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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Connections

For this month's letter, I'd like to focus on "Connections." The idea came to me as I spend much of my day today in flight between Madison and Indianapolis which includes 4 flights, 2 connections, 2 hours on the road, and a facility tour. The trip began at 6 a.m. this morning and will conclude at 9:00 p.m. tonight. A full day, but nothing out of the ordinary for those of you involved in facilities management. Hence, let's talk about how we can best utilize our connections.

IFMA Madison is a great source for "Connections." Last month's golf outing was a fine example of how IFMA Madison brings facilities professionals together in a fun and social environment while helping to form beneficial connections promoting member relationships and collaborations.

The monthly luncheons and tours also allow you to connect with fellow members and show support for the facilities profession. The informal nature of these gatherings is enhanced by the sharing of ideas and best practices that occur during these casual interactions.

Of course IFMA Madison offers many other opportunities to connect including our many educational offerings (circles of excellence, web casts, CFM study groups), new member events and frequent social gatherings. Your initial responses to our annual IFMA Madison survey have already reinforced the value of networking to our membership and we will continue to look for ways to build upon this already strong aspect of our organization.

World Workplace is another way to reinforce your connections both locally and nationally. This year's event will be held in New Orleans on Oct. 24 through 26 and is widely considered the premiere facilities management conference of the year. Over 20 IFMA Madison members have already registered and we hope even more will take part. We also have several members signed up to participate in a post Katrina workday on Tuesday, October 23 which is a great way to pitch in for a needy cause.

My plane has landed so I must proceed to my final connection of the day. Remember to take advantage of your connections as well.

Till next month,  
Larry

## Chapter Monthly Luncheon

September 18, 2007

12 Noon - Sheraton Madison

The September 18<sup>th</sup> IFMA luncheon meeting will include a presentation by member Jim Zirbel titled "Electronic Security with Teeth – Policy, Design and Implementation." This presentation's primary focus is to filter the facts from fiction in an increasingly-ubiquitous, yet frequently misunderstood industry that all too often fails to perform its task. Jim Zirbel serves as Managing Principal and Senior Consultant at Capital Fire & Security, Inc., a privately held electronic security firm and CAP-COM.net wireless building security intercoms.

**Luncheon Reminder:** Please remember to RSVP to the IFMA Madison office each month if you plan on attending our lunch programs each. Reservations need to be in by the deadline to ensure we have enough seating for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation, we look forward to seeing you at each meeting.

## IFMA's September Tour

Details about the September IFMA Tour are being finalized, but tentatively we will be touring the Tri-North Building. Please watch for email blasts for more information.

## August Luncheon Recap: Paving for Facility Managers

Thanks again to Steve McLeod of Asphalt Seal and Repair, presenter of the program at the August IFMA Luncheon. Steve reviewed his 10½ Mistakes Most Asphalt Buyers Make. If anyone would like additional information on asphalt issues, please contact Steve at (920) 338-0130.

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## IFMAdison Member Profile

### Matt Darga, CFM

#### How long have you been involved with IFMA?

I joined in the fall of 2003. It is amazing how much has changed for me since then. It makes the last 4 years seem much longer. IFMA - especially the Madison chapter of folks - have been the most important part of those changes!

#### Brief history of work experience:

My work history in the last 4 years provides interesting fodder for discussions of change and management of it. I often wonder what the future holds for me, our profession, and work life in general as the speed of change increases. I think the ability to adapt will be an attribute most valuable for facility managers.

#### Offices held in IFMA, if any:

You will notice on the website that there was no newsletter from November 04 to June 05. I recall that in June of 2005, Laura Huttner asked if I would be the newsletter chair. Actually, I think she said that I will be the newsletter chair - I'm not sure that I could have said no. I was glad to be a part of it. As many committee members will attest, getting involved provides the best value to you. In managing the newsletter, I felt that I always knew what was going on in the chapter.

#### What you look forward to most about your new IFMA position?

I felt that the committee secretary position was a good next step to get more involved in the executive operations. Like the newsletter, it is a great way to feel the pulse of the chapter. I look forward to getting more involved in the executive operations, and making a positive impact on our chapter.

#### A funny college story?

The best class I had in college was a geologic field mapping class in Park City, Utah. We would spend all day hiking the hills, valleys, and mountains of the Wasatch-Uinta Range. Apart from a few falling rocks and a rattle snake or two, it was the most enjoyable and informative class.

#### Your idea of a dream vacation?

My wife and I would love to go back to the Hawaiian Island of Kauai. There is a 9 mile trail in a state park where you hike along cliffs to get to camping sites and secluded water falls. It was our favorite island!

#### Favorite IFMA memory?

World Workplace in Philadelphia a few years ago is one of the best memories. From start to finish it was a great experience. I even laugh about almost being run down by a van as I crossed the street (at a crosswalk, while I had a green light). Good times in the City of Brotherly Love!

## New Chapter Members

Bruce Anderson  
CES Group Inc.

Don Braxton  
School of Medicine & Public Health

Don Eiling  
Humanscale Corporation

Chad Faber  
Power Engineers Collaborative

Donna Rossi  
Trovato Group LLC

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Student

Don Wolterstorff  
Custom Maid Services of Madison, Inc.

## IFMAdison September Anniversaries

#### 1 Year

Daniel LaPaz	Sun Prairie Area School District
Jim Wildman	Miron Construction
Tom Menzel	South Central Services Group

#### 5 Years

Michael Gehrmann	Novagen
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#### 6 Years

Sheri Rose	T.Wall Properties
Lawrence Barton	Strang, Inc.

#### 8 Years

Jeffrey Kent	Nemours Foundation
Emily Rowe	Creative Business Interiors

#### 9 Years

Shannon Kassner	Telephone & Data Systems, Inc
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#### 10 Years

Patricia Sweitzer	TDS Telecom
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#### 18 Years

Michael Stark	WI Division of State Facilities
Richard Pierce	UW, Wisconsin Union

#### 27 Years

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## iSessions: Internet Sessions that Offer Real-Time Interactive Facility Management Education

**September i-Sessions: Select the sessions you want to attend before they sell out!**

### **Thursday, Sept. 6 | 2:00 p.m. CDT | 60 minutes Real Estate Negotiating**

Gain an understanding of the art of negotiation and how to leverage an opponent's needs so you can be better positioned for successfully negotiating the purchase, lease or sale of real estate.

**Cost (per site): \$49 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$79 Nonmembers**

### **Tuesday, Sept. 11 | 2:00 p.m. CDT | 60 minutes 9/11 – Six years out – Have we really changed?**

Have substantive changes in security practices been made since 9/11? What differences have been implemented in emergency procedures? Explore these questions and more as we analyze the results of a recent FM security survey.

**Cost (per site): \$49 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$79 Nonmembers**

### **Wednesday, Sept. 13 | Noon CDT | 90 minutes SOX Compliance: Its Impact on Site Selection Financial Analysis and Five Rules You Need to Know!**

Learn about the difference between a cash flow analysis and corporate real estate site selection financial analysis. What Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rules do you need to apply, and what impact do they have on the overall decision making process?

**Cost (per site): \$99 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$125 Nonmembers**

### **Tuesday, Sept. 18 | Noon CDT | 60 minutes Integrating FM Technologies**

Participants will discuss the current state of enterprise-wide applications; when, why and how to integrate systems and exchange data; and how technology can support total cost of ownership models.

**Cost (per site): \$49 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$79 Nonmembers**

### **Wednesday, Sept. 19 | Noon CDT | 90 minutes www.Future.2010: Work, Worker, Workplace of the Near Future—It's Now! – Part 1**

### **Wednesday, Sept. 26 | Noon CDT | 90 minutes www.Future.2020: Work, Worker, Workplace of the Future—Are You Ready? – Part 2**

Gain practical ideas and a level of preparedness to create the expected work experience for the near future. Learn how integrating and connecting the three factors of

work, worker and workplace will enable you to meet the challenges of 2010 and 2020.

**Cost (per site, per session): \$99 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$125 Nonmembers**

### **Tuesday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 p.m. CDT | 60 minutes Making Spreadsheets and Budgets Work for You: Learning to Use Excel Pivot Tables – Part 1**

### **Thursday, Sept. 27 | 2:00 p.m. CDT | 60 minutes Making Spreadsheets and Budgets Work for You: Learning to Use Excel Pivot Tables – Part 2**

Gain the tools necessary to compare and explore related totals and facts about budget figures, manipulate rows and columns of budget data to see different summaries of the source data, filter budget data and create multiple displays, as well as program Excel to do the report organizing, sorting, subtotaling and totaling for you.

**Cost (per site, per session): \$49 IFMA/SAME/Alliance Members | \$79 Nonmembers**

## World Workplace Update

You can still sign up to attend World Workplace in New Orleans! WWP is the premiere facility management educational experience - sign up today at [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org)!

- Arrive early and join your fellow IFMAdison members at a Habitat for Humanity work day on Tuesday, October 23. The work day starts at 7:30 AM and ends around 3:00 PM. Let Catherine Neumann know you are interested and she will add you to the worker list.
- The educational conference starts Wednesday, October 24, and ends Friday, October 26.
- Meet WWP attendees from Ottawa, Canada, our sister chapter, on Thursday, October 25 over lunch.
- Network with all three Wisconsin Chapter WWP attendees at a special reception on Thursday night.
- Celebrate with all IFMA WWP attendees at the evening Awards Banquet on Friday, October 26.

IFMAdison has a block of rooms reserved at the Maison Dupuy, a historic French Quarter hotel. The hotel will accept reservations until September 23, depending on space availability, at the rate of \$159 plus tax. Regretfully there is no guarantee rooms remain since our block quantity has already been exceeded. Contact Catherine Neumann CFM if you need hotel information!

## IFMAdison Member News . . .

*The Madison chapter of IFMA is an organization comprised of vibrant individuals who are industrious and enthusiastic in their professional and personal lives. This ingenuity among members is one of the reasons IFMAdison is so great. The recent addition of the "Member News" section of the newsletter is intended to highlight accomplishments and activities of IFMA members, both at work and at home. Please feel free to submit any piece of information about yourself or your organization that might be newsworthy, such as recently acquired projects, company anniversaries, and personal or professional endeavors and news.*

Durrant is pleased to announce the completion of one of the largest justice centers in the Midwest, the Winnebago County Justice Center, north-west of Chicago in Rockford, Illinois. The complex, which measures just shy of 588,000 square feet on a 12-acre downtown site, opened its doors earlier this month to county staff, residents, and inmates alike. With over 1,200 beds, secure underground parking, four secure courtrooms, and sheriff's offices, the facility houses law enforcement and county functions in a single building. To facilitate coordination, the Justice Center will also soon be connected to other nearby county buildings via an underground tunnel.

### Is Your Bathroom Bigger Than Your Office?

According to a July 17 posting on *PR Newswire*, nearly 50 percent of employed adults say that their cubicle is smaller than their bathroom. Nearly 25 percent say that their cubicle is smaller than their closet at home, and some even say that the pantry in their kitchen is bigger than their office space. With less working space available to the individual, there is less opportunity to make cubicles more personal and homey. In fact, the average desk worker spends three hours per week searching and sifting through materials looking for certain projects or papers – all because there's just not enough space.

- *IFMA Insider July 20, 2007*

### Many Workers Say "No Thanks" To Middle Management

According to an August 13 article in *USA Today*, more and more employees are steering clear of middle-management positions. While at first these jobs seem to be great opportunities, many middle managers find themselves working long hours without any reward. Some companies, such as IBM, are developing new incentives to make middle-management positions more appealing. Research has shown that only four in 10 managers consider themselves satisfied with their employment. Even more, 43 percent of middle managers feel that their long, arduous work isn't reaping the benefits they would like to see. With the baby boomer generation approaching retirement, companies may need to start rethinking their workplace strategy.

- *IFMA Insider August 17, 2007*



INTERNATIONAL FACILITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

## IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

### September 2007

- 11 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Luncheon Meeting - Electronic Security with Teeth - Policy, Design and Implementation
- ?? Tour (Tri-North?)

### October 2007

- 9 Executive Board Meeting
- 13 Luncheon Meeting – Accounting & Finance for Facility Managers
- 24 World Workplace in New Orleans

### November 2007

- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Luncheon Meeting - MIC in fire protection systems
- ?? Tour - (Covance?)

### December 2007

- 11 Executive Board Meeting

### October New Member Event

A Pumpkin Farm outing is tentatively scheduled for October 17. Location and time still are being decided upon and will be announced at a later date. Kids are encouraged to attend, so bring your family for some old-fashioned fun!

### October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Please submit materials to Emily Rowe  
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