



News from the Academic Facilities Council of IFMA

A Message from the President:

I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and all the best for 2012. The cold weather is starting to settle in here in the Northeast and hopefully it will not be too long a winter. This past year has been extremely exciting for the Academic Facilities Council (AFC). This is due to the hard work and dedication of outgoing President George Thomilson, outgoing treasurer Chuck Walden and many others.

This past October, the AFC visited Phoenix, Arizona during World Work Place (WWP) and the Valley of the Sun again stood by its reputation of being the home for outstanding weather! Blue sky, perfect temperatures and outstanding hosts greeted the AFC for a truly wonderful week. The fall program was successful largely due to the tremendous efforts of conference program chair Cheryl Johnson from Arizona State University. Cheryl was able to create wonderful educational programs along with an evening social at the Taliesin West – Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation which will now serve as the benchmark for future AFC social events. Special thanks go out to Jolie Lucas for her efforts in assisting Cheryl. Cheryl will be retiring and will no longer be associated with the AFC. The board wishes Cheryl the very best and will always welcome her back if she needs to find something to do.

During WWP, the AFC was pleased to announce the first recipient of the Steven Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship. The recipient was Clarissa Judkins, a senior from Provo, Utah studying Facility and Property Management at Brigham Young University. Clarissa will be graduating this April. Also during the Fall program, I was able to spend time away from the daily grind with two fellow AFC members. Upon my arrival to Phoenix, I was greeted by now past-President George Thomilson of the University of Alberta and Chuck Walden, who is retired from California State University, San Marcos

. I do not have the time to describe in detail my journey with these two members, but will comment that finding time before or after an AFC event to enjoy the company of the membership is truly an eye-opening experience--from getting lost upon pick-up at the airport and circling the airport grounds for 45 minutes because they did not know how to operate the GPS, to golfing in some of the most beautiful scenery in America and listening (well, not really) to how well they think they play the game, I can only say...live the experience if you can. Life has called many of us the the higher educational profession and having the ability to share our experiences is just like the phrase in the MasterCard commercial, "it's priceless"! I recommend taking the time to enjoy each other's company. The membership holds a wealth of information and knowledge, and with the technology available, we are closer to each other than ever before.

Some of the upcoming changes and events for the AFC in 2012 include: Jessa Gagne from Bentley University will be changing the website to create a more dynamic tool for members, a new board has been elected and new appointments include Bruce Boyer from Stonehill College who will serve as Vice President, Karl Kowitz from Smith College who will serve as Treasurer, Jolie Lucas from RSP Architects, LTD who will remain active as Secretary, George Thomilson who will serve as past-President, also promising to remain active and to limit his comments on Canada. On the committee front, Gregory Williams from the University of Minnesota will be the Sustainability Chair, Jessa Gagne from Bentley University will serve as the Content Chair, Sponsorship Chair will be a joint position shared by William Johnson of Haley & Aldrich and Edward O'Rourke of GEI Consultants. Bob Myrick from Pennsylvania State University will continue as the Educational Chair, and of note...Bob is looking for someone to Co-Chair this role with him. He states that retirement is in his future.



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The Membership Chair role will be handled by Gregory Victor of the Park County School District #6. Kudos to Greg on his introduction membership package that he presented last year. The AFC is grateful to these members for accepting these important roles. I look forward to working with each of them this upcoming year.

This year also includes an educational program on "Creating the Case for Design-Build: A University's Perspective" scheduled for January 12, 2012 at Stonehill College. The AFC is well underway with the planning of the "Must See" event for the spring; this year the AFC will journey to the State of North Carolina. The host for this event is Conference Program Chair, Mitchell Vann from Duke University. Mitchell has created a program that is truly a must attend event for AFC members. He has put in countless hours and has produced an agenda that is second-to-none. Please visit the AFC website for details. This spring also marks the first annual Steven Strickland Showers Memorial Golf Tournament that will be held the day before the educational program. I know that during these difficult economic times funding is limited on campuses when it comes to travel, however, I strongly encourage everyone to view the agenda that Mitchell has created when making travel decisions--you will be very impressed.

Feel free to drop a note to any member of the board telling them what you would like to see included in the upcoming year or mention that you would like to become active in the Academic Facilities Council or tell us your story of success and request it be put in the upcoming newsletter. I believe the AFC is the best value available to the higher educational profession, low cost registration, most interesting facility tours and extremely informational learning sessions are just some of the reasons to come explore. The sky is the limit of what we can do in the Academic Facilities Council.

Again, I wish the membership all the best this coming year and hope to see you at the Spring Conference at Duke University!

Best,
John Shenette
Academic Facilities Council President
Associate Vice President for Facilities Management , Smith College

To see what your past president has been up to [CLICK HERE](#)

Is Phoenix Hot or Is It Just Me?

(or: Notes on the 2011 Fall AFC Conference from the perspective of your intrepid AFC Secretary) - Jolie Lucas

You don't want another blow-by-blow of everything on the agenda of the 2011 Fall AFC Conference, do you? Because in the case of our Spring and Fall AFC conferences, it really is a matter of seeing is believing . . . it's the *being there* that is the magic. My trying to explain what you missed just isn't the same as if you experienced it for yourself. If you weren't there, you missed Major General Chuck Henry describe the elements that enable a successful culture change within an organization. If you weren't there, you missed Beau Dromiack from RSP Architects describe with such passion the challenges of converting old Air Force Base buildings - with an extensive team of contractors under an extraordinarily tight timeframe - into a vibrant polytechnic campus, and then you missed Beau's tour where you were able to experience results of the team's work in the indoor and outdoor spaces - and the myriad custom features incorporated into the design and implementation of buildings, envelopes and landscaping. If you weren't there, then you missed the most amazing cocktail reception under the desert stars at Frank Lloyd Wright's studio known as Taliesin West. Words can't describe the warm air, the cacti silhouetted against the moon, the sweet corn cakes, the duck tacos and spicy shrimp cocktails, or the welcoming hospitality of the tour guides who took us back to the 1950s and made us feel what it was like to work and study with the man, the myth and the ego.

If you didn't attend the AFC Conference in October 2011, then you missed the tour of Arizona State University's extensive solar array and the overview of "Metabolism" - the website that allows students, faculty and staff to track in real time the energy performance of the buildings they inhabit, and even to interact with what-if scenarios to see the immediate impacts of changing their behaviors, such as turning out lights and adjusting the thermostats. You missed Mike Lyner (principal of RSP Architect's i_SPACE division) present a webinar titled "Synthesis - the art and science of compiling and maintaining Strategic Facility Plans" in which he described the differences between master plans and strategic plans, and value of maintaining a strategic plan. You missed Matt Farley of MultiVista illustrate the immense value of photo-documentation of new construction - saving costly litigation and enabling problems to be resolved quickly, before minor problems become expensive problems.

If you weren't there, you missed a tour of the new sports center at the charming oasis known as Grand Canyon University, hosting a relatively small on-site student population and an extensive on-line student population. If you weren't there, you missed a tremendous opportunity to network with some of the finest facilities folks who belong to IFMA. Finally, if you weren't there, then WE MISSED YOU.

The next AFC Conference will be held at Duke University in North Carolina. The event will be kicked-off with the first annual Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Duke University Golf Club on April 24th. Additional details and registration information can be found on the AFC website at <http://www.ifma-afc.org/SpringConference2012.html>.

Check it out, so you can see what you're going to miss if you don't make a point of being there!



Solar array at ASU



Arizona State University



"Thunder Alley" bowling alley under construction at GCU



AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University

- Mitchell Vann

Planning for the AFC Spring Conference is in full swing!

Some of the topics and sessions will include:

Duke Master Planning & Duke's architecture over the past several decades

Leadership and the Facility Management Professional

Duke Facilities Management Department

A general overview of the responsibilities of Duke's Facilities Management and changes made to the organization in the last six years. With a new administration brought on-board in 2005 the department has transitioned for improved positioning to meet their challenges. Learn about the changes in the department's project management, utilities, engineering, administration and housekeeping. Also learn about the development of strategic initiatives and how they are used to maintain consistent and focused improvement.

Duke Gets off Coal

After decades of using coal to fire steam plant furnaces for all university and medical center heating, Duke Facilities Management converted their coal-fired plants to natural gas as the fuel source. Dozens of key players, millions of dollars, vision and careful planning were all key elements in accomplishing this major initiative and important project. Hear a panel of Duke professionals discuss the challenges and rewards of this energy conversion. The panel will cover:

- history, planning and process for the conversion
- demolitions, reconstructions & reconfigurations
- the drivers and business model to make the case
- how they accomplished this with no lay-offs, restructuring
- training & managing change/transition
- how the conversion fits in with the university's sustainability efforts
- results/impacts of the conversion & lessons learned

Project Delivery Methods and how to choose the right one

BIM for the FM

Duke Sustainability

To reach the goal of carbon neutrality by 2024, Duke University has established The Duke Carbon Offsets Initiative (DCOI). DCOI's mission is to develop local, state, and regional carbon offset projects that yield benefits beyond greenhouse gas emission reductions. Learn about an innovative waste-to-energy project that collects methane generated by hog waste and burns it to support the operations of the innovative system and create electricity for use on the farm. The destruction of the methane—a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide—creates GHG offsets, and the renewable energy generated by the system creates renewable energy credits (RECs). Hear about this and other sustainability efforts of Duke University's Climate Action Plan.

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AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University Continued

Plus building and campus tours, food and fun.

This conference will be a not-to-be-missed event. Register for the conference and secure your room today.

Attendees earn 20 maintenance points towards renewal of their CFM certification.

AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University, April 25-27th

[CLICK HERE](#) for Conference Agenda Summary

[CLICK HERE](#) for Sessions Summary

[CLICK HERE](#) for AFC Spring Conference You Tube video



Duke University

Don't miss the 1st Annual Steven Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at the prestigious and beautiful Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club on Tuesday, April 24th to kick off the conference!!! More info to come.



First recipient of the Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship, Clarissa Judkins. Picture includes from left to right Fred Weiss - University of Texas San Antonio, George Thomlison -University of Alberta, Scholarship recipient Clarissa Judkins from Brigham Young University, Bill O'Neill - University of Minnesota and Shelia Sheridan - Harvard University.



Sustainability Spotlight

Happy New Year,

As the new AFC Sustainability Chair I would like to introduce myself, Greg Williams CFM, FMP from the University of Minnesota. I have been a Manager in the Facilities Management department for 17 years. Currently I oversee Operations, Maintenance and Customer Service in 26 University buildings of various types and usage; classrooms, offices, research labs, libraries, gymnasiums, clinic, student housing, student center and 2 large chiller plants serving our chill water loop. You know the typical campus potpourri. I am also an Instructor at the University of Minnesota in the School of Kinesiology where I teach the sport of Ultimate Disc. The combination of these two positions has given me the opportunity to design and teach a sustainability program to over 500 members of our custodial enterprise in 2011.

Just recently I have enrolled myself in the International Facilities Management Association – Sustainability Facilities Professional online course. Studying this coursework and passing the associated tests will allow me to gain another IFMA credential namely the SFP™.

IFMA's TOP 5 reasons to earn the SFP™ credential

Support your environmental commitment with practical FM skills.

Learn to use knowledge-based and data-driven methods to develop solutions that provide the highest value for your building, your organization and your community, regardless of the rating system.

Challenge the status quo.

Challenge yourself and your organization to go beyond the current thinking, take full advantage of your FM skills and create a balance in your organization between sustainability and the corporate mission.

Impact your organization's triple bottom line.

Implement best practices to impact your organization's economic, environmental and social bottom lines.

Earn a competitive advantage.

The SFP™ credential will help advance your career and secure your future. You will gain credibility as an informed champion, partner and steward of the built environment within your organization and the communities in which you live and serve.

Join a professional network.

Become part of a network of like-minded professionals who have achieved their SFP™ credential.

I studied for my FMP credential online while being laid up for 8 weeks; I then went after my CFM in the same year. The SFP™ is a very important credential to me. It not only establishes your sustainability professionalism, it provides the wherewithal to keep our current and valuable assets in a sustainable manner greatly impacting the Triple Bottom Line.

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Sponsorship Program

PLATNIUM LEVEL: \$2500.00 The Platinum Sponsor is recognized as the sponsor of the premier event of the conference. There will be only one PLATNIUM LEVEL sponsorship available.

- 3 signs at event - (company provides) up to combined area of 40 sq ft
- Representative is introduced at event and brings greetings from company (2-3 mins)
- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 4 tickets to event they are sponsoring
- Business cards and brochures available on table by their sign
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
- Delegate gifts
- Mailing list of delegates

GOLD LEVEL: \$1500.00 The Gold Sponsors are recognized as the sponsors of 1 of the 2 lunches at the event. There are two GOLD LEVEL sponsorships available.

- Representative is introduced at event
- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 2 tickets to event they are sponsoring
- 1 sign at event - (company provides) up to an area of 12 sq ft
- Business cards and brochures available on table by their sign
- 1 ticket to main social event
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
- Delegate gifts
- Mailing list of delegates

SILVER LEVEL: \$1000.00 The Silver Sponsors are recognized as the sponsors of 1 of the 2 breakfasts at event. There are four SILVER LEVEL sponsorships available.

- Representative is introduced at event
- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 1 sign at event - (company provides) up to an area of 12 sq ft
- 1 ticket to event they are sponsoring
- 1 ticket to main social event
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
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BRONZE LEVEL: \$500.00 The Bronze Sponsors may sponsor nutrition breaks, transportation as examples

- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 1 ticket to event they are sponsoring
- Delegate gifts

If you are interested in being a sponsor at the Academic Facility Conference at Duke please contact one of the AFC's sponsorship chair.

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AFC 2011 New Members

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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>

(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. 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/>

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



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The AFC is looking for a volunteer to co-chair The Education/Communication Committee. If you are interested in getting involved please e-mail Bob Myrick at rdm6@psu.edu. Thank you!

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



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.