

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ray Zimmerman

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation at being given this opportunity to lead this outstanding organization. Having been on the Board for several years, I look forward to working with people I have come to respect and appreciate.

I was going to write a long paragraph of appreciation for the efforts of the Board and committee members this last year but John's final message in the last newsletter said it so eloquently, I couldn't begin to compete. Therefore, I simply wish to add my 'Thanks' for your involvement, dedication and creativity. I'm sure John would agree that it is much easier to lead those who are leaders themselves.

My first task as your President will be to end the trend begun by **Darren Toshi** and expanded by **John Benny**: that of extended terms of office. Take note **Chris**, I'm doing this for only ONE year! But what a year it's going to be! Our Programs Committee has again created a fascinating and fun schedule. Our Education Committee is working hard on the Symposium in February and creating CFMs in record numbers. Our Membership Committee has developed new, innovative ways to gain and retain members. Our new Public Relations Committee will be giving our organization more visibility in our communities than we have ever had. Our Associates Committee is finding new ways to share their knowledge with our Professionals while finding time to "party hardy". Our Communication Committee is reworking our website to make it even better (how do you improve on an award winner?) while exploring every tool and technique to improve our communications with each other. **John Balch** continues to find the funds while **Kandice Coleman** dutifully accounts for every dime. **David Ling** accurately records our meetings while his power of observation ensures no guffaw will go undocumented.

The mission of the Seattle Chapter is to "create an environment that supports the diverse membership of IFMA and encourages each member's growth in the areas of Facility Management most important to them individually". --continued on page 3

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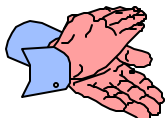
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That individual growth will be our focus this year. To make sure each of you grows in those areas that best works for you will be a daunting task. As you can see, it takes a very active chapter with a very involved Board to make that happen. The membership of this chapter is very diverse so to succeed will require broad experience and a lot of manpower. Quite frankly, we need more involvement from you. The Board has been directed to find opportunities for every member to participate in this endeavor at a level that fits best for them. By just "showing up", you offer yourself as a resource to other members. By varying our meeting times, you will have a better opportunity to attend. If you are good at Powerpoint, you could help develop a presentation or two during the year. If you can spare one hour a month, you could help call members to survey their needs or invite them to the next event. These are just a few examples, but the bottom line is GET INVOLVED. Contact **Denyce Cahill**, our Membership Chair, and tell her you want to join a committee or just "do something". Even if you made the mistake of telling me at one of our meetings that you wanted to do something, call her anyway (just in case). Do it today. Many years ago I did and I haven't regretted it.

Have a great summer. Take time to enjoy the sun but don't forget our Vendor Vignette July 16th (the first of many this year) on "furniture" by several furniture vendors. In August, we hope to tour the new Seahawk Stadium (the stadium management has been challenged to get us in while preparing to open but we're hoping for the best). We will also host a meeting on the future of commercial furniture. Visit our website often (look for its new look soon). I can't wait to see you at our next event.

-- Ray

PS: Have you called Denyce yet?



IFMA Membership Recognition: Greg Whitcomb

Greg Whitcomb has been in the facilities field for the last 10 years, his career started with Beneficial National Bank where he worked as a Facilities Coordinator. He climbed the corporate ladder to become their Facilities Manager in 1993. While at Beneficial, Greg handled Operations and Maintenance for multiple sites across the country. In 1996, he migrated to the Northwest to take a position with TRE/Orrtax Software Solutions. Greg has been the Facilities Manager for the last 6 years, handling both the day-to-day operations and strategic planning. Greg also has an extensive back ground in telecommunications and manages corporate communications for TRE in both their Se-

attle and Houston locations. Greg also does some consulting in these fields as well as he enjoys the technology field and the challenges it provides to him. Greg joined IFMA in December of 1997. He feels IFMA has played an important role his career development because of the many wonderful resources from its online bookstore to its extended learning courses. However, Greg believes the best resources are the IFMA members themselves. IFMA is a great networking tool for both Facilities Professionals and vendors alike.



If you would like to be recognized in an IFMA newsletter, or know a FM who should be, please email **Melanie Poteet** at mpoteet@glbe.com with your profile.



BREAK OUT THE CIGARS! Let's not forget to say a BIG congratulations to **Bob Cowan** of FHCRC the next time you see him! The Cowan family is expecting a third child. Bob's lovely wife was due on 6/16, & at the time of publication, had still not given birth. Bob expects to take a couple of days off to help with their other children Nicklas, age 4 and Clara, age 3, but will quickly be back in the saddle at work. The Chapter wishes a warm welcome to the Cowan family's new addition!

* Please contact **Kandice Coleman** with any info or interesting tidbits about our members in motion. kandice.e.coleman@flooring.dupont.com

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A 92-year-old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw the man walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. At his followup visit, the doctor talked to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" The man replied, "Just doing what you said, Doctor, "Get a hot mama and be cheerful."

The Doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you've got a heart murmur. Be careful."

IFMA's World Workplace makes its Canadian debut this October!

IFMA's World Workplace brings its North American event to Toronto, Ont., Canada. The annual conference for members of IFMA, World Workplace is an opportune time for members to gather, learn more about what's happening in the industry, and share knowledge and common experiences with a community of workplace professionals. No other FM show gives attendees the extent of networking opportunities that World Workplace provides. IFMA's World Workplace offers many special events ideal for getting reacquainted with old friends or for meeting new friends and valuable business contacts.

Featuring more than 70 educational sessions presented by top industry experts, IFMA's World Workplace is the only FM event entirely focused on education. New this year is the introduction of more applicable educational tracks, which address current issues of concern for the built environment. Energy, Technology, Sustainability, Security, Leadership, Alternative Workplaces and FM Core Competencies will drive the topics of discussion, giving attendees fresh ideas and relevant tools to take back to their organizations.

No other FM show gives you this much value for the price! As part of IFMA's commitment to making these exciting opportunities accessible to our members, we're offering last year's prices. The total conference and expo package is priced at a fraction of the cost of other industry events.

IFMA's World Workplace is managed by the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), the premier professional association for facility management. IFMA's World Workplace is held in conjunction with the Canadian Facility Management & Design Expo & Conference and with the support of Public Works and Government Services Canada.



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***Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30am.*

July 2002

16th - Vendor Vignette @Getty Images: The Future of Commercial Furniture - solid wall of-fices versus panel systems: did the "team" environment leave with the dot gones?

August 2002

*13th - Tour of Seahawk's Stadium
3:30-5:00pm (tentative)*

September 2002

*11th - Golf Event!
@Washington National 7:00a-1:00pm*

October 2002

*15th - Surviving the BIG ONE -
Starbucks*Nisqually Quake, 1 Year in
Review 3:30-5:00pm*

November 2002

19th - TomorrowSpace

December 2002

2nd - Annual Holiday Event

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2003

Chapter Event

February 2003

*27th - Education Symposium,
Bellevue Club*

March 2003

Chapter Event

April 2003

New Member's Breakfast

May 2003

Chapter Event

Programz Corner

Melanie D. Poteet, Programs Committee

In July, IFMA is proud to offer their first Vendor Vignette. Please mark July 16th on your calendar right now, so not to miss this informative panel of Commercial Furniture Manufacturers. This panel will be addressing the Bosti Study, and questions such as: did the "team" environment leave with the dot.coms? Is there a shift toward the more conventional and traditional office, away from the "high tech" look? Was the "team environment" less productive than the traditional office set-up? Did it really promote more open communication and positive motivation to work harder?

The event scheduled for August 13th is the tour of the new Seahawk's Stadium. This will be an afternoon event, so keep time available in your day timers. More detailed information will be provided in the August Newsletter.

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