
Central Pennsylvania Chapter



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Chapter Website

The Chapter website update is complete.

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

We've made it! Although with any project we expect that there may be some further updates needed to get the new website exactly where we want it to be. Please do not hesitate to contact Danelle Watson at danewatson@state.pa.us with any questions or comments.

We look forward to hearing feedback!



**Alyssa Adams – 2007
Scholarship Recipient**

Due to the success of our 2007 golf tournament we were able to award a \$5,000 scholarship to a local student. Alyssa Adams is from Lykens and is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering at Penn State University. Alyssa will be graduating in the spring of 2009 and plans to pursue a career as a Mechanical Engineer in the Harrisburg area. Lynn DeSantis presented Alyssa with her scholarship on October 25th at the scholarship reception that was held in New Orleans during World Workplace 2007. There were 23 students who received a total of \$50,500 in direct scholarship dollars and an additional \$23,000 to cover registration and travel expenses for IFMA's World Workplace 2007.

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter should be very proud of its participation and sponsorship of this program. We were able to award the second largest scholarship in 2007 which was only possible through to the support of our members. Thank you to all the golfers and everyone who sponsored our golf tournament. Mark your calendars; the 2008 golf tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th at Valley Green Golf Course.

Thank You, *Lynn Desantis*

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Message from IFMA National to the Central PA Chapter

The senior leadership team and the entire IFMA staff are exceptionally proud of what IFMA and its partners achieved at World Workplace 2007. To put it into perspective, following the devastation to New Orleans and extensive damage to the convention center resulting from Hurricane Katrina two years ago, the association had the opportunity to back out of its commitment to the city for World Workplace 2007. We had the option of moving the event to a venue unaffected by the storm and certain to be ready when October 2007 came around. Instead, IFMA did some due diligence work and determined that the city and convention facilities indeed could be ready for us and we felt we could help make a difference in the city's recovery. Being there could help magnify the importance of the facility management profession. We also had the full support of the IFMA board and the New Orleans Chapter of IFMA.

Well, for those who attended, World Workplace 2007 was a resounding success and was perhaps the best IFMA event ever. There was more behind-the-scenes preparation for the event than usual and we found everyone in New Orleans to be particularly enthusiastic and helpful. Working together we did a better job of promoting the event and the city in a parallel course that resulted in drawing more than 5,000 participants to the city—despite the appearance of some less-than-favorable stories in the popular press on the struggles New Orleans still was undergoing.

Moreover, our post-conference evaluations reveal that attendees and exhibitors were overwhelmingly delighted with the experience. Though our decision to change the days of the event to occur primarily during the week without overlapping the weekend was based on research, we still had concerns. Nevertheless, the transition worked well. Attendees adapted to the new timeframe without any discernable difficulties and it was especially appealing to the younger generations entering the field.

Other World Workplace accomplishments include getting the event certified as cleaner and greener by the Leonardo Academy, despite the challenge that the city will not have recycling capabilities for another year; the "Green Patient" room sponsored by the Health Care Council of IFMA received a lot of attention, including in the Times Picayune newspaper; and the "Green Zone" in the exposition expanded to encompass approximately one-third of the floor. It was featured recently in a "Going Green in the Workplace" story on the NBC affiliate in New Orleans. Also at World Workplace IFMA signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC) and a memorandum of intent with the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). Press releases on these two memorandum announcements can be viewed in the press room of the IFMA Web site.

Best regards,

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IFMA World Workplace, October 2007 – New Orleans, LA

World Workplace 2007 Conference & Expo — a three-day event showcasing the latest products and trends affecting the built environment —attracted approximately 5,000 attendees from more than 40 countries. Held Oct. 24-26 at New Orleans' Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, the conference generated about \$6,468,000 in revenue for the city, according to estimates from the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau. World Workplace 2007 marked IFMA's 28th annual conference and second appearance in New Orleans since 2000.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to participate in as many as 78 different educational sessions relevant to the performance and safety of the built environment. Sessions followed educational tracks such as Sustainability, Trends & Innovations and this year's new track, International Perspectives. The New Orleans conference featured sessions with a special focus on disaster preparedness, with a former member of the U.S. Air Force and representatives from Entergy and the New Orleans Museum of Art discussing how they survived the storm and weathered the ensuing crisis.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to add to their New Orleans experience by attending IFMA facility tours throughout the city. Among the facilities available for touring were the Morial Convention Center, the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas and the largest rebuilding project in the history of U.S. stadiums, the Louisiana Superdome. These facilities, like the people who enjoy them, represent the strength, culture and resilience of New Orleans.



Rebuilding New Orleans

IFMA World Workplace October 2007 – New Orleans, LA

The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Foundation and Grainger, North America's leading distributor of facilities maintenance supplies to businesses and institutions, joined forces to help the New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) get back on their feet. Hurricane Katrina rendered more than 20 of New Orleans' 33 fire stations inoperable — many of these fire stations remain uninhabitable today, desperately in need of repair.

Following IFMA's World Workplace 2007 Conference & Expo, the IFMA Foundation held a Volunteer Rebuild Project benefiting the NOFD. On Saturday, Oct. 27, Charlie Claar and Lynn DeSantis joined more than 130 volunteers who spent the day cleaning, painting and repairing six local fire stations damaged by Katrina.

"Our intentions had very humble beginnings," said IFMA Foundation Executive Director Will Rub. "We were merely looking for an opportunity for our attendees to do their part to help New Orleans. We never anticipated that the enthusiasm would grow to the extent that it has. Grainger's donation, along with all of our generous supporters, underscores the continued commitment that the facility management industry has to the rebuilding of the city."



November 2007 Program Highlights

Held at Tyco Electronics
2900 Fulling Mill Road
Conference Room G
Middletown, PA 17057

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

Topic: EHS (Environmental, Health & Safety) and the Facility Manager

Speaker: Susan Burkett
Senior Engineer/Office Manager
August Mack

The presentation was an overview of a number of the environmental, health and safety (EHS) compliance requirements for industrial and commercial facilities.

Topics included EH&S requirements related to air, waste, wastewater, oil storage, chemical reporting, hazard communication, personal protective equipment, hazard assessment, lockout/tagout, confined space, and emergency planning among others. As well as programs to assist in achieving compliance.

Thank you to all who participated.



December 2007 Program Highlights

The Chapter's December Program was our Chapter Mixer. Held at the Sheraton East, in Harrisburg PA on December 19, 2007 where good times were had by all. Thank you to everyone who came out to spread some Holiday Cheer, get some excellent networking and most importantly Thank You to those who support our local Bethesda Mission toy drive by bringing a donated toy to help make a Happier Christmas Morning for a special child.



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.***

**Thank you
Chapter Sponsors!**



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars!

January 30, 2008

Special Green Roundtable meeting,
PHEAA

February 20, 2008

Space Management and FM Program
Review with Building Tour, PHEAA

March 4 - 8, 2008

Buses to NFM&T event, Baltimore
Convention Center (Prof. Dev. Event)

Current Officers and Committee Members

Officers:

President - Lynn DeSantis
Vice-President - Randy Groff, CFM
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Secretary - Michele Sinadinos, CFM

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