



Region 8 Recorder

ASHE May Lose Useful EPA Tool

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sought ASHE's assistance in the development and deployment of a survey tool to refresh *Portfolio Manager's* energy data sheet. In order to verify and be a statistically accurate sample, it was necessary to have a minimum of 340 samples. The original return rate was low so the deadline was extended. But, to date, there have only been 78 surveys completed.

As such, the EPA is considering withdrawing this tool from the market for health care facilities. Recognizing that this is the only survey that actually benchmarks energy consumption and utilization in healthcare facilities, it is important that participation is dramatically increased to ensure the survival of this product. ASHE strongly encourages each member (or non-member) to participate in this survey.

If you have any questions visit www.ashe.org.

Region 8 Facts

Did you know that there are 910 ASHE and 783 chapter members in region 8? This year region 8 has gained 136 ASHE and 99 chapter members. Way to go!

Continue to encourage all eligible people in your organization to become an ASHE member. The cost is \$125. The educational benefits alone are worth the investment.

ASHE Annual Conference Review



Left, York Chan from Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and Skanda Skandaverl from Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, KS, help clean the beaches in Tampa during the ASHE Annual Conference.

This year's ASHE conference was a huge success. Following is a brief rundown of the events.

On Saturday the ASHE board volunteered to clean up beaches in Tampa, Florida. It was a fun and important project.

On Sunday morning more than 125 chapter leaders attended the leadership session.

ASHE Board and committees met and are working on the following issues.

Advocacy Initiative

The Advocacy Committee is working with outside organizations to develop a statement that ASHE can use to screen issues when developing codes and standards. The statement will stress the need for the use

of evidence-based science in creating and implementing codes and standards in the industry.

Internships

ASHE's Education Committee partnered with Purdue, Arizona State and BYU to bring 12 students to 11 hospitals for an eight-week internship program. This is ASHE's initial effort to bring internships to engineering students, bridging the gap between school and work.

The vision of this program is to bring more students directly into the healthcare facilities management and engineering field at an early age and expand recognition and awareness of the healthcare option to engineering students.

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Chapter Calendar



**Colorado Association of
Healthcare Engineers & Directors**
Website : www.cahed.org

Steamboat Springs Meeting
September 16-17

Sheraton in Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Keynote Speakers:
Doug Erickson

John Wood
Topic: ASHE Sustainability Task Force

Kevin Unger, CEO of Poudre Valley Hos-
pital and Colorado Regent with ACHE/
CHA

Topic: What's Facing Colorado Hospitals
in 2011/What will be Expected of our Fa-
cilities Leadership?

Vail Meeting
November 11-12
Keynote Speaker: George Mills

**Kansas Healthcare Engineers'
Association**
Website: www.kheaks.com

**KHEA Fall Conference With Vendor
Show**
September 15-16

Highland Hotel in Great Bend, Kansas.
ASHE President Elect Skip Smith will be
there.

**Kansas City Healthcare
Engineers**
Website: www.kcahe.org

**ASHE Region 8 Fall Extravaganza
Conference and Trade Show**
October 6-7

Topics:

- Sustainability Empowerment Case Study
- Environmental of Care
- Sustainability Roadmap for Hospitals
- Energy Star Programs for Healthcare
- Introduction to Lean Operations
- Environmental Compliance
- Cost Cutting through Facility Man-
agement

Past President Troy Martin & Tim Adams
will be there. ASHE staff Avis Gordon will
be there to assist all your chapter questions.

**Missouri Society for Healthcare
Engineering**
Website: www.mosheonline.org

Annual Golf Event
September 13

Columbia, Missouri
Keynote Speaker:
Douglas S. Erickson, FASHE, CHFM,
HFDP, Deputy Executive Director, ASHE

**MHA Annual Convention & Trade
Show**
November 3

Tan Tara Resort at the Lake of the
Ozarks
Keynote Speaker: Tom Piper, Missouri
Department of Health and Senior Ser-
vices
Topic: CON, Hospital Requirements Etc.
(Annual MHA Event)

**Nebraska Society of Healthcare
Engineers**
Website: www.nshenet.org

Sporting Clay Tournament
September 10
Grand Island Shooting Range

Fall Meeting
October 28
Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, Nebraska

ASHE is Giving Back to Region

This year ASHE board approved 15 free CHFM waivers for each region. In our region there were several who took advantage and there are few waivers left and if you are eligible please contact me.

ASHE also gave two free ASHE registrations for each chapter for first time attendees All of them were used. This has helped first time attendees make it to the ASHE Annual Conference and we hope they would continue to attend .

New Committee Structure

ASHE has modified its committee structure to support three small oversight committees and numerous objective-oriented task forces. This new structure promotes improved utilization of each member's specialized talents by focusing on specific tasks as well as being more cognizant of the time constraints many people have on them.

By allowing more people to participate in a single-task environment, ASHE initiatives are exposed to more people while allowing more opportunities for members to increase their leadership skills. Once a task is complete, the member's name is re-entered into the volunteer pool for additional opportunities for participation.

Health Facility Commissioning Guidelines

Through member initiatives, the Health Facility Commissioning Guidelines were developed to meet the need of members and health facilities. The document is just published and available for purchase. Additional tools to support these guidelines include a handbook and an educational track.

If there is anything I can do for you please feel free to contact me.

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Success & Achievements

CHC and CHFM

Our membership is continuing to grow both locally and nationally. This progress will definitely optimize the healthcare physical environment.

I had the privilege of meeting several vendors and contractors who attended the leadership session prior to the ASHE conference and they told me that they would like to work with us in a partnership and wanted to know all about our vision.

There were lots of contractors willing to take the Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) examination; even yesterday I got a call from a contractor in the Kansas City area who told me that he passed the CHC examination and was ready to work in a healthcare environment. This is exciting, and this will only make our life easier in healthcare.

Let us congratulate and recognize all new Certified Healthcare Facility Managers (CHFM) and CHCs in our region.

I received this e-mail from a good friend of mine after she completed the CHFM examination:

Skanda,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you for helping obtain the scholarship for me to take the CHFM examination. As you can see, I now have some credentials after my name attesting to my success in passing the

exam.

The examination was quite thorough, and if I had to characterize it I would say it was a cross between having a CMS inspector, the Joint Commission, the State Fire Marshal, and the Finance Director all in your office at the same time grilling you. I am relieved after having passed. I think the poor fellow at the testing location thought I was a crazy woman. I brought in this old desk calculator that was 25 years old. The director who hired me used to use it to figure our utility bills, capital projects, budgets, CFM air flow, and everything else in between. I think it brought me good luck, too!

Thank you again!

Those of you who have not taken the CHFM or CHC, please do consider taking it because, with those credentials behind your name, you will be recognized for your advanced knowledge in the field.

To find out more about the CHFM and CHC certifications, visit www.ashe.org. Click on "Membership" and then "Certification."

Achievements

Martin J. Grabanski, CHFM
Emerging Regional Leader

Robert L. Black CCM, CHC, FASHE
Fellow Recipient

CAHED
2009 Platinum Level

KCAHE, KHEA & MOSHE
2009 Gold Level