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Harley Herold
WHEA President

President's Message

Hello everyone, another Christmas has come and gone. I hope everyone's stockings were filled with all the blessings you were dreaming of. We have a chance for a few more celebrations over the New Year's Holiday. This is a great excuse for all the chapters to meet maybe have a get together and enjoy each other's company. I am looking forward to the white elephant gift exchange at the Chapter one's Christmas party coming up shortly. Always remember we are an organization made up of people. The person and there needs have to come first before we can carry out our business effectively. So wish your friends Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays and all the blessings that will make their lives complete.

Just before Christmas I was able to Visit one of our chapters meetings. I get a chance to see first-hand the challenges and successes of each chapter as I visit them. I must say Chapter four is doing well and making plans for the New Year. It is so good to visit these chapters and see all that they are doing to make a difference in their part of the state. Thank You chapter four I had a great time meeting everyone and presenting our goals for the New Year. I am looking forward to visiting the rest of the chapters over the next few months.

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WHEA President Message (continued)

Our goals for the next year have been created to put sustainable succession planning in place. WHEA requires people who have been mentored that can fill our positions as we all move closer to retirement and grow. After our last board meeting the Mechanics committee, Foundation Committee, and Energy to Care committees met. The committees are meeting to find ways to mentor our Mechanics and college students to make them successful and get them into the Healthcare leadership field. The Energy to Care Committee is working to make facilities a department that gives back to the hospital in energy savings. Let's make WHEA the best in the country on Energy savings just as we are on Education. Thank You, chapters for your support to get these committees off the ground. All the committees and Foundation board reports were very positive. They are setting goals and schedules to set them up to be sustainable for the long term. Chapter members, anyone interested in these committees may join them it will take good minds and workers at the chapters level to make them all successful. As the committees move ahead this year we will see recommendations and some work for the chapters.

Caring about others and Working together is what will make us successful in all we do. ~Harley

2017 WHEA CALENDAR

- Sun Jan 1 - New Year's Day
- Tue Jan 3 - Chapter VI Meeting 12:00 p.m. at the La Crosse Building Exchange
- Thu Jan 12 - Chapter I Meeting
- Thu Jan 12 - Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- Mon Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- Thu Jan 19 - Chapter III Meeting
- Fri Jan 20 - Education Committee Meeting 9 am - Kalahari Resort WI Dells / Ebony Rm
- Mon Jan 30 - Directory Article & Advertising Deadline
- Thu Feb 2 - Chapter II Meeting - David Soens, LSC K-tags
- Thu Feb 9 - Chapter I Meeting
- Thu Feb 9 - Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- Tue Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Mon Feb 20 - Presidents' Day
- Tue Feb 28 - www.whea.com Database Edit Deadline
- Thu Mar 2 - Chapter II Meeting - Divine Savior, Portage - Facility Tour
- Fri Mar 3 - Education Committee Conference Call 9 am
- Tue Mar 7 - Code Committee Meeting 1 pm - Glacier Canyon Conference Center, WI Dells
- Thu Mar 9 - Chapter I Meeting
- Thu Mar 9 - Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
- Fri Mar 10 - Board Meeting 9 am -
Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Fri Mar 10 - Newsletter Article Deadline
- Sun Mar 12 - Daylight Saving Time starts
- Thu Mar 16 - Chapter III Meeting
- Wed Mar 22 - HCC Program - Brookfield
- Fri Mar 24 - Member Services Committee 9 am
Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Fri Mar 31 - Newsletter Mailing Deadline -
Glacier Canyon, WI Dells
- Thu Apr 6 - Chapter II Meeting -
Unity Point-Meriter, Madison -
Facility Tour



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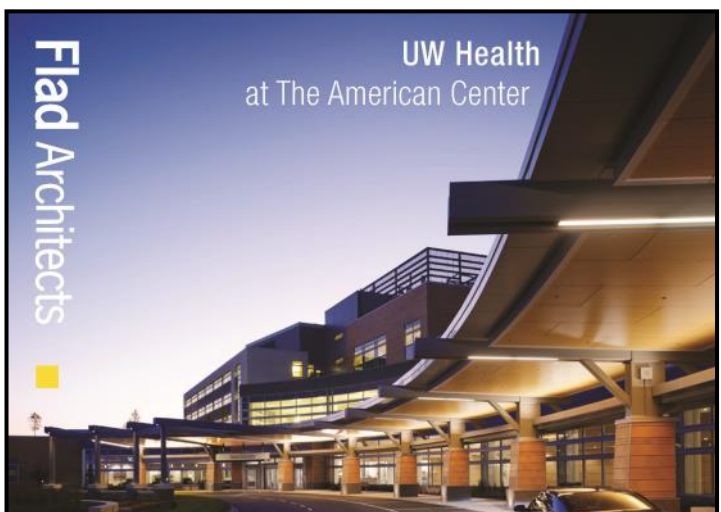
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WHEA President's Goals Update

by Harley Herold

ASHE Energy to Care Program

Darrell Courtney Chapter V Leading this Committee

- I am looking for at least two motivated members from each chapter to be on this committee for your chapter.
- The members would make the program a reality in your chapter.
- One of the members from each chapter would be the state representative at the quarterly committee meetings in the Dells.
- They would bring back the assignments for the chapters and lead chapter's effort.
- There will be Monthly conference calls with all the committee members to keep this effort moving ahead.

Mechanics Certification Program.

Martin Schutte Chapter 1 will be leading this Committee.

- I am looking for at least one motivated member from each chapter to be on this committee to and make recommendations for what is best for the WHEA Mechanics in the future.
- Mechanic involvement.
- Give them a path to success
- Get mechanics to Chapter Meetings
- Give them the opportunity to go to the WHEA state Conference.
- There will be monthly conference calls with the committee members to keep this effort moving ahead.
- A face to face committee meeting will take place quarterly at the Dells the same date that the state board meets.

Chapter Meeting Conference Call In System

- The state needs to give the chapters the tools to allow the chapters to meet easily.
- Northern chapters would really benefit from a state system of this kind.
- Allow members that cannot make it to meetings to attend.
- Any chapter member could attend any meeting throughout the state for education or just to attend a meeting in any of the six chapters (maybe someday chapter seven).
- Need interested parties in this objective to come forward and help make this a reality.


WHEA Foundation

- Discussion.
- Motivate Foundation Board to finish Mission and Vision
- Succession planning.
- Once this is completed WHEA must work to give the Foundation the tools to be able to carry out this mission.
- Let's get behind this.

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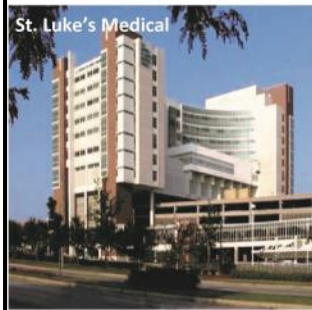
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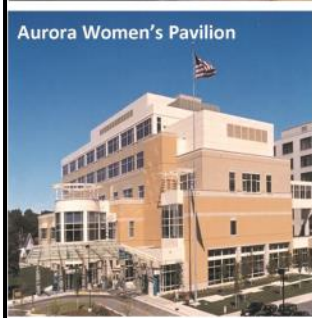




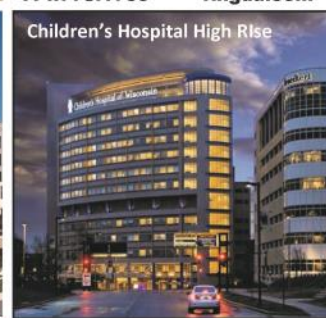
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Conference Committee 2017



Mike Blackwood
Committee Co-Chair

The Conference Committee met in December in an effort to develop a preliminary conference schedule and agenda earlier for publication in the annual directory.

The theme for the 2017 Annual Conference will be "The Next Generation". Some of our breakout sessions will focus on this theme relating to mentoring and succession planning.

Tech Exhibit registration has been open as of November and registrations have been coming in steadily. We predict that the technical exhibition will fill up and there will be a waiting list as in the past, and we encourage companies that would like to exhibit to sign up early.

The 2017 52nd Annual Conference will be held in La Crosse at the La Crosse Center on September 19th through the 22nd. Watch for conference information at www.whea.com under the Annual Conference tab. Be sure to mark your calendars and we'll see you there!



Derek Marshall
Committee Co-Chair

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*Chris Patraw
Chapter President*

Chapter VI News

The last Chapter VI meeting was held on November 1st at La Crosse Building Exchange where we had a great turn out.

Charter VI goals this year are:

1. To use our Education session to tie new construction into hospital move in.
2. To get Chapter members to volunteer for State Committees.

The Chapter VI education session was presented by Jeff Eckstein. He spoke about Healthcare Construction ILS-M's and ICRA's-Overview of the components.

Our next education session in January is on New Construction Cleaning sequences for piping installation.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at the La Crosse Building Exchange.

Chapter II News



*Bryant Stempinski
Chapter President*

Sipping hot chocolate and looking out upon the snow covered acreage I recall some good memories of past WHEA events. One particular moment I remember was at September's annual dinner banquet when Harley Herold the WHEA state President-elect took a moment to acknowledge all of those that have contributed and continue to contribute to Making WHEA Great! It's really about the people he went on to say.

Harley's message represents the positive spirit and the ideal attitude that will only help propel our organization into 2017 and beyond - I am thankful for this.

In Chapter 2, our very own Vice President, Matt Georgeson, has filled out the rest of the meeting schedule. After taking a break in January – David Soens will heat things up for us in February with the unique opportunity to hear about the New Life Safety Code Surveyor Checklist and K-tags.

Please help spread the word about our Chapter II Facebook Group. We have 26 members in the group and I know there are many more members that could contribute and benefit from seeing updates and meetings posted within the group. FYI – The group is a closed (private) to members and can be used to start discussion about trends or questions about a healthcare engineering topic.

Chapter 2 Member dues are to be sent to John Pohlmann by February 14th. Please forward to him if you haven't already done so.

In closing, as we approach Christmas and you enjoy time with colleagues, friends and family remember to stay positive and recall the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chapter II Meeting Dates:

- Thu Feb 2 Chapter II Meeting – David Soens, LSC K-tags
- Thu Mar 2 Chapter II Meeting – Divine Savior, Portage, Facility Tour
- Thu Apr 6 Chapter II Meeting – Unity Point-Meriter, Madison, Facility Tour
- Thu May 4 Chapter II Meeting – Green Acres, Sauk City, Annual Banquet

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Chapter I Update



Isaac Larson
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Merry Christmas from Southeast Wisconsin!!

My name is Isaac Larson and I am the current WHEA Chapter I President. I am the manager of Facility Planning & Development at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin and have been an active member of WHEA for many years. I'm very proud to be the current active president, and with the strong support of our board members and chapter members, Chapter I is doing great things!

Chapter I officially meets once a month for our sessions (with the exception of July & August). Each month the meeting is held at a different location and is accompanied by many great educational sessions. Sponsorship and presentation at these sessions is in high demand, in fact we are already filling up for the 2017-2018 Chapter I season!

Some of the educational opportunities on the list for this year include; Life Safety Code updates, Technical College presentation from WCTC, Water Standards for Healthcare, Indoor Air Quality for Healthcare, Medical Gas Specifications for Healthcare, Integrated Project Delivery methodologies, Building Automation for Healthcare and Fire Stopping within Healthcare Rated Walls.

As mentioned above, we have a very strong Chapter I Board this year. Additionally, we are fortunate to have standing committee leaders that continue to fill our chapter with knowledge and essentially real-time updates. Chapter I has established five distinct goals for this year, as listed below. I'm happy to report that great progress is being made within each item.

- a. ASHE awareness
- b. Create a Sustainability Committee
- c. Promote "Energy to Care"
- d. Make Donations throughout the Year
- e. Outreach to next Generation of Healthcare Facility Managers

Lastly, one of my greatest beliefs is that networking and relaxing conversation among chapter members and friends goes along way. We really try and keep our meetings and social gatherings as comfortable as possible, such that all can feel welcome. With that, there are also three Chapter I events throughout the year to promote friendship and networking among new and old members. Those events include; the fall Golf Outing, the mid-winter Holiday Gathering and the late-spring / early-summer Annual Banquet.

Thanks for taking the time to read this update. I'm hopeful that the New Year brings you much peace, relaxation and opportunity!

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Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) Report



*Jim Teunas
Co-Chair*

The Education and Professional Development Committee has completed its slate of programs for 2016 with a record number of both members and non members taking advantage of its sessions.

The last 3 webinars of the year were held with one minor glitch with the scheduled presenter having an emergency and not being able to provide the webinar. The December webinar was rescheduled and held a little over a week later.



*Marc Teubert
Co-Chair*

October's webinar was titled "Room Pressurization in Healthcare Facilities" presented by Kris Dubiel of MEP Associates. November's webinar on "Preparing for Fire Door Inspections" was presented by G.R. Zechman of Allegion and our December make up webinar was presented by Marge McFarlane, titled "Patient Safety Chapter - Not Just for Nurses".

Our webinar subscription service continues to be a very sought after educational offering and the EPDC will be offering it again in 2017. Please see the flyer on the following page and be sure to sign up today for the webinar subscription series so that you don't miss out on the early 2017 webinars.

Go to www.whea.com under the Education tab and follow the dropdowns to Webinars. You'll find complete information on the subscription service and a link to the registration form.

In 2017, we will once again hold 3 Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) programs around the state with the help of our Codes & Standards Committee members. The dates for these classes will be March 22, June 14 and October 25. The locations for these HCC classes hasn't been determined yet. Check back at the WHEA website for finalized program information.

There are also plans to hold our "Spring Code Update" program again this year. No date has been determined yet, but the details are being worked out with the Codes & Standards Committee and additional speakers.

We are also exploring a mechanic site-based program for 2017. An email survey was sent out and is in the process of being tallied. Further information will be available in the future regarding this educational program. Thank you to the people that sent their surveys back. Feedback from our members really helps the committee determine which direction our educational programs will head.




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"Appreciated the variety & amount of info provided."

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To receive the members only discounted rate, you must log into the WHEA members only site and use the Members Only registration form. If you don't have a members only login, email bruvold@sbcglobal.com to set up your members only access.

You may sign up anytime during the year but the cost will stay the same - there is no individual webinar pricing. All webinars will be recorded and you will receive a link to that recording after the webinar has been presented. Even if you are not able to attend, you can still have these important updates to watch at your convenience.

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2017 TENTATIVE TOPICS

JANUARY	Suites/2012 New Approaches	JULY	Chapter 43 Rehab
FEBRUARY	Med Gas	AUGUST	Pest Control
MARCH	CMS Emergency Preparedness	SEPTEMBER	NFPA 25
APRIL	Fire Plans & Fire Drills	OCTOBER	Safety / Security After Action Plan
MAY	Grounds/Rounding - Environmental Impacts	NOVEMBER	2012 LSC Comparisons / Final
JUNE	Legionella / Ice Machines / Water Treatment	DECEMBER	Egress Code Changes

Final Webinars of the 2016 Subscription Series

by Heather Lauzon Werner, Education & Professional Development Committee

October 13 "Room Pressurization" presented by Kris Dubiel, DES – Mechanical Designer

Maintaining the proper pressure relationships in healthcare is important for several reasons including: odor control, infection control, fume control, maintaining "clean" areas and preventing "dirty" areas from spreading into neutral areas, and thereby protecting patients and staff. As a whole, it is preferred that a building is slightly positive in order to minimize the infiltration of cold, pollens, and mold, however this is difficult to control with multiple air handling systems or with multiple floor levels.

Specific areas that are required by regulatory agencies to maintain positive pressure include: Operating Rooms, Cath Labs, Critical and Intensive Care, Newborn intensive Care, Trauma, Laser Eye Rooms, Protective Environment Rooms, Medication Rooms, Pharmacies, Endoscopy Rooms, Central Supply Clean Work Rooms, Central Supply Sterile Storage, and Clean Workrooms.

At the other end of the spectrum are the areas that are required to maintain negative pressurization in relation to the adjoining spaces. These areas include: Toilet Rooms, Gas storage, ER waiting, Triage, ER decontamination, Radiology waiting areas, Airborne Infection Isolation (AII) Rooms, Central supply decontamination, Sterilizer Equipment Rooms, Laboratories, Endoscope cleaning areas, Hydrotherapy, Physical Therapy, Dishwashing, Laundry, Soiled linen, Janitor's closets, Soiled workrooms, Hazardous material storage, Bathing rooms, and Beauty shops.

The pressure differentials required for some of these spaces are very small and therefore the monitoring devices used need to be properly calibrated. Some of the AHJ's will reference FGI / ASHRAE 170, USP 797, or AAMI ST79 for compliance.

Nov 10 "Preparing for Fire Door Inspections" presented by G.R. Zeckman of Allegion

With the adoption of the 2012 Life Safety Code, annual Fire Door inspections are now required. The specific inspection points are located in chapter 5 of NFPA 80 2010 edition. These requirements are for both new and existing facilities. The person performing the inspections must have knowledge of the operating components of the type of door. Before opening the door for a functional test, it must be visually inspected to ensure that there is nothing about the door that will endanger anyone if you open the door. Any obstructions to the operation of the door are not allowed. At a minimum, the items that must be inspected include: 1) No open holes or breaks in the door or frame surface 2) the glazing is intact, securely fastened, and properly labeled 3) hardware is secured, aligned, and in working order 4) No missing or broken parts 5) Clearances are limited to 1/8" (measured from the pull side of beveled doors) on vertical and horizontal edges and 3/4" undercut 6) Self-closing devices completely close from full open position 7) Coordinators ensure the inactive leaf closes before the active leaf 8) Latching hardware operates and secures 9) Nothing that interferes with the operation 10) Field modifications of fire doors are not allowed, however, you can request permission. If you are granted permission, be certain to maintain documentation. 11) If required, gasketing and edge seals must be present and intact.

Chapter III Update



*Greg Skaar
Chapter President*

Chapter III had 6 meetings in 2016 which included a golf outing at Royal St. Patrick's which was greatly attended. Stephanie Bellin from ThedaCare provided programs on "Civility in the Workplace" and "Assertive Communication". Brady Corporation put on a "Lockout/Tagout" program. Maaco Flooring provided information on new flooring products for healthcare. SNI and Casper's Truck Equipment put on a "Snow and Ice Management" program. Round table discussions were implemented and topics such as the 2012 life safety code and best practices were discussed. Facility tours included the new steam turbines at the Appleton Medical Center and the snow and ice management equipment at ThedaCare in Neenah. Sponsorships for memberships to Chapter III, ASHE and CHFM were offered or awarded. Educational sponsorships for HCC programs, the annual conference and the WHEA webinar series were awarded.

Chapter III provided members to participate on the two new state committees – "Energy to Care" and "MECH Review"

2017 meeting dates are: Jan 19, Mar 16, May 18, July TBD, Sept 21 and Nov 16 which will include educational programs, facility tours and another golf outing.

Thank you to Past President Rick Helfrich and my current fellow officers:

Chris Dahlby – Vice President

Amy Cote – Secretary/Treasurer

Shane Raymaker – Officer at Large

Codes & Standards Committee

This article supported by the Codes & Standards Committee outlines a method to simplify the LSC transition currently underway in Wisconsin.

Adoption of the 2012 LSC – Waiver Provisions for Plan Review



Jeff Eckstein
Co-Chair

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) adopted the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code (LSC) and began surveying for compliance on November 1, 2016.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Wis. Admin. Code Chapters DHS 124, DHS131, DHS 132 and DHS 134 currently adopt the 2000 edition of the LSC. Revision of these chapters has begun, yet is not anticipated to be completed until well into the year 2017.

In the interim, these Wis. Admin. Codes allow for the granting of a waiver to have plan review contract documents reviewed under the 2012 LSC. If a hospital, hospice, nursing home, or facilities serving people with developmental disabilities wishes to request a waiver with

their future plan submittal, they are encouraged to review the details available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/plan-review/index.htm>



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The ASHE Region 6 Report

ASHE is working on a NEW Chapter Connections newsletter to spotlight those chapters who are doing something new/innovative/creative/different to enhance their operations and to engage their members. This section will share what Chapters are doing in hopes of helping other chapters in improving their operations. ASHE will be spotlighting at least one chapter in each issue of the Connections starting with the upcoming issue. This is going to be a special issue that will go out in December.

Region 6 Educational Conference

The Region 6 Educational Conference is unique in ASHE as for the past 15 years it has been ASHE's only annual regional conference. The ongoing success of the conference is a result of the efforts of a group of very dedicated volunteer members. These volunteer committee members representing each of Region 6's State Chapters come together each fall to start planning the conference for the following spring. The team will spend dozens of hours developing the conference program. They will engage recognized experts in the healthcare field to plan presentations on issues impacting facility management and healthcare engineering today.

It is inspiring to witness the commitment of these members and see firsthand the cooperation from the Chapters in our Region, pulling together to create this exceptional educational program supporting the ongoing development of our members.

The experience of participating on a team of this caliber has been very rewarding and I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to work with the Region 6 Conference Committee for the past few years!

I wish everyone save travels this Holiday season and may your celebrations be filled with joy and happiness!

Respectfully,

Dean Pufahl, CHFM


ASHE Region 6 Director

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