



### Time to Celebrate

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Fellow IFMA Members it gives me great pleasure to announce that you are reading an award winning publication. That's right in August, IFMA's Northeast Wisconsin Chapter received the Award of Excellence in Newsletter Publishing, which will be presented on Friday, October 29th at World Workplace in Atlanta, Georgia.

We would love all of you to be there when we accept the award, but we know that is not logistically possible, so we are bringing the party to you.

**Please join us as we celebrate at Wild Truffle on Tuesday, September 21st, 4:30-6:30  
5120 W. Michaels Drive Appleton, WI 54913**

It will be a great celebration of our recognition as a chapter, and a kickoff to our new theme in 2010-11 of "Taking Facilities Higher".

The evening program will include oven fired pizza, appetizers, wine, speed networking to help us get better acquainted with fellow members, and how we are going to be "Taking Facilities Higher" this year.

This is a can't miss event. So please join us as we celebrate and kickoff a great year.

### Keep the Momentum Going

As the temperature reluctantly begins to drop, and the school bells start to ring, it's hard to avoid the feeling of new beginnings as we start September. The old adage is true, you get back from organizations as much as you put into them, and IFMA NEW wants to put that same challenge to you.

The board met for the 1st planning meeting of the year and one thing is clear, we want our members to feel engaged and appreciated. We have had some great momentum in the recent years: great programs, strong attendance, and solid membership.

We want to make sure we do more than sustain the chapter, we want to take facilities management to new heights.



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We all have a busy schedule and we want IFMA to make yours a little easier by being a great resource for both information and networking. Please take the challenge and let us know where you would like to help keep the momentum going.

Do you have a topic for a program? A location for a tour? Would you be willing to check in members at a meeting? Could you make phone call connecting with potential new members about the next IFMA meeting? Let us know, we would welcome your involvement if its for 15 minutes or a few hours.

#### IFMA NEW Chapter Program Dates (Monthly Programs will usually be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

9/21	Celebrate/Speed Networking at Wildtruffle
	10/19
	11/16
12/21	Holiday Party
	1/18
	2/15
	3/15
	4/19
May	Tri-Chapter (Milwaukee Area)
6/21	Golf Outing

## Focus on Committees

This section is usually devoted to one of our members, as we kick off the year we thought we would make you aware of some of the committees you could join through IFMA. Here is a brief summary of their responsibilities.

## Communications:

The communications committee is responsible for the newsletter, the website, email blasts, and NEW this year, exploring the benefit of Social Media outlets for the chapter. If you are interested in becoming a contributor in any of these aspects please consider joining the communications committee.

## Membership:

Membership helps to educate perspective members about the benefits of IFMA and works to retain our current membership by serving as a resource to find out how we as a chapter can meet their needs for professional development and networking.

## Sponsorship:

Each year our chapter has a sponsorship drive where we contact both current and perspective sponsors and raise funds for our chapter. This helps us fund our monthly programs as well as offset the cost of educational opportunities key to the development of facility management professionals.

## Programs:

The programs committee meets early in the program year and brainstorms



topic ideas and tour locations based on the input of our membership. They select different members from the committee and the Board to make contact at the appropriate venues and make sure our groups meeting space, audio visual, and catering needs are addressed each month. They also plan the holiday party and evaluate networking and educational opportunities.

## Golf Outing Committee:

The committee starts meeting in February to coordinate the annual golf outing fund-raiser. They are responsible for coordinating the details with the course, collecting door-prizes, arranging hole-sponsors and communicating details to the membership.

## Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors meets monthly and consists of our elected officers and the chairs of each of the committees.

To joining a committee please email [ne\\_ifma@ifmanewisconsin.org](mailto:ne_ifma@ifmanewisconsin.org) and we will send more info and meeting times.

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**Mission Statement**

The Northeast Wisconsin IFMA Chapter is an Association of Facility Management Professionals with the common goal of advancing their profession and promoting individual career development through education, networking and information-sharing.

**Upcoming Events (Click for more Info)**

[Wisconsin based—FMP training session--Business of FM](#)

**When:** September 21, 22, 23 and 24 (8am to 5pm)

**Where:** Wisconsin Trade Center. 8401 Greenway Blvd., 2nd floor, T-Wall Exchange - Monona Room, Middleton, WI 53562

**Registration Deadline:** August 31<sup>st</sup>

[Northern Illinois University Outreach](#)

Is offering several IFMA courses during the next few months. NIU is a licensed provider of the IFMA programs. Please check the website for dates and times.

[Fox Valley Tech Offers LEED Green Associate Exam Prep Class](#)

**When:** 9/21/2010 - 11/16/2010

**Where:** Appleton: D. J. Bordini Center

[Wisconsin Green Building Alliance-September Meeting](#)

**When:** Thursday, September 30th, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

**Where:** Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 4321 N Ballard Rd, Gallery Conference Room, Appleton, WI 54919-0001, (800) 847-4836

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Members \$15, Non Members \$20

## IFMA-NEW Financials 2009-2010

Assets (Cash, Checking, CDs)	\$30,914
Expenses	\$22,540
Revenue	\$25,924
Revenue over Expenses	\$3,384

If you would like more detailed information regarding our financials, please feel free to contact the Treasurer to discuss.



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Happy September!



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