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Brief Chapter History and Fact Sheet

Established out of a business need for facility professionals, the National Facility Management Association (NFMA) was created in 1980. The Atlanta Chapter was subsequently organized in the summer of 1981. Acting as a corporate sponsor, Herman Miller, Inc. joined forces with five local organizers, (Ed Rondeau, George Snow, Ted Stout, Conlin Webster and Sam White), to form the nucleus of the chapter.

By 1982, officers and charter members were installed and monthly meetings drew an attendance of 17-20 people. Later that same year, Canadian members were allowed to join NFMA requiring a change of name to the International Facility Management Association (IFMA). In the 22-year history of IFMA, the Atlanta Chapter has been proud to provide International Presidents for three years... Ed Rondeau in 1988, Christine Neldon in 1991 and Matt Dawson in 2005.

The Atlanta Chapter has grown to almost 500 members with monthly meetings averaging from 120 to 150 attending members and guests. International membership has grown to over 18,000 members. The Association's members are represented in 125 chapters, 16 councils and one Special Interest Group (SIG), in 56 countries worldwide. Globally, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the largest facility management-related conference and exposition. The 2006 World Workplace will be held in San Diego, CA, October 8-10, 2006.

In addition to the monthly meetings, IFMA Atlanta presents other professional, educational, networking and community/social opportunities including:

Facility Tours, Educational Roundtable's, Facility Management Seminars, Executive Leadership Conferences, Regional and International Conferences and Reciprocal Alliances with other organizations.

The IFMA Atlanta newsletter is published each month presenting a review of guest speakers and current chapter events. This and other chapter information are posted to our web site at www.ifmaatlanta.org. The chapter's fiscal year runs from July to June with elections in May and officer installation occurring in June.

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