



INFORMATION

Spring 2009

President's Corner

I can't help but look forward to the exciting events that are scheduled for the months to come. The Whitecaps game in July is always exciting and don't forget about the Jim Hickey Memorial Golf Classic on August 7th at Quail Ridge. We are anticipating the golf outing to be even more successful than last year so if you have not signed up to golf or to be a sponsor, please sign up soon. For more information regarding the golf outing and sponsorship opportunities, go to <http://www.ifma-wm.org/Golf.html>.

Would you like to write an article or see a certain topic in the next newsletter? If so, please contact the editor, Emily Burns @ emily.burns@priorityhealth.com.

With that said, this is the last Presidents Corner that I have the honor of writing. New board members were recently voted in taking the places of Dave Kuiper (Treasurer), Mike Johnson (Secretary) and Jim Corby (Past President) all who have served your chapter with honor and distinction. Please thank them for their service the next time you see them. Your new board members are:

President, Kathy Wischmeyer (Milliken)

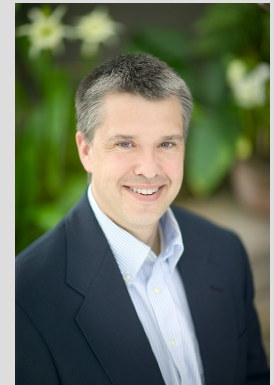
Treasurer, Lee Ott (Macatawa Bank)

Secretary, Jaime Rueffer (Amway)



Remember that this chapter, like any other entity, is only as good as you make it so be active within your chapter. Ask about committees that might need your help or express your interest in meeting topics and your willingness to help with those meetings. We need you to step up, volunteer and make our chapter ever more successful.

Thank you for the last 2 years they have been truly rewarding! I look forward to seeing you at the next chapter meeting.



K.C. Mitchell, CFM

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Our Chapter Mission

The West Michigan Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) is a professional organization which promotes the advancement of the facilities management profession at the local level by providing opportunities for education and creating an environment that encourages its members to share knowledge and experiences.

Monthly Meetings

JUNE 2009

Green Cleaning Products and Processes presented by [Great Lakes Cleaning](#)

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Where: TBD

JULY 2009

[Annual West Michigan White Caps Game](#)

When: Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Where: Fifth Third Ball Park (Peoria vs. Caps)

Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2009

[7th Annual IFMA West Michigan Jim Hickey Memorial Golf Classic](#)

When: Friday, August 7, 2009

Where: Quail Ridge Golf Club



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MEMBERS CORNER

Professional Member Highlights



Jaime Rueffer
Facilities Planner
Amway

Jaime is a Facilities Planner at Amway in Ada, Michigan where she specializes in office & lab renovations for the Corporate, Affiliate/International, and Distribution offices. Jaime has been with Amway for 5 years.

Jaime was recently voted onto the IFMA West Michigan Board as Secretary and will serve a 2 year term. She is a 2004 graduate of Ferris State University where she acquired her bachelors degree in Facilities Management. She has been a member of IFMA since 2006 and received the 'Member of the Year' award in 2007-08.

She lives in Martin with her husband Matt, 9 month old son Landon, and dog Chester. She enjoys camping, boating, golfing, and hanging out with family and friends.



Lee Ott
VP Finance /Facilities Manager
Macatawa Bank

Lee is the Vice President and Facilities Manager at Macatawa Bank in Holland, MI. Before joining

Macatawa Bank, Lee worked as a Facility Project Manager for Independent Bank and prior to that was self employed as a Facility Planning Consultant.

Lee was recently voted onto the IFMA West Michigan Board as Treasurer and will serve a 2 year term. He has been in the Facility Management field since 1985, has been an IFMA member since 1994, and acquired his CFM designation in 1999.

Lee and his wife of 22 years are lifelong residents of West Michigan. They have a son attending Western Michigan University and a daughter finishing her junior year of High School.

Welcome to our new chapter members. We hope to see you at our next chapter event.

Tom W. Glynn
Michigan Medical P.C.

Jason K. Hall
Lamar Construction Co.

Nancy J. Howard
WorkSquared

Cathleen L. Sessions
Goodwill Industries of
Greater Grand Rapids

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

January Meeting

Energy Overview & Energy Saving Lighting Product Review

Van Haren Electric hosted the January IFMA meeting. The focus of the meeting was lighting, energy tax credit available for lighting retrofits, and lighting controls.

Van Haren's recently renovated facilities showcased the volumetric troffer fixture which has quickly become the new standard for office lighting. With the advent of flat screens for computer monitors, the concern over glare from the ceiling fixtures has been reduced, so this new fixture design adds brightness to the ceiling and walls making the office space feel taller and brighter. The new fixtures are also significantly more efficient than the old and usually obtain the performance of a three lamp fixture with only two lamps.

Jeff Adams from Michigan Lighting Systems reviewed some sample light fixtures including a high-bay fluorescent lighting fixture that is designed to replace 400 watt Metal Halide fixtures in warehouses, production areas, and large retail areas. The fixture is more efficient than the Metal Halide fixture it replaces

Also presented was a new LED site lighting fixture, which offers many advantages over the fixtures it is designed to replace including energy efficiency, long life, more even illumination, and precise control to reduce light trespass. LED's as a light source are becoming very popular with fixture manufacturers for both interior and exterior fixtures and will be a preferred light source for some time to come.

February Meeting

Wellness in the Workplace

The February meeting was held at Steelcase and presented by Katrina Hogan.

Katrina spoke about 3 areas of wellness:

Physical - -What the body needs

Cognitive-What the mind needs

Social-What groups need



Katrina talked about a lot of good things regarding the current approach and future of office ergonomics. Up until today, ergonomics in the office has been somewhat reactive, focusing on the physical science and prevention of injury. Emerging trends and new insights are calling into question the traditional view of ergonomics. Businesses today are taking a more proactive approach to employee wellness in the workplace.

If you would like more information please contact Katrina at khogan@steelcase.com

Did you know?

Aluminum is one of the easiest things to recycle. Still in the United States 3/5ths of the aluminum we use is from virgin ore. We throw away enough aluminum to replace our commercial aircraft fleet every three months.

MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUED...

March Meeting

IFMA West Michigan Annual Awards Banquet



The 2009 banquet was held at the beautiful [Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park](http://www.frederikmeijergardens.org). No decorations needed for this event location! Frederik Meijer is breathtaking at every turn just the way it is.

The event was filled with mingling among chapter members and spouses, chapter award announcements, the Kathy Pruden Memorial Student Scholarship award winner, as well as a formal thank you to our chapter sponsors who support us annually.

Several students from Ferris State University Facility Management curriculum had submitted their application to our chapter for the IFMA West Michigan scholarship. The requirement is that each student must complete the 20 plus page packet by the deadline and then a committee comprised of IFMA West Michigan Chapter board members reviews each packet and selects the most qualified candidate. The recipient receives the award and a check in the amount of \$1,500 at the banquet.

The winners of the evening were...

- Student Scholarship Award–Andrew Shelton, Ferris State University
- Member of the Year – Lee Ott, Macatawa Bank
- Associate Member of the Year –Greg Doerr, Hurst Industries
- Eveready Award – Lisa McLean, Bentley Prince Street

All in all, it was a fantastic evening and we are looking forward to the 2010 annual banquet.



Andrew Shelton and Jim Corby

Dollar for Chapter Charity

We have a Dollar for Chapter Charity contribution and here's how it works: during our membership meetings and other IFMA sponsored events, our members can be fined \$1 for an incident. The incidents range from ringing cell phones, answering your cell phone during our meetings and arriving to a meeting late. All money is matched by the chapter and goes to Habitat for Humanity. We are keeping it light-hearted and it is a positive way for us all to contribute to those less fortunate on an ongoing basis.

MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUED...

April Meeting

LEED for Existing Buildings Operation & Maintenance

Cheri Holman, LEED AP, Sustainability Consultant with Hurst Mechanical and Sam Pobst, LEED AP with EcoMetrics represented the US Green Building Council (USGBC) at the April IFMA meeting.

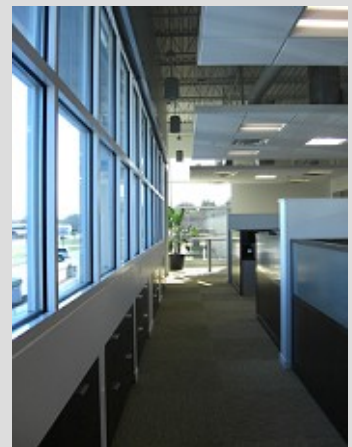
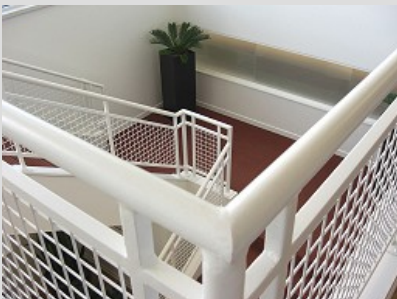
Sam and Cheri demonstrated that your building does not have to be undergoing a renovation to gain LEED certification. The fact is that you as a building owner/operator are able to pick from a 110 point rating system which credits you find most beneficial to your building, your tenants and your employees. After prerequisites are met it takes only 40 points to gain LEED certification. Your company may already be starting to institute things like recycling, energy & water conservation methods and green cleaning that may help to streamline LEED certification for your property.

While increasing sales in today's market is challenging, decreasing operating expenses is easy. LEED for Existing Buildings Operation & Maintenance (EBOM) takes a holistic approach and provides a proven method that increases the performance of your building primarily via operational changes. It makes you an environmental hero while decreasing your operating costs and increasing your bottom line.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl at cholman@hurstind.com or Sam at sam@ecometrics.biz



The April meeting was held at the new [Nucraft Furniture](#) corporate offices. When the time came to build their new headquarters, they wanted to do more than just provide a functional space for doing their work. Nucraft wanted a building reflective of Nucraft's values and commitment to The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. They attained LEED-NC silver certification for their new corporate headquarters, completed in March 2008.



INSIDE IFMA

Green Building Products Made Easy

By Janice Kitchen

Green building products have become widely available and in every “shade of green”. It can be time consuming to sort through the options available and to balance what is a best fit for durability, cost, aesthetic, and the overall green building criteria. To streamline the vast selection of interior finish products I have in my interiors library - floors, walls, cabinets, ceilings, furniture, lighting, plumbing and textiles I prefer to utilize the green product web-based companies to quickly compare and contrast finishes for each commercial project type. One of my favorite research assistants is [Easy To Be Green](#), this company was pioneered by Sue Norman, a Grand Rapids based interior designer. Green building finishes such as bamboo, recycled content carpet, cork, linoleum, tile and wood; paint and wall covering are outlined. Also, featured are substrates endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) which include particleboard, biocomposites, wheat panels, and the list goes on. The individual product specifications highlight the manufacturer, warranty, green label certifications, and manufacture’s fabrication plant location. Identifying the location is especially important for LEED projects since the concept is to minimize transportation and to first consider local products that are fabricated within a 500 mile radius from the project site. Products that need to be transported over long distances typically contribute to excessive fuel consumption and emissions, these products usually require more packaging materials.

The Fundamentals section within Easy To Be Green explains basic green information regarding sustainable concepts such as the Triple Bottom Line, Chemicals, Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ), and Lifecycle Assessment (LCA). These can be used as reminders for us as professionals and as educational tools for clients. One of my favorite sections for browsing is the Green Book Reviews and Articles.

Regarding product attribute preferences by the professionals - durability is the most important among building products in general, ranking slightly ahead of price. Product warranties, features and technical support are preferred (noted from BDC Weekly E-News).



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FOCUS

Continued Improvement to Sustainability

By Tom Manikowski

With an ever growing interest in sustainability, one local manufacturer is committed to continuous improvement. In an industry-leading effort, Haworth is the first organization to have all its U.S. plants operating at Zero Landfill as of March 31, 2009. "Zero Landfill is our immediate sustainability objective," said Jim Kozminski, Sr. Project Engineer - Environmental. "It basically means finding non-landfill alternatives for all our waste."

Sustainability has been an initiative at Haworth since before the word "sustainability" was recognized as a part of the environmental, green movement. In fact, company founder G.W. Haworth built the company doing things like using every grain on a piece of sandpaper. He was known for walking the manufacturing facilities and checking waste containers for things that could be reused.

With that strong heritage, Haworth formally began its sustainability efforts in 1993 when a recycling center was opened at company headquarters in Holland, Michigan. Encouraged by these initial efforts, Haworth became more aggressive and pushed to recycle more and more waste. In 2008, the company recycled over 46 million pounds of waste.

As technology and resources finally caught up with Haworth's intentions, the company realized it was feasible for the plants to avoid sending anything to a landfill. "Reducing, reusing, recycling, cogen and waste-to-energy should be top of mind," said Kozminski. "Eventually, we want to get to the next level, which is Zero Waste."

"With Zero Waste ... nothing goes to waste," said Kozminski. "It's a longer term project that will take us years to achieve. As people apply more design-for-environment initiatives, we'll be able to choose wiser materials to come into the plants. By choosing smarter materials initially, we can eliminate scrap altogether."

For now, the Haworth members who serve as Green Champions in the plants are proud to mark March 31, 2009 as the beginning of U.S. plants achieving Zero Landfill status. Efforts are under way to get the Calgary plant and corporate offices at Zero Landfill status later this year. The Haworth plants in Shanghai have already hit Zero Landfill.

For more information on Haworth's sustainability efforts, a sustainability report is available at:

http://www.haworth.com/haworth/assets/2007_Global_Sustainability_Report.pdf



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IFMA World Workplace Info

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Featured Article

MSNBC Story Features IFMA Research and the Economy

Article from www.IFMA.org

When MSNBC workplace and career columnist Eve Tahmincioglu began her [recent story](#) on corporate layoffs resulting in "cubicle graveyards" full of unused office space, she looked to the International Facility Management Association for research to back up her claims.

As it turns out, the latest IFMA research pointed to exactly what Tahmincioglu had noticed. The average square footage per building occupant had risen from 415 square feet in 2008 to 435 square feet in 2009—an increase more likely attributable to layoffs from the nation's recent economic downturn than to ballooning individual office space.

The figures, from IFMA's just-released "Operations and Maintenance Benchmarks Research Report #32," are only one snapshot of how today's built environment is being impacted by the economy. To learn more about IFMA's latest research report, or to order a copy, click [here](#). To read the full MSNBC story on the rise of cubicle graveyards, click [here](#).

Cross-Networking Event

Green Drinks! Every month people who work in the environmental field meet up at informal sessions known as Green Drinks. We have a lively mixture of people from NGOs, academia, government and business.

Come along and you'll be made welcome. Just say, "are you green?" and we will look after you and introduce you to whoever is there. It's a great way of catching up with people you know and also for making new contacts. Everyone invites someone else along, so there's always a different crowd, making Green Drinks an organic, self-organizing network.

These events are very simple and unstructured, but many people have found employment, made friends, developed new ideas, done deals and had moments of serendipity.

Green Drinks meets the third Thursday of every month at different locations. To learn more go to <http://www.greendrinksgroup.org/>

CAREER

IFMA's Online Career Center offers you a convenient way to search for jobs or employees for free. It targets FMs and FM opportunities for job seekers, as well as employers and recruiters. Check out the online career center at http://jobnet.ifma.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=208

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Your Job Seeker account will let you store job openings, resumes, cover letters, and more.

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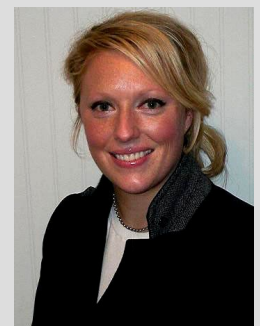
Reach the most qualified candidates by posting your opening with our Online Career Center.

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Emily is on the IFMA West Michigan executive board of directors as Vice President of Public Relations and is also the chairperson of the 2009 golf committee. Emily lives in Grand Rapids and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, hanging out with her rescue dogs and traveling.

Do you have comments, questions or suggestions regarding the IFMA newsletter? Please contact Emily at emily.burns@priorityhealth.com



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