locations to store the records that WHEA Chapter One has ownership of not an individual.

Chapter one Meetings over the past quarter.

Thursday, March 14, 2013

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 Columbia-St.Mary's Milwaukee Hospital Design and tour

Dan Chovanec CG Schmidt will be presenting a Slide show of Columbia-St.Mary's Milwaukee Hospital design. James A. Valenti and Troy Karll will be covering the details and the hospital mechanicals. After the presentation we will have an opportunity to tour through mechanical rooms and the Central Utility Plant, Dan will run through couple patient care areas, and some other highlights of the hospital.

38 members in attendance

Thursday, April 11, 2013 - Milwaukee Athletic Club

Sponsors: Mark Prioletta, Johnson Controls organized the meeting location food and the education.

Education: Using Technology to Achieve Better Building Efficiency Outcomes

Building data is being collected at a greater rate than ever.

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Chapter I News *(continued)*

But how are building professionals—engineers, managers and owners making sense of this data? Is it being stored or actively used? There are many ways building efficiency solutions can help achieve building efficiency—are you taking advantage of the latest to define and refine building efficiency initiatives?

32 members in attendance

Thursday, May 9th, 2013

Calatrava Art museum

Sponsors:

Mr. Chris Surges – NEXT Electric, Inc, Lisa Reardon – CC&N, Jeff Lee – Total Water Treatment Systems, Inc. Mark Cyganiak – ServiceMaster

Education

Steve Chamberlin – Chamberlin Group insight on the construction of the Calatrava

55 members in attendance

Friday June 7th 2013

Harley Museum

Chapter One Annual Banquet

We had a 1 hour social time , a sit down dinner and meeting time with many door prizes. We also had a museum tour after the meeting

Code Alert Highlights

By Bill Best, WHEA Code Committee

The WHEA Code Committee met June 6, 2013. One discussion point centered around Code Alert review and/or revisions.

The following resolutions were approved / recommended by the Committee:

Code Alert Issue # 1 is revised as presented and approved for upload to the WHEA website in the Code Alert folder.

Code Alert Issue # 20 is revised as presented and approved for upload to the WHEA website in the Code Alert folder.

Code Alert Issue # 9 revisions were put on hold pending more input by a committee co-chair.

A Code Alert “Archived CA’s” folder will be created to house older Code Alerts

deemed by the committee to no longer be necessary as “Active” issues. This may be due to information being incorporated into newer Codes, Alert Issues, Standard work practices, or perhaps they are simply no longer accurate or relevant. However, they may be of use as historical documents.

The Code Committee reached consensus to “Archive” seven existing alerts for the reasons stated above. They are Alert Issues #'s 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, & 27. (Look for these to appear in the “Archived CA’s” folder when it is created.)

The Committee agreed to set a 3-year review cycle for Code Alerts unless Code or Management changes drive earlier reviews or revisions.

Of the ten Code Alerts Reviewed/ Revised in the last 3-years – six will be up for review in this 2013 year.(3-August, 1-November, 2-December)

The remaining 16-Code Alerts will be prioritized and “Next review” dates determined. This information will be shared when completed.

And the work continues!!



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Fire Rated Cable – UL Listing Changes

By WHEA Code Committee - Tim O'Rorke & Jeremy Wolfe of Ring & DuChateau, LLP; Consulting Engineers

In September of 2012, UL has rescinded all fire rated cable and fire rated cable assembly listings. Since then UL has revisited and reinstated two listings for providing a fire rated solution for electrical power and communications cabling.

Fire rated cables or fire rated cable assemblies are designed for selected feeders and fire alarm cabling in a building. These cables are required by various codes to be fire rated in specific situations.

Fire rated cable, or cable rated to survive a fire and still be operational after a certain time period, are critical elements in life safety systems. This is especially true in hospitals which are defend in place facilities. The most common uses are power wiring to a fire pump and cabling between fire alarm panels along with audio/visual fire alarm circuits which serve multiple evacuation zones. This also applies to those circuits which serve one evacuation zone, but travel through a separate evacuation zone prior to entering the zone the circuit serves. The most common required rating is 2 hours. The requirements for these ratings can be found in both NFPA 70 and NFPA 72.

NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code, Article 695 requires the power conductors serving the fire pump from the normal and generator source to comply with one of the following:

Be encased in 2 inches of concrete.

Be protected by a fire-rated assembly listed to achieve a minimum 2 hour rating and be dedicated to the fire pump circuits(s).

Be a listed electrical circuit protective system with a minimum 2 hour rating.

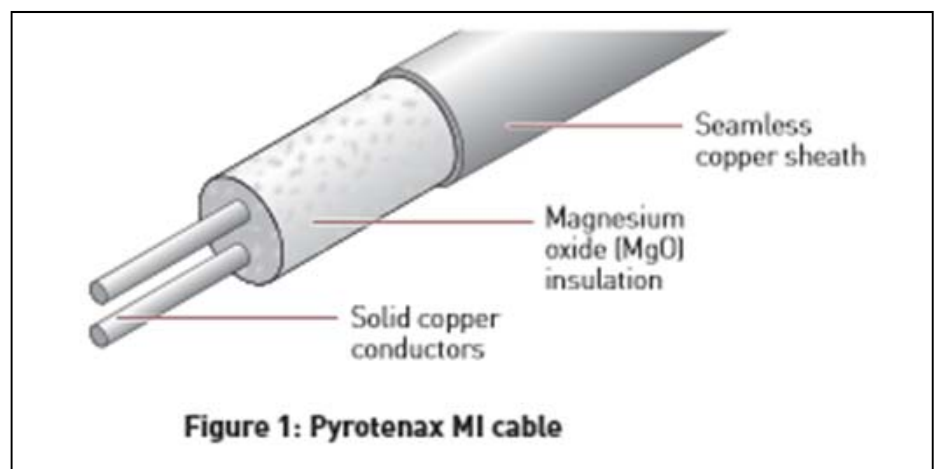
Be routed outside the building (below the on grade floor slab).

NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm Code, 1999 edition 3-8.4 and 2007 edition 6.9.10 require the audio and visual indicating device circuits be protected from the point they leave the control unit until they enter the zone being served. This is intended to apply to buildings where relocation or selective evacuation is required. The protection shall be by one of the following methods:

Cable routed within a 2-hour rated stairwell in a fully sprinkled building.

The most common method of achieving the 2 hour rating in an existing building was to install a specially rated RHH or RHW insulation on the power or communications cabling. This insulation changes state when exposed to the heat of a fire such that the insulation becomes a ceramic and protects the conductors from failure.

In September of 2012, UL rescinded the listing for this cable and for all other systems providing 2 hour fire rating. In December of 2012, UL reinstated cables into the fire resistive rating directory. The cable that was reinstated is mineral insulated cable commonly called MI cable.



A 2-hour rated cable.

A 2-hour rated cable system

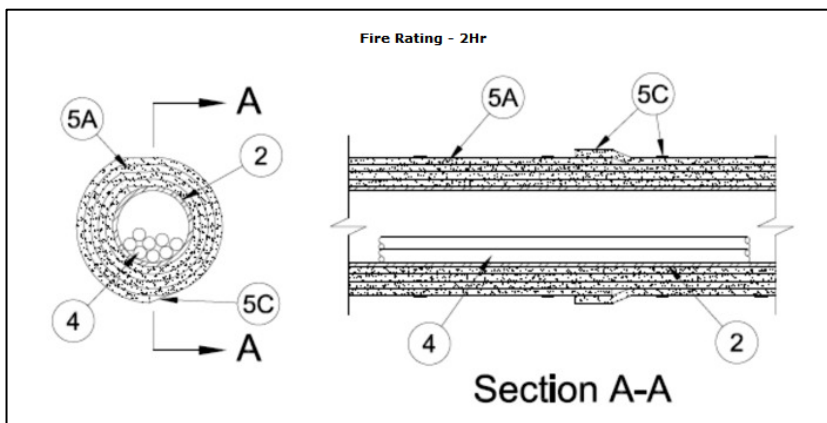
A 2-hour rated shaft or enclosure

UL also reinstated another fire rated option, fire rated wrap/blankets. This system consists of a typical conduit and cable installation.
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Fire Rated Cable – UL Listing Changes

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tion with the fire rated wrap installed on the exposed conduit and hangers with a 2 hour rated blanket system. This is very labor intensive since multiple layers are required, joints must be fire caulked and joints between the blankets must be off set a minimum distance.



2: Steel Conduit


4: Cables

5A: Wrap

5C: Stainless Steel Banding Straps

So what does this all mean for healthcare facilities? Facility managers should discuss the need for fire rated power or communication wiring on each project with their consulting engineer or electrical contractor. Then a determination of where a fire rated installation is required and what the most cost effective solution is can be made.

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Codes & Standards Committee Report



*Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair*

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

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

Goals Update:

Continued support of WHEA through:

- * **Code Alerts**
- * **Education**
- * **Advocacy**

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

Status: **In progress**

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 as needed

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of these educational programs by 12/31/13

Status: **In progress. Spring Code Conference occurred on May 15. Agenda for the Annual Conference is drafted. Topics includes DHS, FGI/ASHRAE 170 and Infection Control. A Code Round Table is also planned.**

Provide a minimum of two (3) Healthcare Contractor Certificate programs working with the Education Committee.

Measurement of Success: Successful completion of the at least 3 HCC programs by 12/31/12.

Status: **In progress. 4 programs are scheduled for 2013.**

March 6th – Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield - **Completed**

June 19th – Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls area

September 4th – Green Bay/Appleton area

December 4th – Janesville/Madison area

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**

Code Alerts:

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

- CMS Occupancy Classifications
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Chapter II News

Chapter II's last regular meeting was held April 4th at the Esquire Club in Madison. The open and relevant discussion portion of our meetings continues to prove that meeting attendance is so beneficial to everyone. Lunch and an educational program on Rooftop Safety Measures was provided by Tremco.



*Derek Marshall
Chapter President*

Chapter II hosted our annual banquet on May 1st at Prime Quarter in Madison. It is always such an enjoyable evening with our membership and their guests.

We continue to hold officer's meetings quarterly to communicate and help facilitate membership requests or concerns. We will be offering our membership several ideas on enhancing the educational programs for our regular monthly meetings to encourage additional attendance. We will also be requesting member input on needed educational topics, length of presentations, etc.

As we continue to work toward completion of our goals:

- Pete Goepfert received his conference paid for by Chapter II for attending six meetings this year. There were actually three people eligible for the prize and a drawing was held at the annual banquet.
- We continue to have large Chapter II participation at the State level.
- All available past minutes have been captured electronically.

Our next meeting will be our annual golf outing scheduled for August 2nd at Lake Windsor Golf Club.

Code Committee Report (continued)

- 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
- 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 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'Rourke

Plumbing advisory committee: Brian Koca, Jeff Boldt, and Wade Rudolph

Elevator code advisory committee: Greg Graunke

State of Wisconsin – DHS Relationship Enhancement Committee

The 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'Rourke

Mechanical Group: Bill Best, Tom Spremo

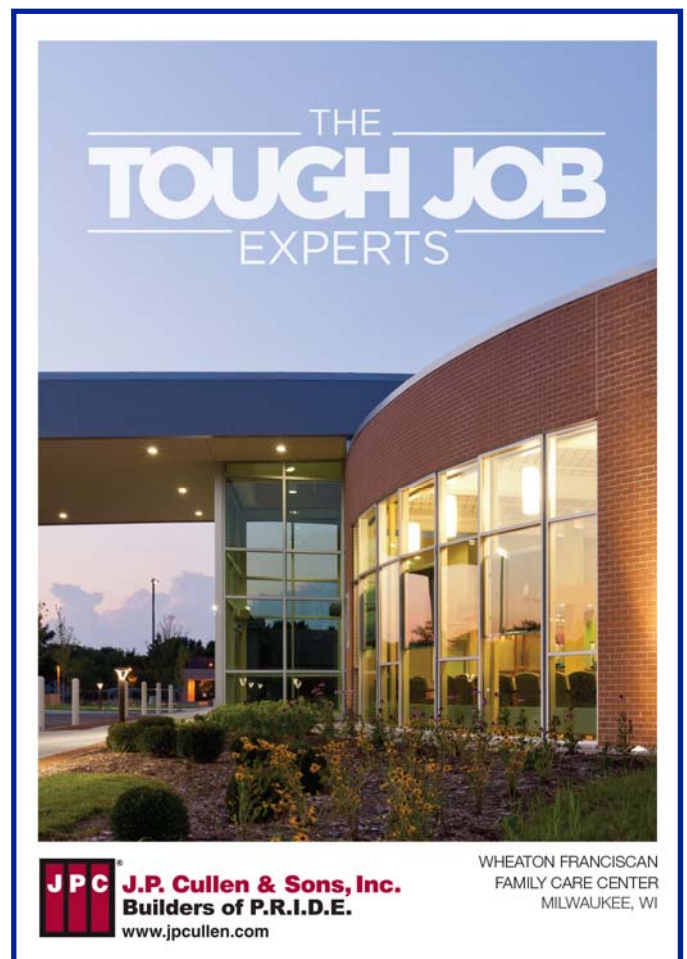
IMC: Jeff Boldt was a member of the advisory council

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

Education:

Refer to 2013 Goals

The committee (Jeff Eckstein and Bob Dubiel) presented at the ASHE Region 6 2013 Conference. The program was: "How To Ensure Your Contractors are Competent?"



Chapter III Report

Chapter III had an excellent year with a record all time high of new members joining the chapter.

Our March 14 meeting was held at St. Mary's Medical Center in Green Bay. Members discussed banquet options for 2013. The chapter officers will investigate/plan for a combined late afternoon meeting at Appleton Medical Center followed by a dinner at a local establishment.

CHFM and MECH – Members are reminded to submit names for MECH and application form for CHFM/healthcare related certification to Secretary Dan Loest for consideration. Selection will be part of the May meeting.

Seven new member applications was reviewed and approved.

President Amy Cote appointed the nominating committee for 2013. The committee includes Amy Cote (Chapter III President), Tim Klein and Jim Williams (both of Holy Family – Manitowoc)

President Amy Cote presented to the members a plan to move to the use of credit cards for member dues. The concept was discussed, a motion made, seconded, and approved to move forward with planning. Many details will have to be worked out to begin this process. Anticipate using this method for the 2014 annual dues in December 2013.

Prior to the meeting was a program on fire stopping presented by Ben Urcavich with Performance Firestop.



*Amy Cote'
Chapter President*

to facility manager's and their organizations. The second educational program was presented by Paul Linzmeyer with ThedaCare on Sustainability. Paul discussed his deep and abiding belief that businesses can benefit from triple bottom line thinking and ideas on how everyone can contribute to providing sustainability for their facility.

MECH/Healthcare Certificates/Certifications Voucher Awards

Jesse Anderson from Aurora, Oshkosh and Greg Dobbs of Pfefferle Management, Manitowoc were awarded a voucher for MECH.

Dan Loest of Agnesian Health in Fond du Lac was awarded a voucher for the ASHE CHC Certification.

NEW BUSINESS

Five new member applications were reviewed and approved.

Proposed Bylaw Change – A motion was made, seconded, and passed to amend the chapter bylaws that allows the chapters retired and life members to vote on all chapter business. The changes were attached to the minutes, the bylaws modified and sent to the state bylaw committee for review/approval.

We are looking the option of paying chapter dues via credit card. The *(continued on page 13)*



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Another meeting was held on May 16. The meeting was held at the Legacy Super Club in Appleton in conjunction with the 2nd Annual WHEA Chapter III banquet.

Prior to that meeting, the chapter held two educational programs at Boldt Construction in Appleton. The first program was provided by Tim Dantoin with Focus on Energy. Dan is a newer member to the Chapter and provided an update on the services/programs Focus On Energy can provide

Chapter III News *(continued)*

members felt moving to the use of credit cards is a state wide issue and should be reviewed and handled by the Member Services Committee. Amy Cote (Member Services Chapter III Rep) will present this to the Member Services Committee for action.

A slate of officers was presented to the members. The officers of president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and officer at large were approved as presented.

The 2013/2014 WHEA Chapter III

Officers are:

- President, Tom Evers, Johnson Controls, Appleton
- Vice President, Kari Delsman, Holy Family, Manitowoc
- Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Cote, CEC, Green Bay
- Officer at Large, Tammy Hintz, Mercy Medical, Oshkosh

Round Table – Jim Teunas shared that Jim Hildebrand will be stepping down as the MECH for Wisconsin and a search for a new leader is underway. Anyone interested should contact Jim Teunas.

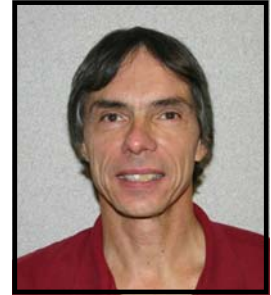
Chapter IV Report

A meeting was held on May 9th at the Wausau Trap and Skeet Club.

During the business meeting:

7 new members were voted in.

Duke discussed that the state dues that normally are paid, will be used toward educational opportunities for the Chapter IV members. Duke discussed the giving of two free educational session giveaways at each chapter meeting to promote WHEA to Chapter IV facility mechanics and help hospital manager's budgets. To win, someone from your facility must be present.



Darwin "Duke" Cook
Chapter President

The meeting also included the Annual Roy Kinnunen Chapter IV Trap Shoot. The winner of this years competition was Glen Arnold from Riverview Hospital.

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Conference Committee Report

The committee reviewed all phases within the upcoming conference at their last meeting. The education session agenda is now set with the education team working closely with the WHEA Code Committee to determine time slots. The keynote speaker will be Jim Lussier speaking on "Transformative Change in Health-care and Leadership Secrets of Larry the Cable Guy". While specific code programs are not yet finalized, as in the past the Wednesday programs will include the WHEA Code Committee presentation for both hospitals and nursing homes. The Education team 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 will close on Friday with the Joint Commission Update for 2013.

The spouse program is set and promises to be relaxing and enjoyable. Tuesday's opening program will include a

trip to Elite Aesthetics & MicroSpa for a two hour spa day, leaving time to return for the conference open house Tuesday evening. Wednesday spouses are invited to the technical exhibition and lunch. Thursday will be a busy day with a shopping trip to Fox River Mall in Appleton, returning in time to take in the social hour, awards banquet and dinner that evening.



*Mike Blackwood
Conference Chair*

The 2013 conference will again have a more relaxed evening on Thursday. We will start with our reception as in the past, continue with the awards banquet followed by dinner, and to this point have not planned a special event, but rather allow attendees to relax and socialize for the remainder of the evening.



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Chapter V Report

Chapter V held their April 19th chapter meeting at Mayo Clinic Health System- Eau Claire. 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.



Bob Dubiel
Chapter President

The April meeting is set aside each year to provide additional educational sessions for Mechanics. This year we had 63 folks attend the 3 separate 1.5 hr training sessions. Attendance was slightly lower this year due to the snow storm. Those who attended the sessions felt the training was very informative. The session presenters were as follows:

April 19:

- Mayo Clinic Health-Eau Claire, Full day MECH Training
- Jeff Eckstein, Findorff - ILSM, ICRA for Maintenance
- Wayne Giest, B & B Electric- Arc Flash, Power Factor
- Tim Vick, Samuels Group-OSHA, Ladder, Roof, Lockout Safety

Chapter V future 2013 meetings include:

- 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

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Education Committee Report

We are still striving toward our aggressive goals to provide education to our members. We have provided the following education sessions in the 2nd quarter:

5/15 - WHEA Code Committee "Spring Code Conference"
Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells

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

6/19 - WHEA's Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) program. The Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Eau Claire

There 3 programs on the upcoming calendar to date:

July 30th Site Based- "NFPA 13 and NFPA 25 Fire Protection Overview / Special Hazards Systems Compliance Requirements" in Weston.

October 9th Webinar - "Diagram Reading"

November 14th Webinar - "Plan Review"

And the dates for the 2 remaining Healthcare Construction Certificate programs are:

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

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

The Education committee was given the okay to change it's committee name to the "Education and Professional Development (EPD) committee". We feel that it better reflects what the committee does, which is so much more than just educate. We are just waiting on the by-law change.

Future meeting dates:

7/12 Conference Call

8/23 Conference Call

10/11 Site-based Meeting



*Jim Teunas
Co-Chair*



*Marc Teubert
Co-Chair*



Three members of the dedicated WHEA Code committee presenters at the June 19th WHEA HCC program in Eau Claire. From left to right; Bill Lauzon, Bob Dubiel, and Marge McFarlane. Fourth presenter not shown: Jeff Eckstein.



Brad Keyes (left) of Keyes Life Safety Compliance, with help from Bill Lauzon (right) of Lauzon Life Safety Consulting, LLC presented the program "Documents for a Successful Joint Commission Survey". →



MECH Monthly Information



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*Jim Hildebrand
MECH Program Manager*

So far in 2013 we have sold 16 preparation manuals and 12 MECH tests grossing \$1,820.00.

MECH Certification Examination Report

Two certifications:

- Mercy Health System, Janesville – Brian France, Senior MECH Certified
- Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Wausau – Damien Donathan, MECH Certified

MECH Board: Our next meeting, June 27th, we will review the MECH test pilot questions.

We are still in the process of updating the information for 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 we have this information it will be entered into our database, 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.

MECH Manager (or co-manager) Needed!

Jim Hildebrand has decided he needs to step down from managing the MECH program. We are looking for someone to step up and take over this important position on the education committee. Please contact Jim (jhildebrand@

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