News from the Academic Facilities Council of IFMA

A Message from the President:

Spring Conference - American University, Washington D.C.

The spring AFC Conference hosted by Jorge Abud at American University was tremendous. We were treated to some great sessions and some terrific tours of both American and Georgetown Universities as well as behind the scenes tours of the Smithsonian Institute. Jolie Lucas has a full recap of the event later in the newsletter. Big thank-you to Jorge and his staff and all the others that helped make this such a successful event.

AFC - Executive and Board

There are a number positions open on both the AFC executive and board. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the AFC as a committee chair or a member of a committee I am available to answer any questions you may have. If you have a particular area of interest I’m sure we can help you find a way for you to become involved.

Things we have been working on

- Completed the application for the IFMA - Award of Excellence - Council of the Year
- Completed the application for the IFMA Award of Excellence - Council Newsletter
  
  We should know the results in mid August at which time we’ll share with all members.
- Finalized the IFMA Foundation Scholarship Awards – The AFC will be presenting two - $1500 awards this year.
- Preliminary meetings have been held to incorporate parts of the AFC Spring 2011- Conference with Facility Fusion, more details to come. It is worth mentioning that it is being held in Boston and at least one of the high profile universities has already expressed an interest in hosting the AFC. IFMA has already put a call out for presentations and the AFC has five spots to fill so here’s your chance to share your great idea or program with your colleagues. The call for presentations closes on August 31, 2010. Click here, http://www.ifmafacilityfusion.org/2011/conference/cfp/default.aspx.
A Message from the President, continued.

AFC Fall Conference – Atlanta October 25-26
The event is coming together nicely and promises to deliver a strong educational component, great tours and a celebration event that we'll remember for years. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to acknowledge and thank UGL UNICCO, for their financial support of the AFC 20th Anniversary Event. The event which includes dinner and tours of the museum and lots of opportunities to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances will be held at the Atlanta History Museum on Tuesday October 26 at 7pm. Full details are available later in the newsletter and on our webpage.

Webinars
Do you have a desire to present a webinar or a topic you would like to have presented as a webinar contact Bob Myrick Pennsylvania State University rdm6@nw.opp.psu.edu

Awards
If you, your department or Campus has won an award related to broad scope of facilities management let us know and we and we feature in it the newsletter.

Featured Campus
Would you like your campus featured in the AFC newsletter contact George Thomlison george.thomlison@ualberta.ca. All we need is a couple of pictures and 150 -200 words about your Campus.

The Olympics the final chapter.....
Washington not only was the site of another terrific AFC conference it was also the opportunity for Bill O'Neill – University of Minnesota and John Shenette - Smith College pay off their bets to me. The bets go back to the Gold Medal Hockey Games at the Vancouver Olympics. These gentlemen were true to their words and presented me with $30 each, unfortunately the cash was all in pennies so it made it difficult to lug around.

Of course he who laughs last...laughs best as Bill and John found out on Tuesday when they were presented with Team Canada T shirts which they wore with pride throughout our day at Georgetown.

Hope to see you all in Atlanta to celebrate 20 years of the Academic Facilities Council.

George Thomlison
AFC President

(John Shenette, George Thomlison, Bill O'Neill)
Academic Facilities Council Spring Conference Recap

I just attended my second AFC Spring Conference, (this time held in June) and the biggest mystery to me is why the entire AFC membership doesn't show up to these things! In addition to being of tremendous educational value (and by value I mean the cost is miniscule compared to the return on your investment), it is inspiring to be shoulder to shoulder with professionals sharing their best practices as well as their biggest challenges. If I mentioned that they manage to inject humor at every opportunity, you might interpret that to mean that it’s a fraternity of insiders who get nothing done – and you’d be dead wrong. This is a hardworking bunch (like you) – who are eager to learn, share and improve their careers and their facilities. (And new attendees are enthusiastically encouraged and embraced.) It surely won’t begin to replace the actual experience, but I’ll do my best to describe what you missed this last June in Washington DC.

Jorge Abud, Assistant Vice President, Facilities and Administrative Services, was our host at American University. We met in the beautiful, brand new School of International Service building. Jorge and his staff provided the perfect learning environment through excellent presentations and tours. (And food! So far I’ve been unsuccessful at trying to replicate the carmelized onion and brie sandwich prepared by campus catering!) A huge thank you to all who helped put it together.

The presentation materials are on the AFC website, but the theme for Wednesday’s presentations was strategic planning. Jorge’s department has been doing a textbook job on developing their strategy and vision statement, to the point that all employees’ performance reviews and goals are tied into the department’s vision (which is in turn tied into the vision and goals of the university.) It has become an important part of their culture and clearly provides strong underpinning to their success. So much so that other departments are beginning to model themselves after this department!

On Thursday morning, the bus took us to Georgetown University where Jorge introduced us to Alan Brangman, University Architect (Georgetown). Jorge and Alan then gave us the “Dueling Banjos” master plan presentation, each outlining their respective campus plans. It was fascinating to see side by side the approaches that two different campuses were taking, and left many of us shaking our heads at some of the issues that they encounter that are unique to the District of Columbia. The presentations were followed by a Georgetown University campus tour.

At every conference, a tour is usually included that is unique to the conference location, and this June was no exception. Thursday afternoon we had the good fortune to tour two support facilities for the Smithsonian, the Museum Support Center and the Cultural Resource Center. The tours were conducted from a facilities perspective, offering a behind the scenes glimpse of some of the millions of specimens maintained by this iconic American institution, and the balance they must keep between archiving and public access to things as small as biological cells and as large as an entire (preserved) zebra carcass!

Friday found us back at the American University campus where we had both slide and walking presentations of the Campus Arboretum. The campus’s park-like setting is no accident, and the campus landscape architects pointed out the many small actions taken that have created grand spaces, intimate spaces, shady spots, and study areas – all while adhering to the campus sustainability plan.

The day ended with the AFC business meeting, where we discussed the upcoming World Workplace and AFC Fall Conference plans, the Facility Fusion/AFC Spring Conference plans for 2011 in Boston, the selection of students for the two new scholarships that AFC is funding, our new website update, ideas for webinars - and shared our hopes that the “Council of the Year” and “Newsletter of the Year” packages we submitted will be winners!

This October, the AFC celebrates its 20th year. The AFC Fall Conference will take place in Atlanta October 25-27 (just prior to World Workplace). If you haven’t already, you should make some room for it on your calendar. (I’m just sayin’!)

-Jolie Lucas, CFM, AICP, LEED AP

Academic Facilities Council Secretary
Increasing Learning Per Square Foot Webinar
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Time: 10 a.m. Pacific / noon Central / 1 p.m. Eastern
Speaker: Chris Whitney, URS Corporation
This webinar will take a look at demographics and expectations of today’s students and the implications of those expectations on Facilities Design for Universities and Colleges. We will also explore matching Pedagogy with Planning and look in depth at specific examples of how maximize retention and the overall learning experience.

Click here to RSVP today!
(https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFhzZF81NXJiTUNyVUgtSTNHNTgyaWc6MA)

Learning Space 3.0: Real and Virtual Space Collide -
Friday, October 29, 2010 (live from the conference)
Time: 8:30 a.m. Pacific / 10:30 a.m. Central / 11:30 a.m. Eastern
Mark Valenti, The Sextant Group
Maturing technologies such as wired and wireless networks, low-cost projectors, flat panel displays, and productivity software are integral components of a traditional modern-day educational facility. New and emerging technologies such as collaboration software, personal broadband networks, virtual environments, and 3D displays are now creating opportunity to re-think the learning space – what and where it is – and what happens inside. Demands for flexibility, collaborative learning, and access to digital information are resulting in a new design paradigm for learning space that transcends academic disciplines. Concurrently, new technologies enable development of highly specific and realistic simulation environments for education, business, the health sciences and more. Finally, the development of virtual environments offers opportunity to connect a community of learners in ways independent of real space, yet may dramatically impact the development of real space in the coming years. This session will explore developments in technology, classroom design, and concepts for future facilities.

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
The Academic Facilities Council will be hosting a “Lunch and Learn” session at IFMA’s World Workplace on Friday, October 29 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Eastern

Academic Facilities Council Spring Conference at IFMA’s Facility Fusion Conference
March 23-25, 2011
Westin Waterfront
Boston, MA, USA
Call for presentations will close on August 31, 2010.
If interested, click http://www.ifmafacilityfusion.org/2011/conference/cfp/default.aspx to submit.

More details to come...
Academic Facilities Council Fall Conference—Preliminary Agenda

October 25-26, 2010
Atlanta, GA, USA

Recommended hotel:

**Atlanta Marriott Marquis**
Group: Academic Facilities Council
US$189 Single/ US$199 Double
Click [here](#) to make your room reservation.

**Monday, October 25 Georgia Tech University**
7:15 a.m. Meet at Hotel lobby (Atlanta Marriott Marquis) – Depart to Georgia Tech (Wardlaw Center @ Bobby Dodd Stadium)
8:00 a.m. Breakfast – Welcome and Overview, George Thomlison, John Shenette
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Building Information Modeling (BIM)
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. Part two of BIM presentation
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Historical restoration
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Campus Tour of Georgia Tech

**Tuesday, October 26 Host site TBD**
7:30 a.m. Meet at Hotel lobby (Atlanta Marriott Marquis)
8:00 a.m. Breakfast – Welcome and Overview
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Energy Management
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Cogeneration
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. AFC Business Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Campus Tour
3:45 p.m. Return to Hotel
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Presidents 20th Anniversary of AFC I Dinner Location Atlanta History Center Sponsored by UNICCO

Do you plan on attending IFMA’s World Workplace Conference & Expo? The AFC will be hosting a lunch and learn session:
Friday October 29th Mark Valenti, the Sextant Group: Learning Space 3.0: Real and Virtual Space Collide

Click [HERE](#) to REGISTER TODAY!
(registration form is on next page, 5)
2010 AFC Fall Conference October 25-26, 2010 in Atlanta, GA

Full Conference: $125 Academic Facilities Council & IFMA member

Full Conference: $180 IFMA member  Check here to receive a complimentary one year Academic Facilities Council membership (valid only for IFMA members)

Full Conference: $255 Non-IFMA members

# of tickets ______ 20th Anniversary Dinner at the Atlanta History Center (additional ticket): $50.00

Please check off which function you will be attending so that we can reserve space, transportation and plan for food and beverage accordingly. (Full Conference registration includes everything listed below)

- Monday, October 25 Georgia Tech University program and tours
- Tuesday, October 26 Details to be finalized
- Tuesday, October 26 20th Anniversary Dinner at the Atlanta History Center

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IFMA accepts checks and credit cards. Please make checks payable to IFMA Academic Facilities Council. All fees payable in U.S. funds only. No registration form will be processed without payment.

Charge the total amount of $________________ to the following credit card:

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- Food Allergy (please specify): __________________________________________
- Other (please specify): __________________________________________

Fax complete registration form to 281-974-5690 email to jeannie.nguyen@ifma.org or mail to Jeannie Nguyen at IFMA 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77046-0194
Welcome New AFC Members Section—May, June, July 2010

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UGL Unicco Service Company  Temple Israel of Hollywood

The following is a link to the University of Minnesota’s Facilities Web Page. It has a number of items with stories directly related to FM Central Services.

http://www.facm.umn.edu/

FM Launches University Construction: this is the internal construction company within FM that has just launched. They recently rebranded uniforms and reinvigorated the safety program and behaviors for improvement of the field staff.

They have also hired PCL construction to design and implement their construction administration.

University of Minnesota Places First Recyclemania.

Bill O’Neill, CFM, Associate Director of Facility Management Central Services

University of Minnesota

Any interesting news about your campus of facility that you would like to share?

Send them to Jeannie Nguyen at jeannie.nguyen@ifma.org
TIPS FOR NAVIGATING:

After your first login, you must subscribe yourself to the council postings to activate email deliverability to all council postings, similar to the listserv. You are not automatically subscribed to email delivery.

1. **Log in** to [http://www.ifmacommunity.org](http://www.ifmacommunity.org)
   (You must use your IFMA member ID and IFMA password)

2. **Click on Forums** on the top left menu tab

3. **Click on Forum Subscriptions** (located on the left hand side of the page, under Shortcuts)

4. You can then change the default setting from not receiving subscriptions to receive postings via email. **Click under the Subscription to “YES”** (to receive postings by email similar to the listserv) or "NO" (which means you will need to login to the IFMA Online Community to view the discussions) The subscription's default setting is "NO" in order to change it to "YES" simply click on the "NO".

TIPS FOR POSTING & REPLYING TO QUESTIONS:

1. To **reply** to emails that you receive, you can post your responses (just like the listserv).

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](mailto:afc.council@ifmacommunity.org). This will allow for you to post and reply by email, similar to the listserv tool we were using.

NEW! Academic Facilities Council Web site

Click here: [http://www.ifma-afc.org/](http://www.ifma-afc.org/)

Check out the AFC Web site for the latest information on conferences, officer contacts and much more!
# Academic Facilities Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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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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*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.