A Message from the President:

There is a phrase that states “Effort = Results”. This was the case recently with the AFC Spring Conference at Duke University. The Duke program was a tremendous event that highlighted the Duke campuses and staff. Educational sessions from Leadership to LEED Platinum buildings to model facilities processes were on the agenda and provided fantastic information. The conference chair, Mitchell Vann did an outstanding job in making this program a huge success. Mitchell’s efforts, along with those of his team, created results that made this program a benchmark for all other conferences in the future. During the conference, I had the opportunity to speak to many attendees. One comment that stood out was, “Enjoying the full breadth of the Duke experience”. This was observed during the three day program as attendees were woven into the fabric of Duke. Thank you to the AFC business partners for their sponsorship, to Mitchell and all of his team who welcomed the AFC to Durham, North Carolina. Job well done!

Also held during the Duke program was the first annual Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at the beautiful Duke University Golf Club. This first annual event was a huge success and will serve as the foundation for the Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship. A special thank you to members Chuck Walden and George Thomlison for handling the details. Thank you to the business partners for their sponsorship in supporting this event and making this a highlight and must-attend event for the future.

Recently, the AFC participated in IFMA’s Energy Star Building Challenge. Because of its tremendous effort, the AFC has earned the position of top council in this national competition. Bill O’Neill, member of the IFMA Board of Directors, traveled to Duke University and presented an award on behalf of IFMA to Jessa Gagne of Bentley University for her dedication in making the AFC shine. Congratulations to the AFC for leading the way!

With spring coming to a close and the warmth of summer just around the corner, the work is endless and continues. The fall program is just around the corner and I hope to see everyone there. Look for updates on the program details on the AFC website. Fred Weiss from the University of Texas at San Antonio is serving as the conference chair.

Planning has already begun for the spring 2013 conference. Location discussions are underway and an announcement will be coming soon. The AFC has a strong membership and if any member has information to share or if anyone wants to become involved please feel free to reach out to the board to discuss your ideas. The board stands ready to serve the membership.

In closing, remember if you’re seeking information please check out the ever changing AFC website and utilize the resource section for information to assist you in your quest for knowledge. Webinars are a wonderful source as well.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Best,

John Shenette, AFC President
AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University

- Mitchell Vann

AFC Spring Conference at Duke University a success!

The results are in. With record attendance and opening with the inaugural Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, the Academic Facilities Council Spring Conference 2012 at Duke University April 25-27 was “…the best conference I have ever attended – full of relevant topics, great access to Duke leadership, outstanding venues, and educational benefits that were outstanding…” quoted survey feedback from one conference attendee. Another attendee had this to say, “Thanks very much to the entire Duke team for a great event!...clearly Duke did a fabulous job hosting this.” The 3-day conference included the topics:

Leadership and the Facility Management Professional
Duke & Durham - An Orientation
Duke University – Beginnings
Overview of Duke University Facilities
Duke Sustainability
Water/Stormwater
Duke University Architecture & Campus Planning – 1930-present
Duke Gets off Coal
Project Delivery + Case Study on Nasher Museum and Coach K Center of Athletic Excellence
Building Information Modeling (BIM) Overview
Building Information Modeling (BIM) for the Facility Manager
Duke Medical Center & Health System Master Planning
Duke Medicine Pavilion & Duke Cancer Center Planning & Construction
UNFCCC in Durban, South Africa 2011
LEED Beyond Building Occupancy

One attendee said, “…all the sessions were spot on and a great value for Facility Professionals…”

Organized by Spring Conference 2012 Chair Mitchell Vann, CFM, LEED AP, attendees were thoroughly immersed in Duke. In addition to the educational sessions, the group walked the gothic Duke West campus and Duke Chapel, strolled through the beautiful Duke Gardens, spent time at the Home Depot Smart Home and walked the under-construction Duke Medicine Pavilion on a hard hat tour.

The keynote address at the beautiful Nasher Museum of Art was given by Duke Executive Vice President, Dr. Tallman Trask, III and the Duke University Architect 1992-2010, John Pearce, on Duke University Architecture and Campus Planning – 1930-present. The conference also had an unprecedented partnership event with the local IFMA chapter, the Greater Triangle Chapter of IFMA, on an afternoon of sessions, tour and social above the Durham Bulls Athletic Ballpark at Tobacco Road Sports Café. 15 golfers, had a great time at the Duke University Golf Club on Tuesday, April 24th while raising money for the IFMA Foundation SSS Scholarship Fund. 53 FMs registered for the conference and/or golf, a record for any AFC Spring Conference.

One attendee wrapped up the conference by saying, “Overall, the conference was one of the best I have attended since joining the AFC in 1999!”
AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University

**The Enchanted Forest that is Duke University**

*Or Notes on the 2012 Spring AFC Conference from the perspective of your intrepid AFC Secretary* - Jolie Lucas

I think when we first saw the “Save the Date” bookmarks, we had a clue that we were in for something special at our annual AFC Spring Conference at Duke University April 25-27. Then a video was released [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JeMnuHOzGc) that gave us a little more insight. (Did they film the video in some kind of park, for pete’s sake?)

As plans continued to unfold – the first annual Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Golf Tournament preparations made (the golf tournament was established to help fund the scholarship named in honor of our past AFC president, Stephen S. Showers) – the block of hotel rooms held at the gracious Washington Duke Inn (even my cab driver announced as we pulled in, “this is a really nice place”) – the agenda and speakers lined up – our anticipation grew. Finally, planes began to land and cars and cabs were secured – we were on our way!

I think the idea of coddling someone or something has taken on a negative connotation – gotten a bum rap. The Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary defines “coddled” as: to treat with extreme care; to pamper. Well, the AFC was “coddled” at this year’s Spring conference, thanks for the most part to the efforts of Mitchell Vann and the folks at Duke University.

From the handy and elegant “pad-a-folios” we received and the fresh, local food provided to the excellent quality sessions and opportunities to interact with local chapter members and AFC members alike; from the walks through the gardens and the “University in a forest” to the lunch overlooking the hallowed Duke basketball court (Coach K’s, that is!) – we were all gently ushered from one amazing and delightful experience to another.

A nice touch was that the sessions began with Jackie Podger, from Duke Learning and Organizational Development (Human Resources) asking us to look for development opportunities throughout the conference (after establishing the tone of a good southern revival) and then ended all the sessions by revisiting our experience and anchoring in our minds what we learned in the past couple of days. It was a nice full circle way to end the conference.

In between, we were treated with session after session of information, some of it specific to Duke to help us understand the university’s evolution and growth, some of it more broad – all of it relevant.

We were also the recipients of an impressive presentation on the Climate Change Conference, delivered by several students of Duke. I’m personally feeling a lot more secure about the whole future of our planet (not to mention my social security) knowing there’s another crop of smart people ready to take over where our generations leave off.

I’m sure that everyone takes away something different from these conferences. Most facilities managers say that they leave our conferences with (at least) one idea that they will implement when they return home. I think we all leave feeling less isolated and recognizing that we have great contacts we can call when we have questions in the future. I always leave our conferences wishing I could be a student again! And then I remember – we’re all still students – still learning and still problem solving. And now anxious for our next conference!

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*The next AFC Conference will be held in San Antonio Tuesday, October 30th, the day before World Workplace. There is an optional tour of Trinity College for those arriving on Monday, the 29th. Our host will be Fred Weiss at the University of Texas, San Antonio.*
What did you see or hear this week that astounded you the most?

- Capturing the (otherwise) lost power from the boiler plant with contact transfer.
- How they had a vision from 100 years ago that they’re still implementing.
- How they went from tobacco to hydroelectric and medicine and how they were harbingers in accepting women.
- How much they’ve constructed in such a short period of time.
- Jessa Gagne accepting the award for the AFC winning the IFMA Energy Star Challenge.
- How Duke has worked closely with the city – they said, “We’re not interested in having a downtown Duke” – the city has the downtown and its amenities, and the campus stays a campus.
- How the conference planners worked with the chapter and the council.
- Washington Duke bequeathing money and how his two sons carried on the tradition and vision.
- How the conference focused on one campus – design, construction, facilities – the whole spectrum.
- The size of the campus vs. the scarcity of students (ratio of campus per student.)
- All these great people!
Photo's From AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University

[Images of conference attendees and conference locations]
Photo’s From AFC Spring Conference 2012 @ Duke University
Photo’s From AFC 2012 Stephen Strickland Showers Golf Tournament
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Greg Williams CFM, FMP - Academic Facility Council Sustainability Chair

“Congratulations! The number of buildings shared for the IFMA ENERGY STAR Chapter and Council Challenge have been tallied – and Academic Facilities is the Council winner! As promised, here is the web badge to proclaim the success of member’s achievements on the council website.”

This email message was from Marina Badoian Kriticos IFMA Director, Sustainability.

Indeed, congratulations to AFC for its efforts in this endeavor. We should also thank Jessa Gagne— AFC Content Chair, Bentley University, Bruce Sutter Babson College and Monica Thomas University of North Texas for their efforts in assisting us to win this challenge.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
- John Quincy Adams

George Thomlison, AFC past President and Manager/HR & Procurement at the University of Alberta, sent me an email with some good news. On February 3, 2012, the University of Alberta earned a silver STARS ranking from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, AASHE.

**STARS** stands for:

**Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System**

The University of Alberta focused on their sustainability performance in three categories:

- Education and Research,
- Operations, and Planning,
- Administration and Engagement.

This ranking was in response to the University of Alberta’s steadfast commitment to sustainability. Looking over UA’s comprehensive [Sustainability Plan](http://www.ualberta.ca/) it is easy to see why.

(Side note: UA should remove the part about BOMA and insert IFMA SFP for sustainability education certification pg. 8.)

This is an excerpt from a University of Alberta communication:

“University of Alberta received the highest score in Canada for the category of “Planning, Administration and Engagement”. The university also received the maximum available innovation credits for four initiatives:

- Deliberation on Campus Sustainability (DoCS), a collaborative, student-lead project that engaged students, staff and faculty on sustainability issues facing the University of Alberta.
- Green & Gold Community Garden, a two-acre, pesticide and fertilizer-free garden that is a partnership between the School of Public Health, and the Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences. The garden raises funds for a non-profit organization that supports socially and economically marginalized women in Rwanda.
- Waste Experiential Learning Project, is a project of the university’s Department of Facilities and Operations, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence. It identifies hands-on/practical ideas for improving operational efficiencies related to waste management.
- Augustana Faculty’s New Curriculum is distinguished by its core requirements. Students must take 15 credits in at least three different categories, two of which are directly linked to sustainability.

You can read the University of Alberta’s full STARS submission [here](http://www.ualberta.ca/).”

Two things here I would like to comment on, one is that I love innovation and to receive the maximum available points is awesome. Secondly, “Waste Management Centre of Excellence”?

Well if you got it, flaunt it. Way to go UA. Thanks for the heads up George.

So for all of you AFC members out there please let us know your sustainability efforts and successes.
AFC News and Events

Upcoming Events

Webinar
Creating an FM Legacy 2PM EDT August 2, 2012

Conference
AFC Fall Conference October 2012 San Antonio, Texas

World Workplace October 31st – November 2nd San Antonio, Texas

Once again the University of Alberta has been named one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the 4th year in a row. Click here to read more!
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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Welcome new members! The AFC board hopes you will find your membership an enriching experience and we look forward to getting to know you better.
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!
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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.