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President's Message



Marc Teubert
WHEA President

I am always amazed at how fast the time goes by, another holiday season is upon us although as I write this in December it is 54 degrees outside. The Board of Directors met in early December and discussed the plans and goals for the upcoming year. Your chapter representatives have been tasked with going back to their Chapters and speak with their members on what issues or concerns they have or want the board to work on. I would also like to challenge all of our member that if you would like to be a part of the changes that will be occurring to contact their chapter rep or Al Neitzel who as past president spearheads the Task Force agenda for the year. I look forward to working with the Board and all the WHEA members this coming year. My hope is that everyone has a safe holiday season and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Thu - Jan 14, 2016 - **Lunch & Learn Series Webinar** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pmFri - Jan 22, 2016 - **EPDC Meeting** - 9:00 am to Noon - Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, WI DellsWed - Feb 3, 2016 - **Chapter II Meeting** - JF Ahern - Specialty Fire Protection SystemsThu - Feb 11, 2016 - **Lunch & Learn Series Webinar** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pmFri - Mar 4, 2016 - **Board Meeting** - 9:00 am to Noon - Glacier Canyon Conference Center, WI DellsTue - Mar 8, 2016 - **Code Committee Meeting** - 12:30 - 4:30 pm - Glacier Canyon Conference Center, WI DellsThu - Mar 10, 2016 - **Lunch & Learn Series Webinar** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pmSun - Mar 13, 2016 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS**Fri - Mar 25, 2016 - **Member Services Meeting** - 9:00 am to Noon - Glacier Canyon Conference Center, WI DellsWed - Mar 30, 2016 - **Healthcare Construction Certificate Program** - Milwaukee Sheraton, Brookfield

Code Critical Update

WHEA Codes & Standards Committee



Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair

Below you will find the first Code Critical Update article provided by WHEA's Codes and Standards Committee. These special newsletter articles will focus on time sensitive or quick hitter code related topics that may not warrant a full blown Code Alert.



Derek Schnabel
Co-Chair

DHS Staffing Announcements

The Codes and Standards Committee recently learned of Tom Ankeny's decision to retire from the Office of Plan Review and Inspection (OPRI), effective as of the end of October. DHS anticipates filling the vacant position sometime during the 2016 calendar year. In the meantime, however, DHS is working internally to re-assign roles and region maps to the remaining OPRI staff.

With Henry Kosarzycki's recent assignment to the Director of OPRI, his previous position of Supervisor is currently vacant. DHS anticipates filling that position sometime during the 2016 calendar year. For reference, a complete list of current OPRI staff contacts can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/plan-review/intake-contacts.htm>

CMS S&C 16-01: Revised Hospital Guidance for Pharmaceutical Services

CMS issued S&C 16-01 on October 30th, which updates both the hospital survey process and interpretive guidelines for pharmaceutical services Conditions of Participation (CoP). Revisions were made to bring the guidelines into alignment with current industry standards, including adoption of USP 797. Access the CMS website for more details.

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Chapter I Report



Martin Schutte
Chapter President

Chapter I met November 12 and toured the INPRO manufacturing Plant. The manufacturing process was emphasized. The product was demonstrated and shown to be advantageous to health care.

Recently Chapter I sent out a survey asking members what they liked about WHEA, how we could improve our meetings, what keeps them from attending and how do we retain members. Our goal is to enlist and keep members active. The results are in and will be shared with the Chapter I board in January for discussion. Any recommendations from the survey will be shared with the membership in February as well as the State Board.

Chapter II News



Debbie Scherer
Chapter President

Chapter II had our first regular Thursday meeting of the 2015-16 year at the Esquire Club in Madison on November 5. We recognized distinguished members for their continued years of service, with 5-40 year pins presented. We drew one name to receive a free educational seminar which went to member Tom Stank. We also voted in three new members – Welcome Mike Donohue, Chris McNicol and Ken Smith.

The November meeting saw the continued evolution of a few ideas geared at bolstering communications and participation of our membership. A Chapter II Facebook page was discussed and approved, with the page now active for membership communication and discussion. Please search for us under WHEA Chapter 2 and *LIKE US* on Facebook to follow what we are doing: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wheachapter2/>. Also in the works potentially is a teleconferencing option for regular monthly meetings so that we can reach more remote members. Lastly, positive feedback was received on ideas for future Chapter II meeting locations, presentations and social events - so stay tuned for some new adventures in 2016!

Further, a presentation was given by Akita Box at our November meeting and was geared towards *Building Information Modeling* in healthcare. It proved informative to all – thank-you to our presenter, John Mulcahey.

Recently this month we were privileged to join forces with JP Cullen to learn more about their extensive prefabrication process and subsequent construction efficiencies at Epic Headquarters in Verona. An interesting presentation and tour were enjoyed by membership on December 3. Special thanks to our hosts, JP Cullen and Epic, for sponsoring this exciting event.

Lastly, in February J.F. Ahern will present information focusing on installation and maintenance of *Specialty Fire Protection Systems*, including ansl, dry pipe, glycol, and other systems.

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Plant Services Director Earns Sustainability Award

Rick Beckler, right, presents "WHEA's very own" Roger Elliott with the Hospital Sister's Health System's first Roger Elliott Reverence to the Earth Champion Award at the group's annual conference in Springfield, Ill., in early September. Beckler, Hospital Sisters Health System environment director and leader of Reverence to the Earth for the hospital system, said Elliott had gone above and beyond in hospital sustainability. Elliott, Plant Services director at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, began the hospital's community garden in 2013.



Roger Elliott wasn't always crazy about recycling.

In the past, the Plant Services director at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital might have balked a time or two when asked to help raise awareness for the hospital's recycling endeavors.

But throughout the years Elliott's thoughts on reducing waste have changed.

Because of this turn around, Elliott was applauded for his work with the hospital's Reverence to the Earth Committee, and he was given the hospital system's first sustainability award during an annual conference in Springfield, Illinois, last month.

Not only is Elliott the first to win the award made of recycled wood, but he is the award's namesake. The Roger Elliott Reverence to the Earth Champion Award was the brainchild of Hospital Sisters Health System Environment Director Rick Beckler.

Beckler, leader of Reverence to the Earth for the hospital system, had Elliott in mind when the award was created.

"It's for outstanding performance in sustainability," Beckler said by phone last week. "It's someone in Reverence to the Earth or within our green teams that has gone way beyond the call of duty. Roger

has done that."

From the ground up in 2013, Elliott developed HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Community Garden. He teamed with administrators, community organizations and colleagues to secure the land, have it tilled and prepped, recruit gardeners, figure out logistics and feed fresh vegetables to those in need in Chippewa County.

"Roger (Elliott) put a lot of personal time into the garden," Beckler said. "I've noticed his efforts locally have been a flame in lighting up sustainability throughout the system. Roger (Elliott) is very passionate about it."

This year alone, Elliott has connected with several food pantries in Chippewa County and personally delivers fresh vegetables to each one. By the end of September, Elliott had logged more than 675 pounds of food donated from community garden plots to pantries in the Chippewa Valley.

"That's what motivates me is being around all of this stuff," Elliott said Friday. "When you are actually delivering the produce, when you're growing the produce, when you see the look on people's faces – that's what makes it worthwhile." *(continued on page 6)*

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Sustainability Award

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Service organizations also are welcome to rent plots and are asked to donate their harvest to local food pantries through the hospital.

Through a community needs assessment done by several entities including Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership and St. Joseph's Hospital, it was determined that food insecurity is a significant problem in the county. The community requested that the hospital and its committees look at ways get food to people and people to food.

At the age of 66, Elliott plans to retire in the upcoming months. But his passion for recycling and sustainability will remain. He plans to volunteer as the lead in charge of the Community Garden for the hospital's Reverence to the Earth Committee.

He also will continue sustainability efforts beyond the hospital's campus.

"Now it really bothers me when people at home don't sort trash the way it is supposed to be sorted," he said. "Once you learn it, once you internalize it, it becomes a part of you."

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Conference Committee Report



*Mike Blackwood
 Committee Co-Chair*



*Derek Marshall
 Committee Co-Chair*

Although the 2015 WHEA Annual Conference and its "Rocketing Into The Next 50 Years" theme is now delegated to the past, the Conference Committee's 2016 conference planning is well underway. We will be returning to a more traditional scheduling format for this year's conference with our open house reception on Tuesday night, technical exhibit on Wednesday, and banquet on Thursday night.

Some of the program subjects being planned relate to sustainability projects, facility enhancements and processes related to security, team and mentorship training, as well as the code updates and discussions. We are also looking into

the possibility of holding the Thursday evening banquet and awards ceremony off-site from the Hyatt. Spouses and guests of conference attendees will once again be encouraged to attend the conference with special events planned just for them. Watch for further 2016 annual conference details in upcoming newsletters.

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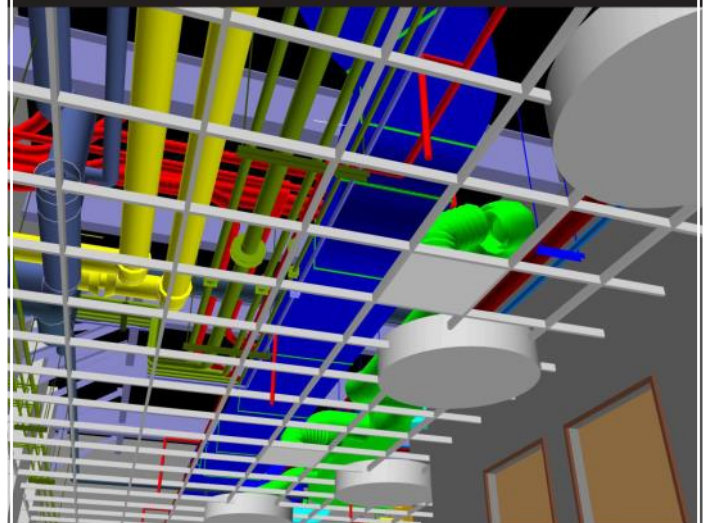
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Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) Report



*Jim Teunas
Co-Chair*

The EPDC had a busy and productive 2015.

Along with the 3 Healthcare Construction Certificate programs that were held in Brookfield, La Crosse, and Wisconsin Dells, we also provided a Spring Code Conference, all with the help of the WHEA Codes & Standards Committee. These site based programs were well attended and highly rated on the evaluations.

Our Lunch & Learn Webinar Series was a great success again this year and had a total of 101 registered log ins, with approximately 2200 people watching in all. The evaluations we receive continue to tell us how highly valuable these webinars are.

A huge thank you to our EPDC members for all they do to continue to provide the WHEA membership, and beyond, with timely educational programs. Their guidance and skill in finding presenters for the hot topic programs that everyone finds useful, is invaluable.



*Marc Teubert
Co-Chair*

2016

We are continuing the Lunch & Learn Webinar Series in 2016 and complete information on registration and tentatively scheduled topics can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

Below is our tentative site-based program schedule for 2016, registration/information for each program will be available at www.whea.com approximately 6 weeks for their respective dates.

2016 TENTATIVE SITE-BASED PROGRAM SCHEDULE

3/30/16 - Healthcare Construction Certificate
(Brookfield)

4/18/16 - Spring Code Conference
(Wisconsin Dells)

6/15/16 - Healthcare Construction Certificate
(Green Bay/Appleton)

10/26/16 - Healthcare Construction Certificate
(Eau Claire)

If you have any questions regarding educational programs, or joining the Education and Professional Development team, please contact Jane at 920.779.9167 or bruvold@sbcglobal.net.



Education & Professional Development Committee (EPDC) Members!

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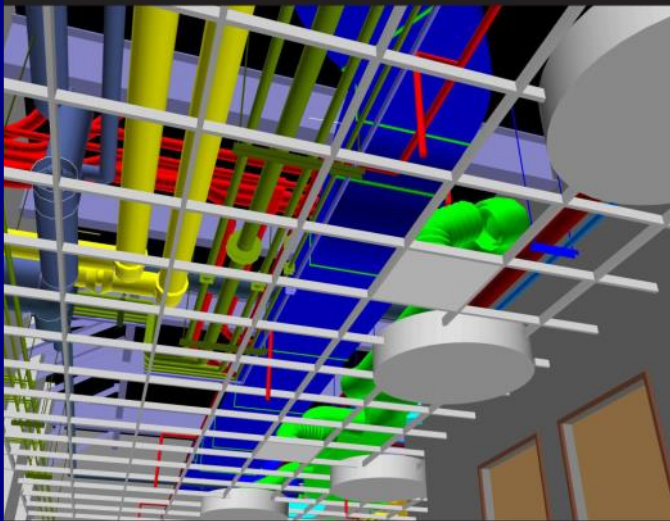
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2016 WEBINAR TOPICS

This list of scheduled topics is subject to change.

1/14/16 - PlanGrid.com / Online Project Planning	7/14/16 - Joint Commission Basics
2/11/16 - Thermal Distribution	8/11/16 - Utility Risk Assessment
3/10/16 - You Are The Inspector	9/8/16 - Boiler Maintenance
4/14/16 - Legionella Risk Assessment	10/13/16 - Pressure Relationships
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- Performing other duties as needed.

Qualifications required include:

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture/Engineering/Construction Management or an equivalent combination of education and/or experience.
- Five years project management experience with two years of experience in hospital facilities project management. Must possess a working knowledge of all building professions, trades and crafts along with demonstrated proficiency in organizing, reading, and interpreting construction documents. LEED – AP desirable.
- Ability to work collaboratively and communicate professionally with administration, physicians, clinical and support services staff, inspectors, contractors, professional consultants, vendors and members of the community.
- Familiarity with construction codes and The Joint Commission standards. Proficient knowledge of contracting, mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems, controls, and construction.
- Skill in use of computer system, utilizing all necessary software. Proficient in MS-Office. Proficient in project management tools and techniques. MS Project and AutoCad experience preferred.
- Ability to quickly analyze situations and implement appropriate solutions and action plans.
- Ability to access and inspect buildings and grounds including climbing ladders, stairwells, rooftops, confined areas, and all other areas of the construction site.
- Ability to prepare correspondence and required project documents.
- Strong organizational skills. Able to set priorities and work with minimal supervision.

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