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The Northern Illinois Chapter of IFMA
July Monthly Meeting
Officer Swearing In and Chapter Awards

Date: July 8, 2008
Location: Bretford Manufacturing
11000 Seymour Avenue
Franklin Park, IL 60131 USA
Speaker: Stewart Long
Topic: Motivating the Operations Team

About our Speaker:

Stewart Long is in charge of Bretford's plant operations, plant engineering, Six Sigma Quality and Lean Manufacturing programs and processes. Long brings 27 years of experience in the furniture industry to Bretford, with more than 15 years of senior-level manufacturing expertise in both wood and metal construction. Long has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and accounting from Ferris State University.

About our Program:

Stewart's presentation will focus on the following two topics:
- Motivating the Operations team to better focus on the customer and achieve higher levels of reliability
- Incorporating concepts from the Toyota Production System into the Bretford Product Production System

About our Site:

Headquartered in Franklin Park, IL, Bretford Manufacturing, Inc. is the leading supplier of high quality technology and media furniture that improves how people work and learn. Bretford's products and accessories are part of the most comprehensive line-up of furniture solutions available from a single manufacturer backed by the industry's best 20-year parts and labor warranty for library furniture and 12-year parts and labor warranty for all other Bretford furniture.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, July 4!

Agenda
4:30 p.m. Career Services
5:00 p.m. Networking/Tours
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Program

Cost: \$25 members \$30 guests

Reservations Due July 4th!

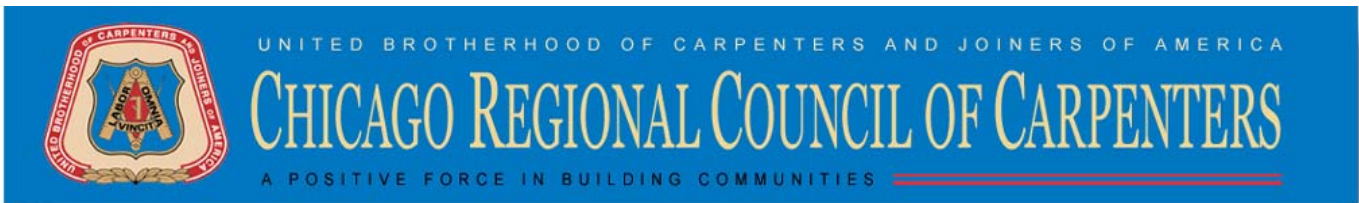
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President’s Message—Julie Bizer, FMA



I can hardly believe it is July already – this summer is really heating up. As I write this column, my first, as the new President at Northern Illinois IFMA, I can’t help but reflect on the last eight years that brought me to this point.

I came to IFMA in July, 2000 on a recommendation from my boss. Honestly, I didn’t really enjoy the meetings at first – it was a bit intimidating! But within minutes I started meeting some nice people. Eventually I looked forward to attending every meeting! I joined the board in 2004-2005 as the Secretary and after attending several board meetings and getting involved, I must say that I have really enjoyed the volunteer side of IFMA. I am proud that my leader and ‘cheerleader’ mentality is catching on as we have filled many of the open committee positions. Although we are always in need of a few more good people! Won’t you join us?

Before I continue I’d like to take a moment and thank past president Dave Falls for a successful year. I wish him well in his future endeavors. As a last tribute to Dave, I’m a “Chicago” fan: Go Cubs! Go White Sox!

I am really excited about the new board and committee members who have so graciously donated their time to various causes. Thanks to Debbie Radek and her team on their truly hard work for a fantastic Golf Outing at Klein Creek in May!

This July, the board will meet up for an evening of strategic planning and a bit of fun to talk about what we want to accomplish as a group to help make NI IFMA a better place to be. While we’ve already got tons of good ideas and I would welcome your ideas/suggestions too. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime at bizerj@vankampen.com.

We’ve got some great locations coming up this year for tours and we all look forward to making new contacts for our businesses, so keep networking. IFMA NI is all about Networking and keeping your contacts fresh, so be sure to take away some new business cards this year from our old and new members.

Let me leave you this month with a question. HOW RICH ARE YOU? As of this writing, I have collected \$90,000 IFMA bucks! Are you collecting your IFMA bucks for our auction late fall?

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College of DuPage Fall 2008 Schedule 12-week Facility Management Courses

Registration is now open, and it's never too early to begin planning for that next step in your career. The College of DuPage is offering two courses (one Intro level, one more advanced) this fall that just might get you moving in the right direction!

Did you know that the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn is one of the only community colleges in the United States to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Facility Management? (COD also is America's largest single-campus community college.) COD's Facility Management degree was developed with input from a group of practicing facility managers--many of whom are active members of the Northern Illinois Chapter of IFMA.

Facility Management faculty members bring a wealth of real world experience to the classroom. Many of the students enrolled in the program are already working in a facility management related job. Students seek the facility management degree for better opportunities to enter the field or to enhance their current skills and career options. For those working full-time, the program can be completed by enrolling in evening classes.

Two 12-week session Facility Management courses are being offered this fall, both held at COD's main campus Glen Ellyn campus (see course details below). The registration calendar is as follows:

April 29	Returning COD student registration begins
July 7	New and Returning student registration begins
August 6	Final Registration begins (all students)
September 18	12-week Fall 2008 session begins

Prospective students can call (630) 942-2380 for admission information or they can check the College of DuPage web site at www.cod.edu. Questions related to the program should be directed to:

Jim Huggins, Program Coordinator

Associate Professor, Business/Marketing/Management
Business and Technology Division
College of DuPage.
(630) 942-3275

FACILITY MANAGEMENT 1100

Introduction to Facility/Property Management 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday

September 18 – December 17, 2008

3 credit hours

An overview of facility and property management techniques. Topics include the organization of the facilities and property industries, budgeting, standards, labor relations, safety, personnel administration, maintenance (exterior and interior), energy conservation, HVAC systems and space planning.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT 2215

Facility and Property Management 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday

September 18 – December 17, 2007

3 credit hours

Application of master planning, space standards, renovation and relocation of existing facilities with emphasis on major problems confronting professional planners, managers and designers. [Prerequisite: Fac Mgmt 1100 or equivalent]

What's Up with IFMA's Councils?—Mark Kischner, CFM

As our NI Chapter Council Liaison my aim is to keep you informed about the goings on of our councils. "Problem" is IFMA has been doing such a good job over the past few years I have not had an opportunity to add a whole lot to the discussion.

This time I am hoping to get a jump on the home office!

I recently partook in a discussion with IFMA staff members and other chapter leaders from around the country. During that call I learned about some exiting changes and news coming out of HQ.

Listserve

If you are a current council member you have probably been taking advantage of the Listserve. For those not aware of what the Listserve offers, it is simply a forum whereby council members seek the advice of fellow council members via e-mail. An inquiry will often produce well over 50 answers. The service is similar to NI's very own version called infoshare (which is run by our webmaster extraordinaire Cecilia Herdegen, CFM). The biggest difference is questions posed to infoshare are often locally related questions while the Listserve questions can cover topics both local and national in nature. Even when one doesn't pose a question to the Listserve it is interesting to see the Q & A of others. It's a very quick way to learn new things about topics to numerous to mention.

Now that I have built up the Listserve I am going to tell you it is going away the way of the Dodo Bird. It is being replaced with a similar but improved version. The new service will be called a Virtual Community. Each community will be on its own server. The main difference between Listserves and virtual communities are the new communities employ a searchable database. With this database council members will be able to search for answers to questions that have already been asked and answered. There are other upgrades, but the ability to search old discussions is my favorite.

The soon to be released virtual communities are only available to council members.

Local Networking Groups

IFMA is also adding a new service called Local Networking Groups (LNG). The LNG's are a subgroup of existing councils and as such each will align with a specific council and the local chapter. Using the Public Sector Council as an example; PSC members in the Chicago area would form an LNG where they could meet locally on a monthly or quarterly basis. Currently councils are national or world-wide in nature and only meet once or twice per year. When I was a PSC member the geography sometimes made it a little more difficult to network with fellow PSC members. If a new LNG for PSC members were formed locally, we could easily network with fellow PSC members. Having resources around the country and/or world is wonderful; however there is still nothing that beats the intimacy of a local relationship.

A side benefit to LNG's may be recruitment of new chapter and council members. Currently the Greensboro chapter has a Public Sector LNG that meets quarterly. They invite IFMA and non-IFMA members to the meetings and 3 of 5 non-IFMA attendees joined IFMA and the PSC council.

Other Groups:

Communities of Practice

The facility world is splintering into many sub sectors and IFMA is hoping to capture those groups before too many of them start up their own associations or their associations become self-sustaining.

IFMA has identified 45 sub sectors or interests/topics that may be good candidates to start-up new groups called Communities of Practice (COP). COP will be similar to a LNG however they will not initially be aligned with a council. If a COP is successful it may lead to the formation of new council. Paraphrasing a recent IFMA news release Membership in a new community is open to anyone with an interest or background in the specific area of interest/topic or industry. The goal is to provide a network for FM's and engineers in specific areas to share resources, connect with other professionals, benefit from continuing education and advance the facility management profession as it relates to their specific area of interest.

And though the following was not specifically mentioned on the phone call I assume if membership really takes off those new councils will spawn new LNG's.

Geographic Communities/Forums

Run off a server platform, these will start up where local laws (such as in the United Arab Emirates) prevent the formation of chapters associated with US based organizations such as IFMA. The first members expected to join Geographic Communities/Forums are U.S. citizens working abroad.

Both LNG's and COP' will serve as a catalyst to get industry specific personnel into local chapters and IFMA.

Kari Stein at IFMA is constructing lists of possible members/group candidates in conjunction with local chapters. Group examples are hotels, manufacturing, computer room, public sector, R&D, etc. Contact her at Kari.Stein@ifma.org or 713-623-4362 if you have any questions or ID possible members.

Golf Outing

On May 22, the Northern Illinois and Chicago Chapters of IFMA held their annual golf outing at Klein Creek Golf Club in Winfield, IL. We were happy to welcome over 140 golfers as well as many sponsors of the event. Raffle tickets were sold throughout the event with all proceeds going to CFM Exam Review and Facility Management Seminar Series at Northern Illinois University. We are happy to announce that a total of \$2,165 was raised for Northern Illinois University.

We would like to thank our sponsors that made this event such a success:

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Happy Hour

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Golf Outing—Continued

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- Reike Office Interiors
- Van Kampen Investments
- Ware Malcomb



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- IFMA – Northern Illinois Chapter

Special thanks to:

2008 IFMA Northern Illinois and Chicago Golf Outing Chairs:

- Deb Radek.....Deborah Zeitler & Associates
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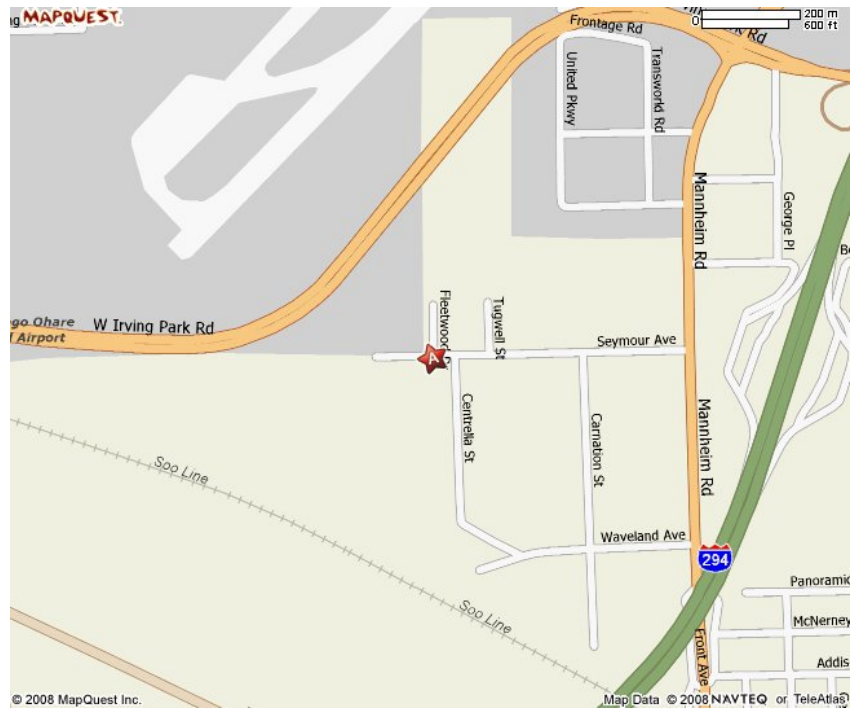


We look forward to next year's event!!!

Bretford

Directions:

From Chicago: Take I-90 West (Kennedy Expressway) to I-294 South toward Indiana. Merge onto Irving Park Road West. Turn left onto Mannheim Rd. Turn right onto Seymour.



NI CALENDAR

July 8 (note: 2nd Tuesday!)
NI Monthly General Meeting/2008-2009 Officer Swearing-In and Annual Chapter Awards Ceremony

Bretford, Inc.

Franklin Park, IL

Topic: tba

August 1

SAVE \$100!

Early Registration ends today for World Workplace 2008

August 22

Last day for Full Refund of Cancelled Registration for World Workplace 2008

September 12

Last day for 50% Refund of Cancelled Registration for World Workplace 2008

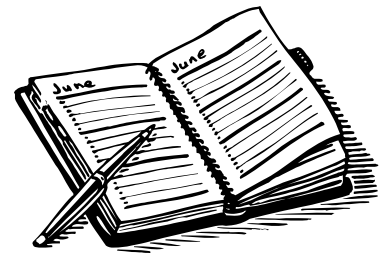
October 15-17, 2008

World Workplace 2008

Dallas Convention Center

Dallas, TX

www.worldworkplace.org/2008/



2007-08 IFMA/NI Board Meetings
July 16 - Strategic Planning

August 13

September 10

October 15

November 12

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note: the following information is provided solely as a convenient listing for IFMA/NI members. Further details may be learned by contacting each group as listed below.

July 22

OSHA Compliance 2008
Cliffbreakers Conference Center
Rockford, IL
Fred Pryor Seminars
(800) 556-2998
www.pryor.com

July 23

OSHA Compliance 2008
Holiday Inn
Joliet, IL
Fred Pryor Seminars
(800) 556-2998
www.pryor.com

July 25

OSHA Compliance 2008
MCHC Conference Center
Chicago, IL
Fred Pryor Seminars
(800) 556-2998
www.pryor.com

August 4-5

Managing Construction Projects
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI
(800) 292-8964
<http://exed.wisc.edu/construction>

August 6-8

Controlling Construction Costs
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI
(800) 292-8964
<http://exed.wisc.edu/construction>

September 9

Green or Sustainable Construction in Illinois
Hilton Garden Inn
Hoffman estates, IL
Lorman Education Services
(866) 352-9539
www.lorman.com

September 15-16

The Green Building Process: Real-World Strategies and Tools
The University of Wisconsin-Madison
College of Engineering-Department of Engineering Professional Development
The Pyle Center
Madison, WI
(800) 462-0876
<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/>

September 18

What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad in Illinois
Holiday Inn Itasca
Itasca, IL
Lorman Education Services
(866) 352-9539
www.lorman.com

September 18

Recent Developments, Trends and Best Practices in Electronic Discovery and Records Management in Illinois
Holiday Inn Itasca
Itasca, IL
Lorman Education Services
(866) 352-9539
www.lorman.com

September 18-19

Sustainable Facility Management
Chicago, IL
FM Collaborative
(540) 751-2023
www.fmcollaborative.com

October 15-17

World Workplace 2008
Dallas Convention Center
Dallas, TX
www.worldworkplace.org/2008/

November 3-4

Managing Construction Projects
University of Wisconsin-Madison
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(800) 292-8964
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November 5-7

Controlling Construction Costs
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