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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Future is Around the Corner

Similarly to nature, evolvement or endangerment theory is also true for every profession, business, and human growth. For a reason human study history to learn what was done in the past that improved or obstructed future.

Much like civilization from a caveman to suit and tie or high hills, profession cannot continue without learning, adopting and improving. For the aging Healthcare Facilities Management professionals’ future that is Around the Corner, who will take over after we are gone to fulfill our roles? The question has answer within the question itself that whose responsibility it is to find the next generation or successor. It is our, each individual’s responsibility to recruit, teach, hone, and mentor to those who are not ready or not aware of changes affecting our profession.

ASHE and HFMSNJ has built a number of partnership with solution providers and these partnerships serves dual purpose: to develop new resources that support members of ASHE, HFMSNJ, and other similar professional organization, and to increase awareness of the values of their organizations bring to health care facilities.

Each new recruitment and renewals does not stop at the membership roster. Organization needs to be ready to explain: progress, strategy to cope with changes, education, and training a successor.

Progress = A year ago, we began a new journey when we shifted from being seen as a code and standards organization to an information and knowledge organization. We have made a tremendous progress and this a good place to consider how far we’ve come. To create a deeper engagement with all of you, we created two new sets of task chair positions. Our new task chair are focused on energy initiatives & emergency management. We are engaged much deeper way with the first responder, i.e. our vendors. With help from our engineers and architect professionals we also elevated services to technologies, research, and standards development.
I use a metaphor, it like a bicycle chain-everything needs to be connected and working in order to move forward.

Strategy = find what keys to success that should be in place at the healthcare facility in order to be successful and sustainable. Keeping customer involved and informed, leveraging ‘Champions’ within the organization, offering effective relevant education program. New technology has become more complex, individuals have lost a lot of their ability to tinker with it. New electronic controls and computer based applications are better managed by new generation nut when it comes to think, how it works or what to do when does not work, and what to alter or tweak is still skills of veterans.

Successor or Succession planning = The fundamental requisites to effective facility management have shifted drastically in the past 30 years. In 1985, leadership positions were often filled by the ‘next in line’. Back then facility manager was comprised of hard skills, expertise of boiler or machine room. But then, the vacancies were rare and short lived. New management, often focused on financial performance has brought in new generation at cheaper compensation. Nothing wrong with that, except newer generation are equipped with theoretical knowledge but has not yet gain hands-on experience and importantly customer service aspect and it is not their fault either. They are not given opportunities to experience it.

It is important for everyone to act on their succession plan both personally and professionally. HFMSNJ is playing its role in giving opportunities to find and prepare your successor. Because Future is Around the Corner for all of us, one day we might be in the same building and bed where we used to take care of someone else. We kept that environment of care up to snuff and we wonder, will it be maintain or raised to higher standards when we need it? To think is easy, to act and follow up is difficult, but important.

Rajendra N. Shah
President-HFMSNJ
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – ELECT

Colleagues, there are many new requirements coming out every day from multiple regulatory agencies, i.e. CMS, The Joint Commission, Department of Health, etc. Please review your current systems and maintenance activities associated with the “Wet Procedure Locations”. If your facility would like to “Risk Out” the Operating Rooms as wet locations the risk assessment must be authorized by the facility governing body. I am not sure which facility governing body would agree to that.

Joint Commission Compliance update: Wet Procedure Locations

**EC. 02.05.01 ep 20:** “Operating Rooms, are considered wet Procedure locations, unless otherwise determined by a risk assessment authorized by the facility governing body. Operating rooms defined as wet locations are protected by either isolated power or ground fault circuit interrupters. A written record of the risk assessment is maintained and available for inspection. (for full text refer to NFPA 99- 2102: 6.3.2.2.8.4, 6.3.2.2.8.7, 6.4.4.2)”

**Question #1:** What does this mean for the facility manager, maintenance / engineering staff to maintain compliance?

**Answer #1:** Documented maintenance testing procedure logs and Preventative maintenance records need to be available for inspection.
Question #2: What is the testing frequency for isolated power systems or “Line Isolation Monitors” (LIMs)?

Answer #2: Line Isolation Monitor Tests 6.3.3.2 The line isolation monitor (LIM) circuit shall be tested after installation, and prior to being placed in service, by successively grounding each line of the energized distribution system through a resistor whose value is 200 × V (ohms), where V equals measured line voltage. The visual and audible alarms (see 6.3.2.6.3.2) shall be activated.

6.3.4.1.4 The LIM circuit shall be tested at intervals of not more than 1 month by actuating the LIM test switch (see 6.3.2.6.3.6). For a LIM circuit with automated self-test and self-calibration capabilities, this test shall be performed at intervals of not more than 12 months. Actuation of the test switch shall activate both visual and audible alarm indicators.

Question #3 What is the testing frequency for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters in wet locations:

Answer #3: Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) shall be tested after installation, and prior to being placed in service. Once placed into service the frequency shall be monthly.

Regards,

Gary Giovinazzo CHFM, CHEM, CHEM, SASHE President Elect
MEMBER SUBMISSIONS
- Oscar Gonzalez

An Inspiration to Us All

Weighty issue prompts lifestyle change

When John Schliewenz did what many of us have done — retire and move to Brunswick County — little did he know he would do something that would prove to be inspirational to many others.

Once an architect in New Jersey, John settled in Shallotte in 2013 and began the next phase of his life. To remain active, he joined the Shriners Drum and Bugle Corps, but much to his dismay, they did not have a uniform large enough for him to wear. The extra weight he was carrying around also made it almost impossible for him to take his grandchildren for rides on his Jet Ski.

Right then and there, John made a pact with himself to get rid of the weight that was restricting his lifestyle and damaging his health, in time for his 70th birthday, one year hence.

He joined the Monday morning Weight Watchers group in Shallotte (that’s where I met him) and started his weight loss journey. He stuck to the program, using his smart phone to keep track of his food intake and to monitor how many miles he walked on the beach.

Fast-forward to today and John inestimably has lost 101 pounds over a 14-month period! I was fortunate to have witnessed his remarkable transformation, which is the greatest weight loss achievement I have been around.

When asked how this has impacted his life, John told how he can now fit onto amusement park rides with his grandchildren, how he no longer has to ask for the seat belt extender when flying on an airplane, and how he can fit into a booth in any restaurant he goes to. But the most important benefit is he is no longer diabetic.

We all can learn from John that it’s a great idea to make our health a top priority in our retirement years. You might see him around town, perhaps riding a Jet Ski, or working at his job at a home supply store, or maybe even playing in the Shriners Drum and Bugle Corps. Note that he’s now wearing a uniform that he got “right off the rack” — size 38.

Way to go, John!

Mike O’Hare is a retired vice president for Snyder’s-Lance now residing in Sunset Beach.
MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

A Very Happy 100th Birthday to our Past President !!
Dear Raj,

Rose and I want to express our appreciation, to you and the Executive Committee, for the acknowledgement and recognition we received at the Holiday Party. It was completely unexpected and unnecessary, but greatly appreciated.

When I joined the Executive Hospital Engineers of NJ in October 1977, I did so for two reasons, my Job Description required it, and I wanted to stay abreast of what was going on in hospital facilities management. I knew I had a lot to learn, and never sought to have any personal gain, rather I wanted to continue the process of assistance that had been established by those members who had preceded me. I did attempt to help anyone who sought information or assistance from me, in an effort to improve our organization and hospital engineering in general. I realized that any time you help someone you are helping the industry.

I have witnessed the organization and the industry grow and change dramatically over the past 40 years and if I have had any impact on those changes, there was never any attempt to gain personal recognition, rather I wanted to see better things for our members. I greatly appreciate the written comments from friends, colleagues and close professional associates that were given to me that evening. They touched me deeply and I was pleased to see that some of my actions were considered to have provided a positive impact on individuals. I have made many friends in the HFMSNJ and the overall healthcare field, and will never forget the positive impact they have made on me personally and my professional growth. The HFMSNJ has been like a second family to me.

We appreciate the offer of the gift of $500 to be utilized for our enjoyment, but Rose and I have discussed it and feel that we should not benefit from a career that has been enjoyed and was very beneficial professionally. We would ask that the group permit us to make a donation in that amount to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in memory of our son. That keeps it as a benefit to healthcare.

Once again we express our sincere appreciation for the acknowledgement and sentiments that were expressed that evening and will never forget the outpouring of friendship. Thank you for all each of you has done for us.

Sincerely,
William D. Anderson
Retired

Cc: Each member of the Executive Committee
EVENT PHOTOS - NOVEMBER 16TH, 2017
WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- *Shawn Murphy*, Lead Mechanic, RWJBH - Rahway
- *Anthony Garuccio*, Facilities Manager-Construction, Centrastate Medical Center
- *Dawn Johnson*, Preventive Maintenance Service Sales Representative, Tyco SimplexGrinnell / Johnson Controls International
- *Allen Roth*, PE, President, Joseph B. Callaghan, Inc.,
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- *John Decina*, LEED AP, GACP, Program Director Green Path Corp
- *Joseph Keller*, PE, Senior Design Engineer, Lockatong Engineering
- *Dharani Seenu Pillai*, Graduate Research Assistant, New Jersey Institute of Technology
- *Patrick Dempsey*, Chief Engineer, Saint Clare's Hospital Dover
- *Tyler Cichewicz*, Sales Representative, Follett Ice
- *Steven Laudati*, Senior Project Manager, Langan Engineering
2018 EDUCATION CALENDER

Title & Topic
ESIP (Energy Savings Improvement Program) Are They Right for My Healthcare Facility(s)
Speaker: Robert Ventriglia, DOC Energy LLC
Sponsor: TREMCO Chuck Zagorskie

February-15
Waterborne Pathogens in Cooling Towers and Domestic Water Systems
Speaker: Gary Giovinazzo CHFM, CHEP, CHSP, SASHE
Sponsor: Assa Abloy Lillian Marr

March-15
HFMSNJ TJC Panel Discussion
Speakers: HFMSNJ Members TBD
Sponsor: SDM Metro Contact Ed Moore cell

April-19
NFPA 99 Code Updates
Speakers: Jeff McBride & Michael Yearian, Red Lion Medical Safety
Sponsor: Michael A. Pomarico, Architect NCARB

May-17
TREMCO building envelope systems
Sponsor: Joseph B. Callaghan, Inc. Consulting Engineers

June-21
All Day – TJC Updates

July
No meetings

August
No meetings

September-10
Golf Outing

September-20
Sherman Engineering Medical gas and Vacuum systems updates.
Speaker: William H. Lobdell
Sponsor: TBD

October-18
OSHA updates The new guidelines
Speaker: Michael Corbett, Compliance Specialist, Dept. of Labor OSHA
Sponsor: TBD

November-15
Updated FGI Guidelines and the current state of affairs at the DCA.
Speaker: Dave Uhaze
Sponsor Information: Follett Ice: Ed Cichewicz

December
Holiday Party
Sponsorships Available: INCLUDE

- LARGE RECEPTION WELCOME SIGNAGE WITH COMPANY NAME AND SPONSORSHIP LEVEL
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNITION AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY
- (2) COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION TICKETS AT DIAMOND OR GOLD LEVELS ONLY
- INDIVIDUAL COMPANY LOGO AND SIGNAGE RECOGNITION NEXT TO ITEM SELECTED AND POCKET FOR BUSINESS CARDS

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS: Sponsorships at $500 and $600 will receive (2) Complimentary Admission Tickets

- DIAMOND LEVEL: $600 (6 AVAILABLE)- LIVE SIX PIECE NYC JAZZ BAND
- GOLD LEVEL: $500 (6 AVAILABLE)- BAR
- SILVER LEVEL: $375 (6 AVAILABLE)- COCKTAIL HOUR WITH H’ORDERVS
- BRONZE LEVEL: $250 (10 AVAILABLE)- WINE BOTTLE GIFTS

If you have any questions please contact Janna Cohen at Jcohen@barclaywater.com
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