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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I believe spring has finally arrived, at least here in Madison. I do miss shoveling, scraping ice off my windshield, wearing a heavy jacket and gloves, warming up the car for 20 minutes, and driving around on slippery roads. I may do an expedition to the North Pole sometime in July or August to get the old winter feel back. I fired up the snowmobile the other day, but it just wasn't the same riding on grass as it is in snow. My neighbors did not seem very happy again.

I have been reflecting on this past year for me as President. I have grown quite a bit over this time. I used to be 5'10", and now I am 6' 2". In a couple short months it will be time to pass the torch to your new President, Kyle Roux. Just thinking about that final day brings a tear to my eye. I have stocked up on Kleenex for that day, and plan on taking a week's vacation to help the healing process.

I would highly recommend new or existing chapter members to get involved in any capacity. There are many ways to get involved. You can get on and potentially become a member or chair of one of our teams. You can attend tours, luncheons, educational events, after hours' socials, or a host of other opportunities. We have a fantastic infrastructure built to assist members who have work related needs or questions. If you wish to become a member of the executive team, that opportunity exists, but you have to get involved. I took the initiative to get involved on a variety of different teams, and participated in many extracurricular events to meet people. It was a simple and very rewarding path.

If you are involved and active in our chapter, thank you. If you are not active, please look into the plethora of opportunities this chapter presents. You only get out of life what you put into it. There have been some fantastic leaders over the years that have transformed and shaped this organization. You can make a difference, but you have to get involved. I am getting a bit teary eyed, so I had better stop now. We will talk more later.

- Mike Schwartz

IMFAison Hosts 2013 Tri-Chapter Event



2013 marks the 22nd Anniversary of the Tri-Chapter Symposium in Wisconsin. This year our theme was Building the Future, and the event -- attended by more than 100 people -- was held at on Friday, May 10 at American Family Insurance on American Family Parkway in Madison.

Throughout the day the topics included:

- Wisconsin BIM
- ADA Updates
- Why is Sustainability important to FM?
- ICE Visualization Software Demonstration for interiors - Bill O'Neill, DIRT The importance of IFMA credentials
- Retro-commissioning
- I can use my phone for that?!?! Using your phone/iPad to be more effective
- CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management Software)
- Pre-Fab Solutions

Finally we closed with a presentation by John Ruiz, Johnson Controls, discussing A Day in the Life of a Smart Building.

April Chapter Luncheon Recap

Jim Burke, The Bruce Company

Jim shared his 25+ years in the landscape maintenance industry, speaking to the attendees on the topic of Spring cleaning and the best tactics for preserving their landscaping for this time of year.

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Important Announcement

IFMA's strategic planning team is meeting this month to set the chapter's course for 2013-2104. Comprised of old members, newer members, professionals and associates, the team brings a diverse cadre of perspectives to formulate our annual survey and ultimately revise our Annual Blueprint, IFMA-Madison's FM vernacular Balanced Scorecard.

Over the week of May 6th, our chapter sent you a link to our annual member survey. This is the only survey we typically do and its incredibly important, and we appreciate the feedback from our members.

If you would like to get involved in this sort of activity, have a say in chapter direction and outcome, speak with any of the IFMA- Madison executives to get on an IFMA-Madison team. Nothing beats team membership for developing understanding our chapter and creating meaningful relationships with your IFMA peers.



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IFMA Madison Green Corner

SkillsUSA Competition April 11, 2013

By Leah Samson-Samuel

Brett Wedekind, Andy Brophy, and I attended the 40th Annual State Competition for SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA is a career and technical student organization that serves high school and college students in technical, skilled, and service occupations.

This was the second year members from IFMA judged a Sustainable Solutions Competition for SkillsUSA. This competition is designed to promote innovation and excellence in sustainable products and practices. The teams must provide a written proposal, demonstrate a prototype, and give a presentation to the judges. Each team has two students and they must exhibit equal knowledge about the project. The written proposal must include the following components:

- An Executive Summary that briefly describes the project (less than one page)
- A statement of need (make your case – including data from your research as to why your product or concept is of value)
- Demonstrated results of projected results that indicate how your project will meet these needs
- The evolution of the project (meeting notes, preliminary prototypes and refinements, photos, etc.)
- A financial analysis of the project (startup costs, projected market, projected revenues, estimated costs, etc.) to demonstrate the long term and short term viability of the project.



There were two teams competing this year. The first place winner proposed using wind energy for street lights with a horizontally mounted levitating wind turbine. The wind turbine would levitate by using magnets so there would be no gears to maintain only a belt that transfers the turning motion from the blades to the generator. The second place winner proposed heating homes with black metal containers mounted on the exterior of the home. The air in the containers would be heated by the sun and a solar fan would transfer the air to the interior of the home.

It was fun to see both creative solutions of each team and it will be interesting to see what is developed for next year. IFMA will also work with SkillsUSA and WGBA on a Green Your School

Credential Courses

*The **FMP** designation is for entry-level and transitioning facility professionals who do not yet have the hands on experience required for obtaining the CFM. A knowledge-based credential, the **FMP** is designed to accelerate an FM's transition into the profession and prepare for the demands of today's dynamic workplace.*

Why should you get an FMP?

The course curriculum required to achieve IFMA's FMP credential will prepare you for the unique challenges of the profession, focusing on competencies essential to an FM's day to day responsibilities

FMP's who maintain their professional growth have a greater chance of successfully completing the CFM Exam and joining the elite circle of Certified Facility Managers.

Whether you are applying for a position or promotion in the field or planning to do business with a FM, the letters "FMP" after your name demonstrate your professional knowledge.

Who should apply for an FMP?

- Facility management practitioners with less than five years of experience.
- Transitioning professionals with significant experience in related careers.
- Partner practitioners such as architects, designers and safety engineers
- Associated corporate providers of FM products and services
- Students entering the profession from colleges, universities and certificate or technical programs

Three Simple Steps

Step 1: Register

Reserve your spot today!

Step 2: Complete the required courses

The FMP requires the completion of four approved IFMA courses, designed to provide attendees with critical skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in facility management. You are required to take and pass an online 50-question timed exam after you have completed each module. If you register for all four modules at once, you have two years to pass the exams. If you sign up for each module separately, you will have one year to pass the exam for each module.

Step 3: Apply for IFMA designation

Once you have passed the four exams you can then apply to IFMA in Houston for the FMP Designation, which is a one-time fee of \$135.

*These courses are considered IFMA "Provided" and the **Madison, Southeast Wisconsin** and **North-east Wisconsin** Chapters of IFMA are able to offer these classes at a considerable savings.*

Questions?

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March / April Chapter Tour(s) Recap #1

IFMA Madison's March tour (postponed to April 4) was the newly completed **Lighthouse of Sun Prairie** senior living community. The developer, owner and operator is the family-owned New Perspective Senior Living. The 185,000-square-foot community offers 152 apartments including studio, one- and two-bedroom units within 60 independent living units, 48 assisted living units and 44 memory care units. Our host, Director of Maintenance Christian Ellestad, led us on a tour that of the Starbucks' bistro, fitness center, mechanical room, library, spa, salon, pub and all-purpose community room. Highlights included the warm water therapy pool with the Dectron Dry-O-Tron energy recycling dehumidifier and the examples of each of the types of apartment units. We were impressed by the call system that allows staff to locate residents needing assistance to within 10 feet of their location.

Thank you to Christian for hosting our members and their guests on this tour of his facility while the construction punchlist was still in progress! Please see the accompanying photos.



March / April Chapter Tour(s) Recap #2

Our second April tour occurred on the 30th, and included a comprehensive tour of the UW Biochemistry Complex. Here are some photos from that tour:





IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

Some topics and tours are tentative and subject to change

May 2013

- 10 Tri-Chapter with SEW & NEW
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Brewers game with SEW Chapter

June 2013

- 11 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Sponsor Appreciation Event at Badger Bowl

July 2013

- 9 Executive Board Meeting
- 16 Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- 30 Golf Classic - Stoughton Country Club

August 2013

- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Chapter Luncheon Meeting

September 2013

- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Chapter Luncheon Meeting

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