Thank You

It’s been an exciting and rewarding year for me as your president. As I step down and hand over the imaginary gavel to Sheri Rose, I feel completely at ease that our Chapter will again be in highly competent and experienced hands for the coming year. I have been incredibly fortunate to not only have a great executive team, but also a vice president who has foresight into the growth and vitality of our chapter along with its core vision, mission, and goals of the chapter.

As any good leader can tell you, part of their role is to ensure or groom their successor so they can move on as well. Far be it from me to say that Sheri needs any grooming, as she is a stand-out facility manager on her own. What I am trying to say is something that IFMA international has been saying and doing for some time, and that is to get our youth involved in facility management. So, when we are resting on our “laurels,” we will know we have successfully passed our jobs onto experienced, vibrant, and well deserved facility managers.

It is for this reason that we need to continue to rotate our leadership with all of our members so we remain fresh, active and interesting for all our members. This means that we need you as members to get involved, bring your ideas and wealth of knowledge and experience to our committees so we can continue to educate others on facility management and IFMA’s excellent benefits.

To expand upon this just a bit further, I will use what I have experienced in this past year as the president to connect the two. I feel that my leadership skills have been refined. My confidence in front of my peers, many of whom are much more highly educated and experienced than I, has increased considerably, and the networking contacts are now almost limitless. If one of the reasons you’ve joined IFMA is for leadership skills, please step forward.

Lastly, as some of you may know, my charge for this year was to rejuvenate the chapter as it was sagging in a few spots. Throughout the year I have constantly pounded on the idea of members getting value. I believe because members are getting that message, our committees have gained in membership. With strong committees and a strong Board, I believe the chapter is well on its way. Our Newsletter is back and in super shape. Our redesigned website has become another valuable asset to our chapter. Our Education and Program committees have good programs set up for the year. The Membership and Planning Committees are doing great along with the Past President’s group. And what can we say about our Sponsorship committee coming back with a wallop of a year! Whew! We got a lot done, but there is always more room for improvement, growth, and successes.

I’d like to leave saying I really had high hopes of finishing all I had planned, but as with all projects some just have to be “carried forward” (a government term for “not getting it done this year”).

Finally, the one thing I think I wanted to do this year was to ensure folks had fun being part of our IFMA chapter. It goes a long way in keeping the perspective on our jobs most days. I hope you had fun being a member of our chapter. I know it was for me.

I want to give a huge thank you to all who made this year so much easier for me. My special thanks to Vickie Wenzel, Richard Pierce, Dick Pearson, Mary Statz, Catherine Neumann, Sheri Rose, all of the executive board and specifically to my final Rah, Rah supporter Ginni Jones for talking me into this.

Sincerely with a Smile,
Laura J. S. Huttner, President

Chapter Monthly Luncheon
The Sheraton, 12 Noon, June 20, 2006

Annual IFMAdison Business Meeting and Election of Chapter officers. The Nomination Committee submits the following slate for your consideration. There will be a voice vote conducted at the meeting.

President* Sheri Rose, CFM
Vice President Larry Barton
Treasurer Gene Post
Secretary Jim Whiteside, CFM
Past President* Laura Huttner

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School Facilities

Have you participated in adult athletic programs, gone to a neighborhood meeting, picked your child up at after school programs, or voted recently? All these activities take place in Madison's public school facilities. For Madison, the school facilities are much more than a place for K-12 education, they are centers for community activity.

The message sent to a student about the quality of instruction, its level of importance, and the existence of concern is directly affected by facility condition. A student may assume the faculty and staff of a poorly maintained building will accept or expect a lower standard of behavior and a lesser effort in academic achievement. Likewise, a student may assume the faculty and staff of a well maintained building will expect and demand a higher standard of behavior and achievement.

The Madison Metropolitan School District is comprised of 50 buildings, totaling 4,400,000 square feet and over 700 acres. The average age of the facilities is 44 years. The schools are open year around, with many staying open on Saturdays for community activities. Our athletic fields are used by club sports, Edgewood private school, the City and the UW.

The Building Services Department has $2,560,000 for maintenance annually, and another $5,000,000 annually provided through a referendum that was passed in May of 2005. Proper school building maintenance should be funded at 2% of the replacement value of buildings. For MMSD, that would be $4,400,000 x $150 x 2%, or $13,200,000 annually.

MMSD’s Board of Education has made significant improvements in maintenance funding. From 1997 through 2002, the budget was increased $500,000 annually. However, state revenue caps have forced the Board to make difficult decisions, and reduce maintenance funding and staff.

Many would argue that there is plenty of money in the current tax levy to provide a quality public education. The state provides a 2.5% increase in school funding each year. Health insurance has gone up, utilities went up over 15% last year, construction and maintenance materials have gone up as much as 30%. The cost of garbage bags went up 22% and toilet paper went up 12%. Every increase over the 2.5% the state provides means other budget cuts must be made. Since 1993, MMSD has cut 526 staff and $45 million. This year another $7 million will be cut.

80% of property owners in the Madison School District do not have children. Keeping up good school facilities is the responsibility of all community members. (I am reminded of this as I played basketball at Marquette Elementary with some friends, and slipped on the dirty floor.) It is our responsibility to future members of our community to maintain our $660 million investment in school buildings. Do we want our generation’s legacy to be deteriorated school buildings, and bad learning environments?

Good schools make good cities.

- Doug Pearson, CFM
Director, Building Services
Madison Metro School District
Attention WWP Attendees

Announcing the 2006 World WorkPlace Motorcycle Tour of Southern California.

Dan Drager, FacilityNow, Inc. and Dick Kusch, WPS Health Insurance Corp. from the Madison Chapter are planning two “day rides” on the Friday and Saturday before WWP 2006. The dates are Friday, the 6th of October and Saturday, the 7th of October. Any and all experienced riders are welcome to join them. Each day will be a separate ride starting and ending in San Diego near the convention center hotels. Each ride will be unique and will cover approximately 300+ miles and last most of each day. Dick has mapped out some exciting roads and places of interest for each ride. California is a Helmet State, so bring yours or rent one with your bike. Dick and Dan are renting Harleys from:

San Diego Harley-Davidson Company
5600 Kearny Mesa Road
San Diego, CA, USA 92111-1305
858-616-6999
http://www.sandiegoharley.com

If they are out of rental bikes, there are other places in San Diego that rent bikes as well. For more details or to join the ride, please contact them at:

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Ever Wonder . . . What is IFMA?

Don’t miss the Tuesday, June 20th Annual Business meeting at the Sheraton. Learn Tips and Tricks that will help you get the most out of your IFMA membership.

Golf Outing

There is still time to sign up today for IFMAdison chapter’s Golf Outing on June 27th. Registration forms are included in this newsletter. If you are interested in sponsoring a part of the event, please reply to probert1@steelcase.com today!

Member Anniversaries

IFMAdison Anniversaries for May 2006
3 Years
Eugene Post
Potter Lawson
5 Years
Paula Roberts
Steelcase, Inc.
Cindy Torstveit
State of Wisconsin
7 Years
Kim Keister
CUNA Mutual Insurance Group
9 Years
Charles Ross
Covance
17 Years
Wayne Clark
General Casualty Companies
19 Years
Frank Alfano

IFMAdison Anniversaries for June 2006
1 Year
Mark Stifter
The Durrant Group
3 Years
Bradley Lyman
Oakbrook Commercial Real Estate
Steven Newcomer
Transcend Communications
5 Years
Gordon Kensgaard
ARAMARK Corporation
7 Years
Mark Schwenn
CleanPower, LLC
11 Years
Theresa Soik
Physicians Plus Medical Group
13 Years
Laura Olson
Kraft Foods, Inc.
14 Years
Gary Studebaker
Covance Laboratories
21 Years
Charles Ziegler
WPS Health Insurance
24 Years
Dick Statz

Recent New Members

Dani Michels
Commerical Interior Contractors
Jeffrey Peterson
Techline Workspace Studio
Todd Reynolds
GE Healthcare

July Newsletter Deadline
Friday, June 28, 2006

Please submit materials to Matt Darga at
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(as an attached WORD document)
June 2006
13 Executive Board Meeting
20 Luncheon Meeting - Annual Business Meeting
27 Golf Outing (Stoughton Country Club)

July 2006
11 Executive Board Meeting
18 Luncheon Meeting
?? Social - Mallard's Game

August 2006
8 Executive Board Meeting
15 Luncheon Meeting
?? Tour / UW Hospital or Children's Hospital

September 2006
12 Executive Board Meeting
19 Luncheon Meeting
?? Tour / JT Packard

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