Monthly Meeting
June 1994

Topic: "Catering," with Jim Dreger, AIA
Date: June 15, 1994
Time: 11:30 Networking/12:00 Lunch Program
Cost: $20 Members, $30 Non-Members
Location: Atlanta Merchandise Mart
Reservations: Brown & Spiegel, Inc., 351-3486
By June 10, 1994

Many members have mentioned that they hear of architectural firms, construction companies, various consultants, and manufacturers that all can provide "value" engineering. IFMA-Atlanta goes back to the textbooks and academia to look for the true definition of this concept.

Mr. Jim Dreger, AIA (Director of Building Construction Program) of Georgia Tech will give his presentation "Catering" and cover Unnecessary Cost, Creativity, Problem Solving, and Idea Generation. Mr. Dreger pioneered the concepts of Value Engineering, phased construction, and "fast track" construction management. In addition to teaching, Mr. Dreger directs the Building Construction Degree Program in the College of Architecture; offers services in architectural design, failure analysis, project development, construction management; and serves as an arbitrator and mediator for both plaintiffs and defendants.

A noted national writer and speaker, Mr. Dreger can NOW also boast about being recommended by several of our own IFMA-Atlanta members! This June 15 meeting is AT THE MART. Let's keep our outstanding attendance going as IFMA-Atlanta explores "Value Engineering."
IFMA GOES TO
Tom Vernon will have information at the June meeting highlighting topics covered in the exam. See him to pick up your copy of this valuable information. Don’t forget Mike Butler, Worldspan, can help you on the requirements to become a CFM, and Lee Kovalchuk with IFMA National (1-800-359-4362) can send you a brochure on the exam.

Quarterly Calendar

June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
Steelcase Showroom
One Peachtree Building

June 15, 11:30/12:00
Chapter Luncheon
Atlanta Merchandise Mart

July 19, 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
TBD

July 20, 11:30/12:00
Chapter Luncheon
Marriott Perimeter

August 16, 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
TBD

August 17, 11:30/12:00
Chapter Luncheon
Merchandise Mart

President’s Message

I would like to take this month’s President’s Message to quickly profile our organization, The International Facility Management Association.

Did you know that our organization now has a total membership of 12,526; with 8,428 being professional members. There are 113 current chartered chapters. In early May, a chapter in Sweden received its IFMA charter, and later this year the Association hopes to charter chapters in Belgium, Brussels and in Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia. Even through the current economic times, the Association continues to move forward and grow. This growth shows that facility management is a profession practiced worldwide, and IFMA offers its services as a resource to support this profession.

IFMA has obtained its growth, membership and ability to meet its members’ needs through the dedication of its chapter/national officers and committee members. Every member of IFMA is invited to get involved in any level of the organization to drive it "forward."

Tom Vernon, CFM

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Recruitment of new members does not have to be left to the membership committee. YOU, too, can recruit. Bring a fellow Facility Manager to lunch. If your path does not cross with other FM’ers, ask an Allied or Affiliate member--they can be a good source for new Professional members.

IFMA NATIONAL CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MO
NOVEMBER 6-9, 1994

The Dallas chapter had over 75 members in Denver last year. Make plans to attend. If you have not attended before, see some of the members who have--Pete Conlin, Tom Vernon, Jean Lusso.
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHANGES

The Membership Committee would like to welcome two new members. Shirley Ammons has assumed the responsibilities of Chairperson, and David Brucks takes over the Prospective Members area.

Shirley is the Manager, Administrative Services, at Canada Life Assurance Company. As Chairperson, she has overall responsibility for coordinating the efforts to attract new members to the chapter as well as maintaining information on our existing members. Shirley can be reached at 953-1959, ext. 216.

David is a facility consultant recently relocated from the Chicago area. As the committee person responsible for Prospective Members, he coordinates the committee’s activities in recruiting new members. David would love to hear your suggestions and especially your referrals at 813-8143.

Good Luck to Shirley and David as they take over their new responsibilities.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Gene Meany and Mike Denson, outgoing members of the committee. Gene has been a member of the committee for 3 1/2 years and served as chairperson for two years. Gene is now the chapter Vice President. Mike has been responsible for Prospective Members for eighteen months and looks forward to continuing to participate in chapter activities. We thank them both for their time and commitment to the chapter and wish them continued success.
MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
JAMIE C. TREVILLIAN, SOUTH REGION V.P.

Back in November 1993, IFMA President Bill Gregory's first column for IFMA News was about "Experiencing the "I" in IFMA." I'd like to continue that thought and update you on some of the recent developments in the Association's international efforts. In early May, a chapter in Sweden received its IFMA charter and, later this year, the Association hopes to charter chapters in Belgium, Brussels and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Of course, IFMA wants to make available its memberships to all interested facility managers. To be a resource for facility professionals in different countries, the Association has been working closely with several other established facility management groups representing countries such as France, Great Britain, Japan, Australia and the Netherlands.

In countries without a recognized facility management organization, the Association will continue to make chapter formation available to facility professionals. IFMA's overriding belief is that the more educated and informed facility managers there are in the world, the better it will be for the profession as a whole.

I also have some updates from last month's column. I have additional information about the two new RVPs recently added to IFMA's board of directors. Daniel Sweeney, CFM, RVP for Europe, is the managing director of Stanhope Estates Management, Ltd., and director of facility operations at Broadgate Estates, Ltd., in London, England. He is a Fellow of the British Institute of Facility Managers and a visiting professor on facilities management at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Philip Lo, CFM, RVP for the Pacific Rim, is the managing director of Planex Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Lo's company is primarily involved in property management.

Last month, I mentioned that facility managers outside of North America still could become CFMs through the equivalency-based process. Due to the numerous cultural, economic and business-related differences, IFMA has to take special care that each exam fits the real-life experiences of facility managers in different countries. The Association is working with university and facility professionals in the individual countries to develop appropriate exams.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that deadlines for the Awards of Excellence are quickly approaching. Awards Entry Forms are due by June 3. After receiving that form, headquarters will send you official nomination forms for the categories you requested. The nomination forms for everything except the Distinguished Author Award and the Distinguished Educator Award (which are both due June 24) are due no later than July 8. There are many deserving individuals, companies, chapters and councils in the South Region, so do not delay in getting these nomination forms in on time.