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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dean Baker



Greetings, I'm honored and humbled to be elected the Chapter President for the next twelve months. I'm very pleased that Ray Zimmerman will remain close at hand as Past President. Ray has done an absolutely fantastic job in guiding our chapter over the past twelve months, and it makes my job easier having Ray so accessible.

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This position has been held by a number of truly remarkable individuals. Some are still active, some have moved on to other things and one is no longer with us. Each one of these individuals brought both passion and dedication toward a common goal of creating a vibrant organization to promote, educate and network the professionals working in Facilities Management.

As I look back on my personal career, I can attribute much of my own success to three important areas. First, my involvement with IFMA, followed by education and strong vendor relationships.

When I mention involvement with IFMA, I really mean taking the time to really get the most out of your membership. There are tremendous educational and networking opportunities just by showing up to our regular monthly meetings. Even more involvement is taking the step of joining one of our excellent committees. I strongly encourage all of you to invest in yourself and make the commitment to become more involved.

As for education, now is the time more than ever, to think about professional growth for yourself and possibly for your staff. I'm a strong believer in the FM program offered at the UW. This five-quarter web based certificate program is an excellent way to expose yourself to other parts of the world of FM that perhaps you are not involved with. There are other fine programs besides the UW, including the Master's level FM program offered by Michigan State. Our new Vice President, David Ling, is a graduate of this program. All of these programs focus on IFMA's core competencies, which will give you a solid foundation in order to sit for the CFM exam. These three letters after your name is the best way to set yourself apart from other resumes.

Strong vendor relationships, what does that really mean? It means realizing that a good part of your professional success will rely on your ability to deliver projects and day-to-day activities through the use of vendors. It's also important to realize that IFMA's Associate Members are some of the best vendors you can possibly team up with. When it comes to selecting a vendor, open up our Associate Vendor Directory and include them in your process. Many of the names on this list I've used with great success...!

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Our Mission

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.

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For more information or to contact us, please visit our website at www.ifmaseattle.org.

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DuPont Flooring Systems Changes Name, Expands Focus

DuPont Flooring Systems, a business unit of DuPont Textiles & Interiors (DTI), has changed its name to The Environmentalists™. The change reflects a new category in the building interior marketplace that focuses on creating and sustaining interior environments.

The Environmentalists™, The Interior Services Company of DuPont Textiles and Interiors, is shifting its focus beyond sales and installation to complete life-cycle solutions and the continuous care of floor coverings in corporate offices, healthcare facilities, government and educational institutions, restaurants, hotels and other commercial and institutional environments. The Environmentalists™ is led locally by Dave Sommer, Branch Manager.

In the near term, customers will benefit from a unique approach to floor covering total project management—covering all phases from planning through execution. In the mid- to long term, the company will be involved in the development, sale and management of a broad array of commercial interior products and services.

DuPont Textiles and Interiors (DTI), a wholly owned subsidiary of DuPont, is the largest integrated fiber business in the world, with approximate annual revenues of 6.5 billion, operating in 50 countries. Headquartered in Wilmington, DE, it is comprised of three businesses: Apparel; Interiors and Industrial; and Intermediates. DTI is committed to its customers' growth through market insights and technology innovations combined with a powerful portfolio of the best-known, global brands and trademarks in the industry including: Lycra®, Teflon®, Stainmaster®, Antron®, Coolmax®, Thermolite®, Cordura®, Supplex®, and Tactel®.

DuPont is a science company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by solving problems and creating solutions that make our lives better, safer and easier. Operating in more than 70 countries, the company offers a wide range of products and services to markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel.

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Enough about me, let's talk about what we've got planned for you this summer. Traditionally, summer has been slow for our chapter, but not this year. In fact, we have some truly outstanding programs lined up. We start off this month with a tour of the new "Museum of Glass" in Tacoma. This is followed up the following evening with a "Member Mixer". In August we are pulling together a "Sustainability Summit" which will include a tour of the IslandWood facility on Bainbridge Island, along with a panel discussion on sustainability, including the architect, general contractor, staff of IslandWood and experts in the field of sustainable building. **IslandWood was selected as one of the Top Ten, AIA sustainable buildings for 2002.** In September we are planning an Environmental Health & Safety seminar, as well as our most popular event, our 6th annual Golf Outing. Or, as Dan Maus would say, "Hit and Giggle..!"

I plan to be at every one of these events and I hope you can too..!
Again, thank you for electing me as your President and I look forward to an exciting year in our chapter.

Dean

CHECK IT OUT!

www.museumofglass.org

JULY 2003 Chapter Event

August's IFMA Seattle Chapter Event Award-winning Islandwood Tour and Symposium

We have a very exciting event planned for our August program that will feature an expert panel presentation and real life case study on implementing sustainable design a tour of Islandwood Center on Bainbridge Island. This world-class facility has won international recognition for state of the art sustainable design.

Come and enjoy a beautiful Seattle summer afternoon with fellow IFMA members on a Seattle summer ferry ride to the island followed by a tour of six-acre award winning facility. We will also hear from the building designer and contractor to get the facts on how they accomplished this remarkable facility.

Date: August 21st 2003.

Time: Noon – 4pm

Put the date on your calendar, as you won't want to miss this exciting program.

www.islandwood.org

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

July 2003

*15th - Tour of the Museum of Glass -
Tacoma, 3:00-4:30pm*

*16th - Member Mixer, Pyramid Ale House
4:30-6:30pm*

August 2003

*21st - Tour of "IslandWood" including
Sustainable Summit - Bainbridge Island
Noon - 4:00pm*

September 2003

*10th - IFMA 6th Annual Golf Outing & Silent Auc-
tion, Washington National*

*TBD - Environmental Health & Safety Seminar,
Location TBA*

*24th & 25th - SecureWorld Expo - Meydenbauer
Center - Bellevue www.ifmaseattle.org for info*

October 2003

*1st & 2nd - WA State Plant Engineering
& Maint. Show - WA State Convention &
Trade Ctr (www.proshows.com)*

15th - Member Mixer, 4:30-6:30pm

November 2003

TomorrowSpace

December 2003

Annual Holiday Event

January 2004

Roundtable Discussions

February 2004

Educational Symposium

March 2004

Chapter Event

April 2004

Chapter Event

May 2004

Chapter Event

June 2004

Chapter Event

Programz Corner

Melanie D. Saenz, Programs Committee

What: July Event
 Where: **Museum of Glass in TACOMA - TOUR**
 When: **July 15th @ 3:00pm - 4:30pm**
 Why: Because we could use a little enrichment in the fine arts and a summer drive to Tacoma seems like a cool idea. The Museum of Glass is one of the nation's most talked about museums. Come see for yourself the beautiful glass sculptures and designs in one of the most innovative buildings ever constructed.

Please RSVP as soon as possible because we may have the opportunity to charter a bus or make car pool arrangements. Parking will be free if we choose to arrive by bus. If not the city will be charging a small fee for the parking.

Come join the fun this summer with your IFMA partners at the fabulous Museum of Glass in Tacoma!

Have you visited our website lately...?

We've added a new section called Sustainable Websites. We'll use this section to link you with informative websites both on a local, national and international level. If you've found a good site that should be added, contact the Newsletter Team.



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