February Newsletter

Dear MOSHE Friends

We had our first seminar of the year on February 15th at Trane’s Conference Center in Fenton, Missouri. Mr. York Chan, Director of Facilities, Advocate Health, discussed the effects of “Health Care Reform, Its Implications to Design, Construction and Facilities Management Industries” and “Hospital Energy Efficiency as a Culture – Journey to Energy Star.” The program was a very informative and educational session with York giving perspectives from ASHE and The Joint Commission. The event was well attended and provided good networking opportunities as well as interactive discussion on the topic. Our thanks go out to John Dorn, Trane Building Services, for allowing MOSHE the use of their facility and sponsoring this event. Trane will receive recognition on our website with a link for their support and partnership of MOSHE for this event. We would also like to recognize Curt Crossley with Johnson Controls for securing York Chan as a speaking at this MOSHE event. Credit should also be given to the MOSHE Program Committee, led by Chris Viviano, Northstar Management, who has done a great job setting up high quality and informative speakers for this year.

MOSHE has just submitted our 2010 data for “Gold Recognition” with ASHE for the fifth year. Next year MOSHE goes for Platinum! With the amount of growth and support we are receiving, I am confident in our success. Also, MOSHE has nominated Mr. Gerard (Jerry) Bender, Southeast Healthcare, as candidate for the 2011 “ASHE Emerging Regional Leader Award” for his work with Southeast Missouri State University to establish a CHFM program. Way to go Jerry and good luck!

Our next scheduled educational speaking event is on April 19 in Jefferson City. Mr. Clark Reed, Director Healthcare Facilities Division, Energy Star, US Environmental Protection Agency and Patrick Justice, Ameren UE will discuss Energy Star Rating System & Energy Project Incentives. Clark Reed has worked with hundreds of hospitals across the country, supporting their efforts to reduce the costs of operations and utilities. Clark will explain how Energy Star contributes to the sustainability and green programs in Healthcare and give us a general briefing as well as updates on the current program. In addition to the primary discussion of the Energy Star rating system, we will be joined by Patrick Justice, Ameren UE. Patrick will brief the group on the incentives available through Ameren UE towards energy savings projects. This will be a very informative and educational discussion giving you the road map to make a contribution to the bottom line of the organization you represent. This program will be another great networking opportunity and help take your facility to the next level in energy conservation. I look forward to seeing you in April. Be sure to respond to the “Save the Date” announcement sent on March 1st so we can secure a large enough venue to accommodate all attendees!

Sincerely,

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