
Central Pennsylvania Chapter



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IFMA National talks about Chapter Benefits...

Top Five Reasons to Join an IFMA Chapter

1. Local networking with professional peers

IFMA chapters adds special value to your membership experience. A unique forum for FM professionals to network locally with their peers, chapters provide many avenues for professional and personal development through monthly meetings, educational courses, social functions and facility tours.

2. Chapter-specific member resources

In addition to information and tools available through your IFMA membership, chapters offer resources specific to your local interests. Many chapters maintain their own Web sites, publish newsletters and local membership directories, and provide employment referral services. Chapter resources are important to your career growth, industry knowledge and networking.

3. Best practice sharing with local peers

Through chapter Web sites, meetings and events, you have the opportunity to talk with peers about workplace challenges and pose industry-related questions, receiving timely answers. Chapters bring IFMA resources directly to you, making your membership experience more personal.



Don't forget...

IFMA World Workplace 2007 is fast approaching.

FM Topics by Table

New this year, the conference will feature a "topics by table" session. Small-group discussions of hot button issues will include: Green Cleaning, LEED-EB, Request for Proposal (RFP), Software Selection and Implementation, and Space Planning.

Start Planning Your Learning Agenda

[Search educational sessions](#) online by track, knowledge level or date and time. IFMA members can save their session choices online! Click "My Educational Sessions."

Expo Extras

See 2008 product debuts and lots of new exhibitors on the Expo floor! Demonstrations and presentations will be made by exhibitors at the new Solutions Arena! The IFMA Green Zone will feature environmentally friendly, energy-efficient products, green solutions and technologies. Click on the Expo floor plan to see which companies have signed on as Green Zoners for 2007!

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President's Corner



Well we've had a very busy summer with a flurry of activity. Last month a group of us spent a very warm evening supporting our local Lancaster Barnstormers at a game. We had a very nice turn out and encourage everyone to consider bringing their families out to a night at the ball field next year. In July we held our annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefited our scholarship fund and helped us once again in sending a student from the Central PA area to World Workplace in October where she'll receive her \$5,000 scholarship. Our scholarship recipient for 2007 is Alyssa Adams from Lykens. Alyssa is a senior at Penn State University studying Architectural Engineering. Thank you to all our sponsors and participants, the benefits that are achieved through these acts are immeasurable. I will have an update in the next newsletter with photos of the awards ceremony in New Orleans.

The board of directors has also been busy working behind the scenes. We adopted our new strategic plan, set our fall schedule for certification review courses and a nice line-up of monthly meetings to take us into 2008.

World Workplace is just around the corner and the excitement is in the air. With over 15 chapter members attending this year, we will have a strong representation in New Orleans. There is a lot to do and see while at the conference. The IFMA Foundation has fund raising events going on throughout the entire convention. Be sure to stop by their booth and show your support. Gala events, award ceremonies, keynote addresses, exhibit hall...and oh yeah, there are some educational seminars to be had also. There will also be a group of us staying in New Orleans an extra day to volunteer to help make repairs to fire stations that were taken out of service by hurricane Katrina.

I encourage everyone to become more involved with our chapter. We move into 2008 being focused on our members and communities.

Thank You,

Lynn Desantis

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4. Local professional development programs
Chapters sponsor IFMA educational seminars, offer round table and panel discussions, and present “hot topic” speakers to members. Chapters also organize certification study groups designed for members planning to take IFMA’s CFM exam. Peer support and knowledge sharing contribute to enhancing your professional development.

5. Leadership opportunities
Chapter committees and leadership positions allow members to contribute in areas such as program and event planning, marketing, Web development and member recruitment. As a source of personal development, participation as a chapter leader or organizer is highly rewarding. Chapter involvement is a source of pride, accomplishment and honor.

To find out more information from IFMA National go to: www.ifma.org and look into IFMA Chapter/Councils.



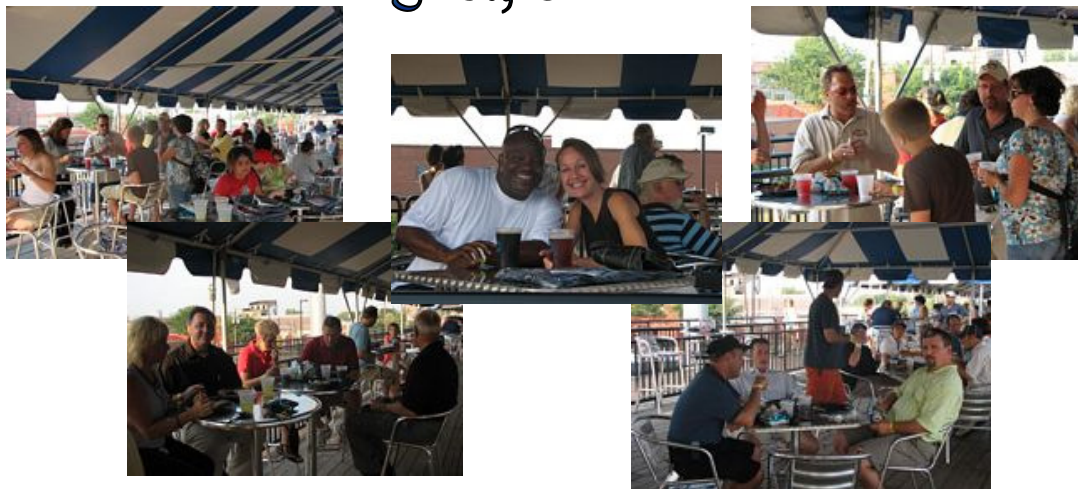
New schedule!
Wednesday - Friday
Oct. 24-26, 2007
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, La., USA
www.worldworkplace.org
Well known. Well balanced. Well worth it.

Rediscover New Orleans
New Orleans has successfully and safely welcomed tens of thousands of visitors in both 2006 and 2007. IFMA’s World Workplace will leave a significant footprint on the city—the economical impact of our conference and expo is worth a great deal to the residents of this historic city. The best thing that you can do for New Orleans is to come to World Workplace...and encourage a colleague to do the same!

Lancaster Barnstormers



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Chapter Strategic Plan Update

The purpose of the strategic plan is to provide guidance in reaching the vision and mission of IFMA. This includes the expectations of the international facilities organization and the expectations of our members. Without our members, IFMA would not exist. Therefore, we found it extremely important to hear from our members, who provide input into our plan. Along with the vision, mission, and membership input, we addressed the goals of the plan. Moreover, we addressed the needs of our entire membership and are helping to fulfill our oath of obligation as facility managers and as associates who provide products and services to the business community.

To date, we have continually experienced growth in membership. In the past few years, we have put together strategic plans to “grow” our services to the members. An example of that growth is the CFM training that was done last year. We have continually helped the members reach that status. We also have afforded our associate members opportunities to provide products and services to our business community while working alongside professional members to improve our chapter. We have continually updated our strategic plan to meet the needs of our membership.

We now expect to take the chapter to a higher level of professionalism, both in the facility manager role and as associates who support our business community. Our programs will be of high quality. We will engage our executives and board members in bringing the strategic plan to fruition, in 2008 through 2009. To do this, we included several areas for input: the 2005-2006 strategic plan, membership surveys, board committee reports, “mega” issues like baby boomers retiring and the resulting smaller workforce pool, Chapter Strategic Planning *El Grande 2006* from councils and other chapters throughout the United States, planning meetings, goals from our chapter committees, feedback from the membership, the top 12 reasons why younger members do not get involved from a World Workplace presentation, and IFMA headquarters’ current trends and future outlook paper for facility management.

We envision our chapter taking the next step to become an IFMA player that is recognized for exceptional service to the membership and for acquiring awards resulting from the work done to serve our chapter and our community. An example of this exceptional service will include a more dynamic website for members and other organizations, along with continued support in our outreach to organizations who need our help, driven by a strategic plan that has goals, objectives, and action steps to win.

The overall goal is simply taken from the vision and mission statement in a few words: ***a premier professional organization in the Facility community, which serves our membership to enhance their personal and professional development.***

Control Your Mold

Ten Things You Should Know About Mold

1. Potential health effects and symptoms associated with mold exposures include allergic reactions, asthma and other respiratory complaints.
2. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment. The way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.
3. If mold is a problem in a home, school or commercial building, it is critical to clean up the mold and eliminate sources of moisture.
4. The source of the water problem or leak must be repaired to prevent mold growth.
5. Indoor humidity must be reduced (to 30-60 percent) to decrease mold growth by: venting bathrooms, dryers and other moisture-generating sources to the outside; using air conditioners and dehumidifiers; increasing ventilation; and using exhaust fans whenever cooking, dishwashing and cleaning.
6. Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth.
7. It is important to clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent and dry completely. Absorbent materials, such as ceiling tiles that are moldy, may need to be replaced.
8. Condensation should be minimized. The potential for condensation on cold surfaces (i.e., windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors) should be reduced by adding insulation.
9. In areas where there is a perpetual moisture problem (i.e., by drinking fountains, by classroom sinks or on concrete floors with leaks or frequent condensation), carpeting will become a particular problem for encouraging mold growth.
10. Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any substance, providing moisture is present. There are molds that can grow on wood, paper, carpet and foods.

Sponsorship Program

The Sponsorship Program is structured to allow three levels of sponsorship and allows for continual exposure throughout the year through multiple avenues.

Capitol Sponsor	\$ 2,000
Senate Sponsor	\$ 1,000
House Sponsor	\$ 500

The funds raised will support the Chapter's efforts for the 2007-2008 year in providing:

- Monthly informational/educational programs
- Website
- Membership communications
- Community service projects
- Special events and more

For further information, please contact Michele Sinadinos, Sponsorship Committee Chair, Central PA Chapter of IFMA at 717-592-6515 or email at msinadinos@tycoelectronics.com.

Take advantage of this opportunity today!

Chapter Website

The Chapter website update is underway.

The Chapter's Publicity Committee members have been working hard to planning and organizing to bring the Chapter a fresh, updated and sophisticated web design. Our Chapter Webmaster, Gary Craig has been doing a wonderful job of bringing life to the Committees ideas.

It won't be long until the Chapter will have an updated website that's being designed with you in mind. With not only an updated look, but the website will include features that will allow easy navigating throughout all areas.

Contact Danelle Watson at danewatson@state.pa.us with any questions or comments.

Thank you Chapter Sponsors!



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars!

October 17 PHFA Building Tour

October 24 - 26 IFMA World Workplace



November 21 EHS and the FM, Tycos
December 19 - Mixer Social Event,
Sheraton East

Current Officers and Committee Members

Officers:

President - Lynn DeSantis
Vice-President - Randy Groff, CFM
Treasurer - Robert L. Engle
Secretary - Michele Sinadinos, CFM

Committee Members:

Chapter Past President - Charlie Claar, CFM, CFMJ, PE
Associates Committee Chair - Michael Bistline
Membership Committee Chair - Vacant
Certification Committee Co-Chair - Jack Christensen, CFM
Certification Committee Co-Chair - Robert Kleimenhagen, Jr., CFM
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