PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

And another year comes to an end… It seems not so long ago we were just putting the snow blowers away…now we are pulling them out again! It is a never ending cycle!

The chillers are drained, rugs are set in the lobby, the snow removal contract is in place and sand is in the pail by the door. Everything in place. Bring on the snow! Right? Well…not really. No matter how much we plan, this season always tends to throw us more twists and turns than a bobsled run! The best we can do is try to be prepared for the unexpected and somehow, for us, that is normal…and that is why we love this job!

Another reason is that this is the time when we have the opportunity to shine! Whether you are the facility manager or whether you are the wonderful people who support them, this is the time we can help each other help those we serve. It is that feeling of accomplishment that comes from giving people a safe, warm and comfortable place to work and do business.

This is Holiday Season, make a point to get together with co-workers, call an old friend and spend time with your family and enjoy everything we have to be thankful for!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Kyle Roux
President

Annual Chapter Holiday Party
December 17, 2013
5:00 p.m. - Capital Brewery

Tis the Season for our annual Holiday party. Please join us at Capital Brewery in Middleton on Tuesday, December 17th from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm for food, drinks, and fun. Please bring a dish to pass if you would like. Chuck Gifford will once again be cooking his famous deep fried turkey. Additionally, we will be doing a food drive for a local pantry, so please bring canned goods or non-perishable items with you.

Hope to see you there!

World Workplace Scholarship Drawing!!
Fantastic Member Opportunity!!

Please follow the link on our website at www.ifmadi-son.org to register for the opportunity to receive a $1200 scholarship to attend next year’s World Workplace in New Orleans, LA, from September 17 – 19, 2014. Registration is now open and will close at 4:00 on Monday, December 16th. The winner will be drawn and announced at the Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17th. Additionally, the winner will be recognized in our newsletter and at our next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, January 21st. If you do not register by end of day on the December 16th, you will have one final opportunity to register at the Christmas Party before the drawing. Limit one entry per person.

Do not delay, register today!
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November Tour was EPIC!

The Madison IFMA Chapter set up a tour of the EPIC complex located at 1979 Milky Way, Verona, Wisconsin 53593 on 11-21-13 that went from 3 PM until 5 PM. The IFMA members for the SEW and NEW IFMA sections were invited but none were able join on the tour. Twenty-five Madison IFMA members and guests attended. Afterwards several from the group met at Grey’s Tied House for snacks and refreshments as they discussed the tour.

The attendees had is a great opportunity to see a unique work campus. More info is available by visiting the EPIC website at www.epic.com/. Epic makes software for mid-size and large medical groups, hospitals and integrated healthcare organizations – working with customers that include community hospitals, academic facilities, children’s organizations, safety net providers and multi-hospital systems. Their integrated software spans clinical, access and revenue functions and extends into the home. Founded in 1979, Epic is private and employee-owned. They develop, install and support all our applications in-house. Epic’s leadership team includes clinicians, developers and process experts – people deeply experienced in patient care and healthcare technology. The campus sits on almost 1000 acres and has about 7700 employees. All employee parking is underground. There were approximately 1000 contractors working on site every day during peak times. The Facilities Group meets with the local Fire Department and the Building Inspection personnel every week to discuss changes recently made and plans. The EPIC Complex is self-sufficient with their energy needs. They use Geothermal power, photovoltaic, wind power, and if necessary on-site diesel generators for their electrical power, heating, and cooling. The Facilities Departments consists of 45 members. The EPIC Complex allows self-guided tours during the work week and Saturdays by visiting the reception desk.

The tour attendees were able to view numerous portions of the EPIC campus, including Deep Space auditorium, (including the back of house mechanicals) the Ice Cave, Bat Cave, Precious Cave, Epicenter auditorium, Indiana Jones tunnel, Subway stairs and tunnel, etc. The West Wall of the Deep Space auditorium (10,000 person capacity complex that is 80 feet underground) was designed based on the formations at the Devil’s Lake State park. All the rock removed during the excavation of the underground Deep Space auditorium was crushed and used on the EPIC campus.
IFMA provides many resources for professional development. The IFMA website has white papers and podcasts available on many topics. Please follow the link below for find resources on the following topics. http://www.ifma.org/professional-development/continuing-education/white-papers-podcasts

White Papers/Podcasts
Need information on a FM topic? We have over 100 resources for you to search by topic. All white papers and podcasts are free to IFMA members.

AVAILABLE TOPICS
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- Technology
- Trends & Innovation

November Luncheon Recap

The Nov 19 luncheon meeting was presented by Scott Olsen of Madison Gas and Electric on Building Information Modeling (BIM) and digital facility management practices. There were 44 IFMA Madison and guests in attendance.

BIM is a digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility. A BIM is a shared knowledge resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for decisions during its lifecycle; defined as existing from earliest conception to demolition.

Use of BIM goes beyond the planning and design phase of the project, extending throughout the building life cycle, supporting processes including cost management, construction management, project management and facility operation.

The presentation was augmented by the following web sites:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Do2Vm22OCm4
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsdKu7gTejA
http://www.nibs.org/?page=bsa
http://www.nationalbimlibrary.com/

The attendees learned about the benefits of utilizing BIM when designing buildings. As buildings and building codes are getting more complex, one of the big advantages is identifying component conflicts during the design phase instead of discovering them during construction.

BIM saves time and money because the info is on computer systems. There is a web site at National BIM Library . com and a Construction Operations Building Info Model (COBIE) database with standard components that can be used in a BIM system.

The site specific details in a BIM system are password protected. A BIM System does not address control systems. The attendees at the meeting thought BIM would be a good idea for an IFMA users Group.

Lunch Bunch

Its almost that time again to sign up for the 2014 lunch bunch meal plan! Save yourself some real cash!! Registration opens December 18th 2013 - February 28th 2014. Details coming soon!
ENERGY STAR® Challenge

Join the 2014 IFMA ENERGY STAR Challenge! Participants will use the ENERGY STAR Portfolio [http://www.ifma.org/know-base/energy-star-sign-up-form](http://www.ifma.org/know-base/energy-star-sign-up-form)

Manager tool to benchmark their building’s energy performance against similar facilities.

IFMA chapters will compete for having the most participants.
IFMA councils will compete for the most ratable and unique/non-ratable buildings.
Participants will have access to sector-specific resources (including free benchmarking reports)
that will support ongoing energy-related improvements.

Winners announced at IFMA’s World Workplace North America 2014, held September 17-19 in New Orleans.

Why participate?
IFMA’s partnership with ENERGY STAR can help facility managers benchmark their buildings and save energy. We have developed resources and tools specifically tailored to meet the needs of our members and challenge you to reduce the energy use of your building by 15% from the baseline data entered.

This free database—housed on the Environmental Protection Agency’s website—helps facility managers set realistic goals, demonstrating their commitment to energy efficiency and compliance with mandatory reporting initiatives.

Need more reasons?
- Enhance benchmarking efforts in facility performance
- Reduce utility costs
- Manage energy and water consumption
- Estimate carbon footprint
- Verify and track progress of improvement projects
- Gain EPA recognition
- Help your chapter or council become an IFMA Energy Star!

Privacy Statement
IFMA respects your privacy and the importance of keeping your information confidential. While IFMA does gather building energy performance information through the IFMA Energy Challenge, specific identifying information such as user name, organization name, and building address is not shared. Comparative data is shared by region and building use type, and is intended to be used for peer facility comparisons to help members improve facility performance.

HOW TO JOIN IFMA’S ENERGY STAR CHALLENGE!
It only takes 5 minutes…

**Step 1:** Visit [www.energystar.gov/benchmark](http://www.energystar.gov/benchmark) and log in.
Connect with IFMA by clicking Contacts in the upper right hand corner.
Click Add Contact
Select IFMA_MASTER
Click Connect

**Step 2:** Share Properties
Click the MyPortfolio tab and select Share with Others in the drop-down menu next to the property you want to share.
Select the facilities in your Portfolio Manager account you will be sharing with the specific IFMA Master Account Group.
Click Continue
Set Permissions to Read Only Access
Click Share Property(ies) to send a sharing request.

**Step 3:** Review Shared Properties
View sharing requests in the Sharing Notifications section.
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IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

Some topics and tours are tentative and subject to change

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17 Holiday Party

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 8 Executive Board Meeting
22 Chapter Luncheon

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18 Chapter Luncheon

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11 Executive Board Meeting
18 Chapter Luncheon

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 8 Executive Board Meeting
15 Chapter Luncheon

May 2014
13 Executive Board Meeting
20 Chapter Luncheon

June 2014
10 Executive Board Meeting
17 Chapter Luncheon

January Newsletter Deadline
Friday, January 3, 2014

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