

# Facilitations

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 2006-07 Strategic Plan focuses on 3 main initiatives based on feedback from the survey completed by you, members of the Madison Chapter of IFMA. 1) Support/Administration, 2) Education and Training, and 3) Networking. Last month I wrote about the Support and Administration of our chapter – it's a big job and thankfully we have lots of wonderful people working hard to support IFMadison. Remember - if you want to get involved we can always find a place for you. This month I would like to address the second initiative, Education and Training. The strategic initiative states: Provide education and training opportunities that all IFMA members will see as valuable.

IFMA offers many opportunities for education and training. At the local level we are currently putting together a CFM review for those considering taking the CFM exam. Stay tuned for more information on this. The CFM examination is based on nine areas of facility management competency: Leadership and Management, Planning and Project Management, Communication, Operations and Maintenance, Finance, Quality Assessment and Innovation, Human and Environmental Factors, Real Estate, and Technology. We also have quarterly circles of Excellence, monthly lunch programs and tours, we periodically offer relevant audio seminars, and this year we will be hosting the Tri-Chapter event on 5/10/2007 at Monona Terrace. Whew!

At the National level there are infinite opportunities available via the website at [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org) under the learning tab. Check out the online classes, conferences and events, webinars, research and benchmarking reports, online bookstore, and information regarding the 2006 World Workplace in San Diego, CA. Oct 8-10.

Be sure to take advantage of some of these valuable educational opportunities.

Sheri Rose, CFM  
President  
Madison Chapter IFMA

Chapter Monthly Luncheon  
The Sheraton, 12 Noon, September 19, 2006

**Topic:** Disaster Recovery

**Presenter:** Jeff Jaeckels, P.E., of BT2.

Jeff is a professional engineer specializing in the fields of Environmental Compliance, Air Quality and Environmental Impact Assessments. Mr. Jaeckels has over 20 years of professional and project management experience in air permitting, regulatory compliance and analysis, and emission characterization and modeling. Jeff holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Environmental Chemistry and Technology researching fine particulate formation and impacts. He is a member of the Air and Waste Management Association and the Federation of Environmental Technologists.

September Tour  
JT Packard, 5:30 p.m. September 28, 2006  
275 Investment Court - Verona

JT Packard is the nation's largest independent service provider for all brands of network-critical power equipment: uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems, batteries, DC plants, generators, and HVAC. During the past year, JT Packard's continued growth has caused an increased need for additional personnel. This increase in personnel stressed the existing 10,000 sq. feet of dedicated office space. As a means to expand office space, but maintain overall building space flexibility, JT Packard elected to install a demountable office solution. This office was installed in existing warehouse area and was configured for an additional 24 employees (2,200 sq. foot). The use of demountable office space provided flexibility in space reconfiguration for future business changes. The tour will include the Operations area, the National Training Center, the above mezzanine build out and the parts stocking warehouse.

After the tour there will be a social get together at Avanti's, a locally owned Verona establishment that just completed a renovation and has a very unique antique bar area.

Please let us know by Thursday, September 21 if you will be able to join us for this tour. RSVP to [ifma@mailbag.com](mailto:ifma@mailbag.com).

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## CFM Study Group

The Madison chapter is forming a study group to prepare for the CFM exam. We are going to meet over the course of 9 or 10 mornings. Each session will focus on one competency, and I expect each to last about 1 hour. I am looking for volunteer instructors to help the group prepare for the CFM exam, and who better to help us than our own chapter CFM's! Please let me know if you are willing and interested in helping your fellow IFMAdison members pass the CFM exam, and which area you could help with. Look for more information on this study group in forthcoming newsletters and email blasts.

As a reminder, the nine competencies are:

Operations & Maintenance  
Real Estate  
Human & Environmental Factors  
Planning & Project Management  
Leadership & Management  
Finance  
Quality Assessment & Innovation  
Communication  
Technology

If you are interested in being a volunteer instructor, please contact Mary Evers Statz. Mary's contact information is in the Executive Committee listing

## New Member Event - October 25

The membership committee will be hosting our next new member event in late October - tentatively Wednesday the 25th between 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Pending confirmation, this will take place in the Penthouse of Weston Place.

If you're a new member or have a guest that you think might benefit from IFMA membership, RSVP and bring them along. IFMA New Member Events always have:

1. Great food to snack on
2. Great information about IFMA-Madison, resources, committees and National
3. Great People (of course)
4. Great view at a great location ("I must be in the Front Row!")
5. Great Door prizes at the end

Located only a block from Hildale, Weston Place offers the ultimate in convenience and livability, as it is only a short walk from fine shopping, dining, entertainment, parks, and schools. Nowhere in this City will you find a building more perfectly suited to meet your needs, or, for that matter, IFMA's need for a great meeting! See more information about Weston place at [www.westonplace.us](http://www.westonplace.us).

## Member Profile - Larry Barton



Member Profile – Larry Barton, AIA, LEED AP

**How long have you been involved with IFMA and what offices have you held?** I became interested in IFMA Madison during the summer of 2001 and joined in October of that year. The word around town was that IFMA Madison offered an excellent balance of networking, professional support and fun events. All of this was true, but it was the people that

made the biggest impression on me. IFMA members tend to be down to earth, friendly, fun and genuinely committed to helping each other succeed. I must be enjoying myself because the last five years have gone by really fast.

Within a few months of joining, Catherine Neumann lured me into the membership committee. It was a great way to begin getting involved and it kept me out of trouble for the next 4 years. Our work efforts included greeting new members, keeping in touch with existing members and organizing fun new member events twice per year. In July of 2003, Karen Miller and I took over as co-chairs, giving us the opportunity to attend monthly executive committee meetings, and learn about all of the other important work IFMA does. This year, I'm leaving the membership committee and trying a new role as the Chapter Vice President. Wish me luck!

**Brief history of work experience:** This I can keep brief. Upon graduation in 1983, I went to work for the Architectural, Engineering and Interior Design firm, Strang, Inc., and I've enjoyed working there for the past 21 years (only 21 more to go!). Strang is a great place to work and my role as an Architect offers new adventures every day. With the obvious exception of Facilities Management, I can't think of a more exciting and rewarding profession.

**Family / Hobbies / Interests:** The past 12 months have been a whirlwind of activity for our family. My son Tim began his freshman year at the University of Minnesota, my daughter Lacy completed her sophomore year at UW Baraboo, and my wife Melanie and I sold our home in Portage and moved to Middleton. Last summer was a complete blur, but this summer we are finding time to enjoy our new surroundings.

Being closer to work has freed up more time for hobbies and other interests. I've started to ride my bike more often, and recently completed building a radio controlled model airplane with a gas fired engine and 5' wing span (does

anyone know how to fly one of these things?). I enjoy fishing and other sports like tennis, basketball and golf. I've also been accused of being a die-hard Packer fan!

**The thing you appreciate most about being an IFMA member:** Although the benefits of IFMA membership are numerous, I think I'm most appreciative of the welcoming nature of the group. Members take the time to get to know each other and go out of their way to make newer members feel at home. The chapter offers dozens of opportunities for members to socialize and participate in tours and educational offerings. The leadership team makes it easy for members to get more deeply involved in committee work and event planning. The end result is an open and inviting organizational culture that strengthens professional relationships and encourages mutual support of its members.

## IFMA WWP in San Diego October 8-10

World WorkPlace is fast approaching. There is still time to sign up. Catherine Neumann has information on multiple events that are occurring with our chapter and others in San Diego. Although hotels are filling up, there may be alternatives. Contact Catherine to find out about additional opportunities at WWP. Catherine's email is [CNEUMANN@amfam.com](mailto:CNEUMANN@amfam.com).

## Newsletter Distribution

Your Executive Committee is always investigating ways to reduce operational costs so that IFMA Madison can fund activities which provide the most value for our members. The Committee has proposed that we move towards electronic distribution of the monthly newsletter by mid 2007. This could save our chapter as much as \$700 per year in postage alone. We are reviewing how to make the electronic distribution as convenient as possible for our members. We also need to ensure that we provide value for our sponsors. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Matt Darga, or anyone else on your Executive Committee. Our contact information is listed in every newsletter, and we always welcome member comments and feedback.

## October Newsletter Deadline

Friday, September 22, 2006

Please submit materials to Matt Darga  
at  
[mdarga@twallproperties.com](mailto:mdarga@twallproperties.com)  
(as an attached WORD document)

Visit the IFMA Madison Web Site at:  
[IFMAdison.org](http://IFMAdison.org)

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### IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

#### September 2006

- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 19 Luncheon Meeting - "Disaster Recovery"
- 28 Tour / JT Packard

#### October 2006

- 8-10 World Workplace, San Diego
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Luncheon Meeting - Fox Relocation Specialists

#### November 2006

- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Luncheon Meeting - CFM Panel for "CEU's"
- ?? Tour - Hospice Center

#### December 2006

- ?? Executive Board Meeting
- ?? Holiday Party



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