



Academic Facilities Council of IFMA

News from the Academic Facilities Council of IFMA

A Message from the President:

AFC Conference & IFMA's World Workplace

What a great time in Orlando, FL! It's hard to believe that just a few weeks ago we were enjoying the Florida heat and this morning I was scrapping the frost off my truck windows. Oh well just one of the many joys of living in Alberta.

Orlando was my 5th World Workplace and AFC Conference and I plan on attending many more. The attendance for WWP was down as is to be expected given the current financial situation however despite the financial crunch post secondary institutions are facing there were 45 AFC members at WWP and 22 members registered for the AFC conference. It is good to see that these employers recognize the value their employees and their institutions receive by attending educational & networking opportunities of this type.

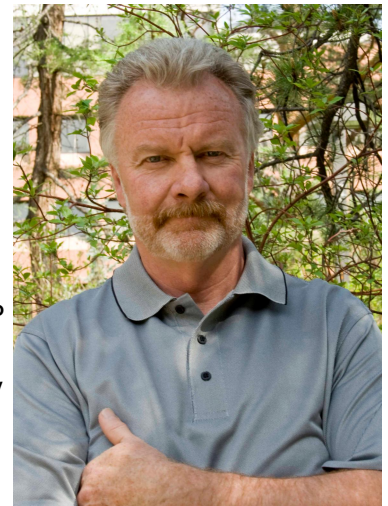
Thank you!

Before I go any further I need to recognize a couple of individuals for their contributions and to thank them on behalf of the Council for their efforts. Scott Weber our guy from Florida Tech did a great job of organizing the AFC Conference which included tours of Rollins College and Valencia Community Colleges as well as educational sessions both days. Jeannie Nguyen our IFMA Council Liaison looked after all the arrangements, buses, dinners etc. Jeannie was also responsible for making the Council executive aware of and then booking our speaker for the Council sponsored luncheon which turned out to be a terrific success.

Both these individuals deserve a big **Thank You!**

A Big Thanks goes out to the staff of both Rollins and Valencia colleges for opening up their campuses to us. You should be very proud of your campuses they are both well maintained and were a pleasure to tour. Check out the pictures on the web site it will give you a good idea of how well these campuses are operated.

In addition to the AFC conference the council also sponsored a lunch and learn session during IFMA's World Workplace Conference. Over 130 IFMA members attended the session - Zero Energy Buildings – The Future of the Built Environment – which dealt with the Los Angeles Community College District plan to build 50 new zero energy buildings. The presentation by Larry Eisenberg from the LACCD was well received by those in attendance and will be available on our website shortly.



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Membership Satisfaction Survey and Balanced Score Card Exercise

The coming year looks to be exciting and challenging and I want to assure you that your executive and committee chairs are committed to ensuring that the AFC is providing you, the members, with the services you require and need. As part of this process the AFC executive and committee chairs will be meeting to complete the IFMA's balanced score card process. This process was instituted by IFMA a number of years ago and provides a method of identifying the needs of members, identifying action plans to meet those needs and methods for measuring to evaluate the success of the plans.

Your part will be to tell us how we are doing and what we can do to ensure we are providing you with the services you need. As a first step the Council sent out a member satisfaction survey in mid October we will be reviewing the results in early December and reporting back to all in early 2010.

Maximize your Membership

One of the best ways to maximize your AFC membership is to become involved with your council. It is easy to do and can take as little or as much time as you can spare. Getting involved can be as easy as responding to queries from AFC members, volunteering to sit on committees, suggesting, attending or presenting webinars, writing an article for the newsletter, chairing committees or joining the executive. If you are interested in finding out how to become involved with the council please contact any member of the executive, committee chairs or Jeannie Nguyen.

Spring Conference - Washington, D.C. June 9-11, 2010 - Jorge Abud and his team are well on their way to organizing the Spring AFC Conference to be held at American University. Check out the update in the newsletter and make your plans to attend.

Fall Conference - Atlanta October 24-26, 2010 - The fall conference will mark the 20th anniversary of the AFC. John Shenette will be acting as the council co-ordinator for this event and is looking for volunteers from the membership. If you can assist John with this event please contact him.

If you can only attend one training event this coming year make it Atlanta in 2010 and help celebrate our 20th year, IFMA's World Workplace Conference & Expo follows immediately afterwards October 27-29, 2010.

I am tremendously honoured to be the President of the AFC and I want to assure each one of you that you will get 100% of my efforts towards ensuring that we are providing the services you require, and providing opportunities for you to become engaged with the council.

*George Thomlison
AFC President*

Sunday - October 4— The newly elected president George Thomlison – University of Alberta and AFC board hosted the 20 plus AFC members at the Presidential Invitational Dinner – held this year at the Seasons 52 restaurant. Another fine venue selected by our council liaison Ms. Nguyen. Jeannie knows more about restaurants than anyone I have met.

Monday October 5 – Our bus awaits we are off to Rollins College one of the oldest colleges in the south established in 1885 it was recently ranked as the #1 college in the south. While at Rollins the members were provided with two presentation the first entitled Building Management & Building Intelligence the second School Dude /facility Dude Maintenance Management Systems. Between the two session we got to tour one of the prettiest Campuses I've seen. The campus, situated Lake Virginia boasts well maintained grounds and buildings and certainly shows the charm of a southern Campus. School sports include rowing, soccer, tennis, golf and of course water skiing. The AFC dinner followed at the Moonfish restaurant.

Tuesday October 6 – Another bus another Campus. This time one of the newest colleges in Orlando, Valencia Community College, (west campus). Again two sessions – Performance Contracting and Energy Solutions and Alternative Energy Sources, two really good sessions and then a tour of Campus. Once again we were treated to a well maintained Campus with new buildings incorporating a number innovative systems particularly around lighting in classrooms.

Friday October 9 – Lunch & learn

For the first time the AFC hosted a lunch and learn session as part of the WWP. What a tremendous success over 140 WWP delegates attended the two hour session Zero Energy Buildings – The Future of the Built Environment. The session provided background on the Los Angeles Community College District's plan to build 50 zero energy buildings. The presentation by Larry Eisenberg was extremely well received.

Special thanks to the staff of Rollins College & Valencia Community Colleges you have every reason to be proud of your Campuses and it showed in the way you spoke about them. Your generosity made our conference a tremendous success.



Rollins College, Campus Tour



Valencia Community College Chillers Plant

Click [here](#) to download the presentations and to view more pictures.



Academic Facilities Council—Webinar Schedule

January 27, 2010 (Time: TBD)

Value of Retro commissioning

Provide a soup-to-nuts primer on how to go about the commissioning and retro-commissioning process.

March 2010 - Bird Birth Control (*more information coming soon*)

June 2010—The Greening Landscape (*more information coming soon*)

The Academic Facilities Council offers webinars and roundtables throughout the year. Here are the past webinars from this year, 2009.

March 3, 2009 – Generation Y Perspective

April 15, 2009– A Range of Inspection

July 15, 2009– Building Green With Metal

July 29, 2009– Plug Load – the Hidden Goldmine

November 4, 2009 – Energy in a Down Market

All past webinars have been recorded and is available on the AFC Website, under the [past events](#).

The education committee is working on the 2010 webinar schedule. If you happen to have a topic or speaker suggestion for a possible future webinar please contact the Bob Myrick, Education Chair at rdm6@nw.opp.psu.edu.



**Academic Facilities Council 2010
Spring Conference
June 9-11, 2010
American University
Washington, D.C.**

The Academic Facilities Council will be meeting next spring conference at American University. We are currently in the planning stages and will send out more information to you soon so keep a look out for it!

Academic Facilities Council Fall Conference

October 25-26, 2010

Atlanta, GA, USA

IFMA's World Workplace Conference & Expo

October 27-29, 2010

Atlanta, GA, USA



About the Academic Facilities Council: Academic facilities offer facility managers and space planners many unique challenges. These individuals must effectively plan, design, construct, utilize and maintain a variety of buildings, grounds and equipment including classrooms, computer labs, residence halls and apartments, athletic facilities, dining halls, theaters, laboratories, libraries and health care facilities. The students, instructors and researchers who utilize these facilities have needs that may radically differ from conventional building tenants.



Painting the Town White

By: Mark Mankin, Coordinator, Facilities Department at the University of Delaware

When students in Thomas McKean Hall, an upper class dorm at the University of Delaware, asked if a large white board could be installed in the first floor study lounge of the building to facilitate collaboration and teamwork, I thought instead about trying a new product that was introduced to me at the Spring Conference of the Academic Facilities Council in Pittsburgh this past June.

Idea Paint, made by MDC Wallcoverings (www.mdcwall.com) is a fairly new product that was developed with the Academic Market in mind that solves the problem of creating a surface on any wall in any size office or area that can be custom made to the end users' needs. Instead of the traditional route of purchasing a stock size white board and then hanging it on a wall, Idea Paint turns your wall into whatever size white board you wish.

We first worked with the Residence Life Staff to identify the lounge and wall that would be used for the white board. In order to implement the plan for the Idea Paint wall, I asked our in house Housing Painters and Carpenters to work together to create the wall and then frame around it to complete the look. Our Paint Group Leader took the responsibility for working with our local Sherwin Williams paint distributor to obtain the two quarts of the paint we estimated that would be required and to prepare the wall surface. The wall was first primed with a standard latex primer. The idea paint was then applied with a fine nap roller in one even coat. The total wall surface covered measured approximately 12 feet long by 6.5 feet wide.

After the idea paint was allowed to dry for approximately 5 days, the students were allowed to test the new surface and it worked out great. The Carpenters then took some pre-primed wood strips and built a frame for the new board surface, including a piece at the bottom that doubles as a holder for the dry erase markers. The only step that still needs to be completed is for the Painters to return and paint the wood trim in a color that matches the metal door frames in the lounge to complete the look. The students are thrilled with the result and have been using their new board non-stop since it was completed. We now have requests from other areas of campus for their own Idea Paint projects.

Some of the lessons that we learned about using this product was that you want to try and estimate as close as possible how much paint you will need so that you have enough to cover in one shot. The paint cost us \$220 a quart and we used two quarts, so between that cost and the couple of hours it took to apply the product, it isn't something we plan to do everywhere. Our Carpenters advise that you may want to first determine where studs are behind the wall you want to paint so that you can anchor the framing to studs. You also want to work with the Residence Life Staff try and ensure that students do not use the painted surface prior to it completely drying. I'd be happy to share our experience with using the product here at UD with anyone interested by phone at 302-831-3338 or email at mmankin@udel.edu.





John Shenette, Executive Director of Facilities Management, Smith College

John serves as the Executive Director of Facilities Management at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Mr. Shenette administers a Facilities Operations budget of \$ approximately 32 million dollars. Facilities Management at Smith is comprised of Building Operations, Building Services, Grounds, Transportation, Environmental/Life Safety, Materials Management, Real-Estate rentals, the Central Services Center and Construction and Planning. These departments are staffed by 176 union and non-union personnel. Facilities Management supports 114 buildings with a total of over 3.1 million square feet.

He has over 22 years of experience in Higher Education, managing people, facilities, construction and maintenance. Prior to Smith College, John held positions at the University of Massachusetts, East Carolina University and Bentley University.

He is currently serving as Vice President for the Academic Facilities Council, Committee Chair of the Academic Council of the International Facilities Management Association's Boston Chapter.

He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Central New England College and is currently pursuing a MS in Organizational Leadership.

What is the most memorable moment from any AFC gathering?

Having the opportunity to meet and network with peers from across the country. There are many memorable moments, each event is a unique experience.

What value do you think the council provides to its members?

Presenting a format that allows members to engage in open discussion. Facilities is a ever changing environment. AFC provides the tools and mechanism to virtually connect me to every member. AFC provides learning opportunities that allows for collaboration.

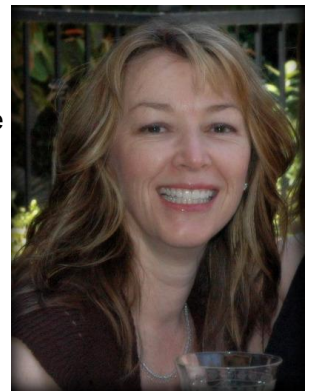
What is one aspect of your personal life that you'd like people to know about?

Back in the early years I was avid hockey player and was dreaming of a career as a hockey player but was cut short of that dream just before college because of an injury playing hockey. Over the past few years I have returned to the ice and now play in a league that plays two games a week. Returning to the game is like the MasterCard commercial, priceless!

Jolie Cartier, Executive Director, Facilities Management, California Western School of Law

What is the most memorable moment from any AFC gathering?

I've been to only two, and one of the most memorable moments for me was this past AFC conference when we visited Rollins College outside Orlando, Florida. At one point during our meeting the sky opened up and great sheets of water poured down for 5 minutes, with the sun still shining. As if on a switch, the storm was over as quickly as it started, so I went outside to see the view. The humidity was thick and giant sweeping clumps of Spanish moss cascading from ancient oak trees around campus made the area feel like a Southern plantation movie set. Visiting other campuses around the country like this one gives me a whole new perspective on campus facilities management, expands my horizons, and gives me a greater appreciation for the challenges my colleagues in our industry face.



What value do you think the council provides to its members?

I appreciate my local IFMA community and the networking and learning opportunities that it provides. But having a group of members who are familiar with the specific challenges associated with educational facility management – the diversity of duties, the minutiae, the tight schedules and even tighter budgets – all provide me with better networking and sharing opportunities.

What is one aspect of your personal life that you'd like people to know about?

Because my daily work tends to be fairly intense, I've learned that exercising and spending quality time with friends and family gives me an important balance. I'm in a master's swim group and ride a road bicycle, and love to take my two dogs to the beach. My husband and I collect wine (currently we're on a kick for wines from Amador County, CA), and love to cook for friends; Fall evenings you'll probably find me relaxing around the fire pit and roasting marshmallows under the stars!



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Are you interested in joining a committee?
The council is always looking for new folks to
get involved! Contact the appropriate
committee chair person!



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2. If you would like to **post a new message/question** to the Academic Facilities Council Online Community without having to login to IFMA Online Community, just send your email to this email address for your specific council, afc.council@ifmacommunity.org. This will allow for you to post and reply by email, similar to the listserv tool we were using.

Academic Facilities Council Web site

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Check out the AFC Web site for the latest information on conferences, officer contacts and much more!

Share Your Story!

Have you come across an interesting article, written one or have a specific topic to hear more about?

If you'd like to share this information with your fellow AFC members, please contact Jeannie Nguyen, Council Liaison at jeannie.nguyen@ifma.org.

The AFC is looking for possible topics for online webinars, content for the newsletter and website.