

# THE WHISTLE

FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lamar Bragg, *CHE, CHFM*

***WELCOME TO THE WINTER ISSUE OF THE WHISTLE:  
A TRUE SOURCE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS AT FHEA***

Season Greetings FHEA Members! 2022 ends and 2023 begins, and we are all looking forward to a great upcoming year in 2023!

To our State Board of Directors, committee chairs, District leaders, and FHEA staff, please accept my sincere thanks. The FHEA appreciates everyone who invested their time to support the FHEA and its members throughout the past year.

The Whistle's mission is to communicate the flow of activities and endeavors within FHEA at the state and district levels AND this newsletter is a reflection of our commitment to communication. It is the intent of The Whistle to bring us together as a united team of engineers, supporting members, board members, and staff working together to make the FHEA the best it can be.

Part of the FHEA's mission is to provide more opportunities to fully share the success of FHEA, and our website is as prime example of the commitment we have to sharing those opportunities. I encourage you to take the time to view the FHEA website, as validation of the website is truly a success through operational excellence among the continuous efforts of our FHEA management team.

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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

As noted, you would find the following info on the website. Save the date on your calendar now - we hope to see you there.



Truly, the FHEA has established an outstanding reputation throughout the nation. It is our hope that you will catch the vision of what part you play in the continuation of this tradition and will take pride in doing so.

We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season and I am thankful that you have allowed me to part of the success. As we approach the end the year 2022, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one (past and present) for your commitment, dedication to FHEA, and hard work that got us where we are today.

“Whatever nighttime we find ourselves in, we can trust that it won’t be the last. But we can also trust that the morning always comes, ever new, so when the night settles, we light a candle against the dark. And we trust that when we take this one, small defiant act of hope, slowly one by one the world can still be filled with the light until as new day dawns. This Christmas may we tend to the flame of our hope one small step at a time” (Rev. Jessica Evans)

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. Best wishes for continued success!

Lamar Bragg, CHFM, CHE  
FHEA President

## THE FHEA SUPPORTS VETERANS



The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association would like to thank our veterans for their service and dedication to our country. The FHEA will be sponsoring three U.S. military veterans with FREE Registration at the 2023 FHEA Trade Show & Educational Conference, May 22 – 24, at the Renaissance Sea World in Orlando and one year of membership in the FHEA for qualified individuals.

The FHEA Veterans' Mentor Program has been created to help educate military veterans with insight to a possible new career path within the healthcare engineering industry and recognize those presently working within our industry.

If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who might be interested in a new career path in the healthcare engineering industry, please provide a short paragraph, including military background and what will be gained by attending the 2023 FHEA Trade Show & Educational Conference in May. Submit your response via email by February 1, 2023, to [info@fhea.org](mailto:info@fhea.org).

Scholarship awardees will be notified on February 15, 2023.

**(THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO ALL CURRENT FHEA MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WHO ARE U.S. VETERANS. TRAVEL FUNDS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP).**

# 2023 FHEA ANNUAL MEETING

"Seas" the Day: Explore and Discover the Latest in Hospital Facility Management

**RENAISSANCE SEA WORLD, ORLANDO**

**MAY 22 - 24**

**REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!**



**RENAISSANCE SEA WORLD ORLANDO**  
**6677 SEA HARBOR DRIVE**  
**ORLANDO, FL 32821**

Special DISCOUNTED RATES FOR FHEA 2023 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES are available. Standard rooms will be \$185/single or double, plus the current tax at 12.5%

Our special FHEA rate will be offered three days prior and three days after the meeting, subject to room availability at the time of the reservation. Upgraded rooms will be available for additional fees.

For guests staying in the hotel,

- INTERNET IN GUEST ROOMS AND HOTEL PUBLIC SPACE is complimentary for Marriott Bonvoy members, so if you are not a member, join now: <https://www.marriott.com/loyalty.mi>
- Self-parking is COMPLIMENTARY FOR OVERNIGHT HOTEL GUESTS who have booked their rooms through the FHEA block. (DAY GUESTS WILL BE AT THE 2023 DAILY PARKING RATE WITH IN AND OUT PRIVILEGES)
- Entrance to the Fitness Center is COMPLIMENTARY for OVERNIGHT GUESTS

To reserve your room, use the link below OR call 1-800-380-7917 (Be sure to mention the FHEA in order to receive our special group rate).

The deadline to book your room is Friday, April 28, 2023.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KENI THOMAS



### THE STORY BEHIND BLACK HAWK DOWN

Decorated U.S. military veteran-turned-country musician Keni Thomas gives a personal account of his heart-wrenching experiences in the chaotic 1993 Battle of Mogadishu to express a unique set of leadership lessons and inspired view of our greater purpose.

Keynote Sponsor:



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**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023**

- 7:30am  
**FHEA Golf Registration**
- 8:00am  
**FHEA Golf Tournament** - shotgun start at Celebration Golf Club
- 2:30 - 5:00pm  
**Board Meeting**
- 5:00 - 6:30pm  
**"Meet n Greet" Reception**
- 6:30pm  
**Dinner on your own**

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

- 7:00am  
**FHEA Trade Show - Exhibitor Set-up**
- 7:45am  
**FHEA Registration and Breakfast for educational session attendees**
- 8:30am  
**Welcome to the 60th FHEA Trade Show & Educational Conference**  
Lamar Bragg, FHEA President
- 8:45 - 10:45am  
**FHEA Opening Keynote Speaker: Keni Thomas**
- 10:45 - 11:00am  
**Gathering Break**
- 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**"Design and Construction Issues After Hurricane Impact"**  
Paul Haas, CSP, CIH; GHP, Inc.
- 12:00 - 1:15pm  
**FHEA Luncheon for educational session attendees**; recognition of retiring Board members; vote and introduction of new Board members
- 1:15 - 2:15pm  
**"Designing Resiliency into Healthcare New Construction"**  
Roger Click, MS, MBA, CEM, FACHE; Jensen Hughes
- 2:15 - 2:30pm  
**Gathering Break**

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- 2:30 - 3:30pm  
**"Building Healthcare Resiliency Through a Facilities & Emergency Management Partnership"**  
Roger Click, MS, MBA, CEM, FACHE; Jensen Hughes

- 3:30 - 4:30pm  
**"Flooring and Healthcare Outcomes: An Evidence Based Design Overview"**  
Paul McKinney, EDAC; Gerflor, USA

- 4:30 - 6:30pm  
**FHEA Trade Show & Welcome Reception**

- 8:30 - 10:30pm  
**FHEA After Hours Casino Party**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**

- 7:30am  
**Continental Breakfast in FHEA Trade Show**

- 7:30am - 2:30pm  
**FHEA Trade Show**

- 9:00 - 10:00am  
**"Safety and Code Assessment for Fire Door Decommissioning and Documentation"**  
Brandon Clements; National Firestopping Solutions

- 10:00 - 11:00am  
**"Compliance and Automation"**  
Crystal Bryant; GTR Business Systems

- 11:00 - 11:30am  
**Morning Break in FHEA Trade Show**

- 11:30am - 12:30pm  
**AHCA Update**

- 12:30 - 2:30pm  
**Informal Networking Luncheon**

- 2:30 - 3:30pm  
**"Emergency Management and NFPA Updates"**  
Paul Rumbos; Major Medical Hospital Services, Inc.

- 3:30 - 4:30pm  
**"Benchmarking Hospital Facility Operating Expenses: Improving Budget Justification and Forecasting"**  
Dr. Steven Call; Washington State University



THE FHEA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE SPEAKERS, TOPICS, AND OR SCHEDULING DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

## 2023 EXHIBITOR &amp; SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

[View Expo Floorplan](#)[Purchase Booth](#)**EXHIBIT SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT 2023 SUPPORTING MEMBER COMPANIES**

All Booths include one complimentary representative registration (directions on how to register your comp representation will be sent before the conference)

**Booth Space**

Prime Plus - \$1,000

Prime - \$900

Regular - \$800

There is a limit of two (2) booth spaces per company/organization. In consideration for rental of display space for the conference expo, conference management will provide the following: one 8'x10' pipe and draped area, one 6' skirted table, and two (2) chairs; a basic exhibitor identification sign with company name and booth number; one (1) complimentary conference badge per purchased booth; company name and website link on FHEA website; listing in the onsite guide; and optional participation in the Door Prize Program. Display space must be paid in advance (two weeks from initial registration) to secure booth. [See FHEA website for more information.](#)

**ANNUAL MEETING EVENT SPONSORSHIPS**

For those who do not wish to exhibit but want to have a company presence in the FHEA Annual Meeting, [view the Sponsorships available on the FHEA website.](#)



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### KEY NOTE SPEAKER - PRESENTING SPONSOR

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# CONGRATULATIONS FHEA STATE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR



Tim Moreira, *CHFM, CHSP, CHC, CHE*  
AdventHealth North Pinellas

### ALSO

### CONGRATULATIONS FHEA STATE SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Tina Stanisci, Chapuis Design Group

**THANK YOU FHEA FALL MEETING  
TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS**

Abatement Technologies  
ACF Standby Systems / GENERAC  
Acoustiblok, Inc.  
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Airmax HVAC Cleaning  
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Cummins, Inc.  
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Environmental Health & Engineering  
EOLA Power  
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# FHEA FALL MEETING MEMORIES





# Hurricane Ian Relief Donation Update

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED A TOTAL OF \$4,850 AFTER HURRICANE IAN. THE FHEA MATCHED THESE FUNDS GIVEN TO THE FLORIDA DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE RECENT VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IAN.**

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Mark Smith  
Debbie Starr  
Marty & Mike Streeper  
Brandon Taylor  
Darryl Wilder  
Mason Wilson





# ASHE NEWS

**Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP; ASHE Region 4 Liaison**

For upcoming events, be sure and mark your calendars for these two upcoming conferences. The PDC Summit is scheduled for March 12-15, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona. The PDC Summit is for healthcare facility planning, design, and construction professionals. The ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition is scheduled for August 6 – 9, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas. Due to the pandemic, last year's annual conference in Boston was the first full in-person conference in several years and it was very well-attended. It was easy to see that facility professionals were ready to get back to attending in-person conferences and having the opportunity to learn, network with peers, and see what was new on the market. Save the date and plan to attend these 2023 conferences.

The ASHE Officer election results are in and the President-Elect for 2023 is Skanda V. Skandaverl. Skanda has over 30 years of progressive experience in all stages of Healthcare. We look forward to working with Skanda and hearing his vision for moving ASHE forward. Our ASHE region is Region 4 and our newly elected Advisory Board Representative for Region 4 is Lotoya Beard. We also look forward to working with Lotoya. Thanks to all of you who took time to vote.

To learn about tax credits available in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, visit the ASHE home page, [www.ASHE.org](http://www.ASHE.org). The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (H.R.5376), signed into law on August 16, 2022, makes tax incentives available to hospitals for energy efficient construction and clean energy vehicles for hospitals.

Finally, it is hard to believe that another year has passed. I hope that 2023 brings you health and happiness.

## CODES AND STANDARDS

By: John Hatfield, CHE, CHEP  
Chair, FHEA Codes & Standards



### New ASTM STANDARD D6751 FOR BIODIESEL:

(Part of the GREEN NEW DEAL)

Accelerated transition to renewable energy

\$1.00 tax credit for blending biodiesel into petroleum diesel

Do not have to label product is 5% or less

You will be receiving biodiesel whether you want it or not

### ASTM D975 DIESEL FUEL SPECIFICATIONS:

500-ppm water in fuel

Moisture Content saturation point 500 ppm

### ASTM STANDARD D6751 FOR BIODIESEL and potential issues with using it

Present standard does not allow for more than 500 ppm water in fuel and

Moisture Content saturation point ranges from 1000 to 1700 ppm depending on temperature

### BIODIESEL

Long Chain Methyl Esters (FAME)

Hygroscopic

Absorbs 10x amount of water than petroleum diesel

### BIODIESEL VS PETROLEUM DIESEL

Absorption rate:

Diesel: 2.4 ppm/°C

Biodiesel: 22.2 ppm/°C

After a recent presentation to FHEA at the fall conference, I asked one of our speakers, Steve Burris, from Guardian Fueling Technologies, "Can you tell me your thoughts if this new standard is a good thing or something we should be concerned about?"

Steve replied, "You should certainly be concerned with biodiesel in your fuel. I call it the Law of Unintended Circumstances. The spirit of the law is to reduce emissions since biodiesel burns hotter than petroleum diesel.

It was passed by legislators who are concerned about the environment and their constituents that prosper from growing the ingredients for biodiesel, soybeans, rapeseed, chicken fat, etc. It is definitely a subsidy.

What they do not consider are the downstream effects of the fuel formulation. Biodiesel, used in transportation, is burned within a short period of time. Biodiesel in generator tanks is there for long periods of time. The shelf life of mineral-based diesel is about a year and half. It can be recharged with new diesel added. Biodiesel has a shelf life of 3 to 6 months. It cannot be recharged. Once the biodiesel is in the distribution system, it is there for good since the same tankers transport diesel and biodiesel. With the incentives dished out by Washington, this is becoming a real issue.

What you can do is require an analysis from your vendor for every shipment. Request also that biodiesel tests be included in your annual sampling and testing. ASHE might have some pull in Washington but taking money out of people's pockets most probably outweighs any arguments ASHE may offer. The best thing to do is to put in a fuel quality sensor. It will alert you if the moisture content gets too high, not only from biodiesel, but from condensation, fuel deliveries, broken caps, or any other source of water.

A lot can happen between annual testings. A continuous fuel quality monitor will notify you once the fuel falls out of spec. If you control the moisture in fuel, you control the quality. At the price of diesel and now, the supply is somewhat questionable; more emphasis should be given to protecting this asset. I hope this answers your question."

In conversations with other engineers after the presentation, we discussed concerns about water absorption and sludge issues if we put this biodiesel in our tanks. Most engineers are on board with energy savings and helping our environment, but hospital emergency generators are such an important life safety feature that just must work when you need them to that we have concerns if we put this biodiesel in our tanks may have negative effect on our fuel quality with more water in our fuel and sludge.

It is important to have a good relationship and communication with your diesel fuel supplier. Ask for virgin ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, as Steve had recommended, for lab analysis to assure fuel quality prior to adding to your tank. Work with your generator service and diesel fuel providers to keep your generators in compliance and ready to go when needed.

With this being said, we want to hear from our members your thoughts as FHEA wants to represent the concerns of our engineers and supporting members. If you are interested in giving a response, please e-mail John Hatfield, our Codes and Standards Chair, [John.Hatfield@encompasshealth.com](mailto:John.Hatfield@encompasshealth.com) If we receive enough responses that we have concerns, we will discuss doing a petition with FHEA leadership to try and make changes to standard that is in the best interest of hospitals and healthcare facilities and bring it up in Washington to try and make changes to standard.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

By: John Crouch, Director of Facilities at AdventHealth Wesley Chapel, FHEA Education Chair



The educational vision of the FHEA organization is to provide the opportunity to acquire education credits that satisfy ASHE's standards to be applied to the CHFM, CHC, CHE, and all other ASHE certifications for facilities career members. The FHEA offers in-person meetings at the State level (twice a year), at the District level (several times a year), and online remote webinar options. Offering these various types of learning venues gives you, our members, the opportunity to obtain your necessary education credits.

Currently, we are offering Steam Seminars, presented by Thermal Tech, Inc. Sessions began in November. The upcoming training sessions are from 11:00am – 12:00pm (EST) and will be held per the following schedule:

- Steam System Seminar Session 3 / Wednesday, January 18th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 4 / Wednesday, February 15th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 5 / Wednesday, March 15th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 6 / Wednesday, April 19th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 7 / Wednesday, May 17th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 8 / Wednesday, June 21st 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 9 / Wednesday, July 19th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 10 / Wednesday, August 16th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 11 / Wednesday, September 20th 2023
- Steam System Seminar Session 12 / Wednesday, October 18th 2023

Our goal is to also provide other online training opportunities that will be available using Microsoft Teams or Zoom for one-hour presentations. Supporting members have offered to share their expertise and they will rotate throughout the year. Planned topics will focus on subjects such as:

- a. New technologies
- b. Theory of operation
- c. Different approaches to solving infrastructure or operational challenges. Photos and drawings are great for itching that critical thinking gene.
- d. Solution of the big problems nobody else has been able to solve. This presentation would be a program along the lines of describing the problem, defining past attempts at solving the problem by owners or other vendors (vendor names would not be used), and eventually, what approach solved the problem.

Architects will discuss the emerging design elements of better customer productivity, the latest in healthcare trends for unique features, integration of technology, basically, fitting ten pounds of stuff into ten-pound box challenges.

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This list is not all inclusive of the topics being planned, but we hope you get the concept of our goals and what we will offer to you – our FHEA members.

To-date, we have commitments from AHCA, SSR Engineering, AEI (Affiliated Engineers, Inc.), and McKim & Creed (Engineers Surveyors Planners) to present cutting-edge education.

If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to me, [john.crouch@adventhealth.com](mailto:john.crouch@adventhealth.com).

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## SAFETY BRIEFING PART OF SURVEY PROCESS STARTING IN JANUARY 2023

The Joint Commission is adding a safety briefing to all accreditation surveys — including for the Home Care Accreditation Program — effective Jan. 1, 2023.

The informal briefing — which is not expected to take more than 5 minutes — allows organizations to tell surveyors about any potential contemporary safety concerns and how the surveyors should respond if the organizations' safety plans are implemented while surveyors are onsite. Organizations should identify staff who will provide the briefing prior to the surveyor arriving.

The briefing will be incorporated into the arrival and greeting activities held on Day 1 of surveys. Topics that an organization should be prepared to discuss during the briefing include:

1. Fire, smoke, or other emergencies.
2. Workplace violence, including active shooter scenarios.
3. Any specific issues the organization is aware of that surveyors may encounter during their time onsite.

(Contact: James Kendig, [jkendig@jointcommission.org](mailto:jkendig@jointcommission.org))



## FHEA MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By: Felix Robinson, FHEA Membership Chair

The FHEA Membership Development Committee met on 13 October and 29 November. The committee continues to discuss ways to retain and increase the association membership across all categories.

I would like to thank John Hatfield, Tracey Gallentine, William Westbay, Dan Glenn, Sarah Jeffcoat, and Marty Streeper for their participation on this committee this year. Here are some highlights of our work:

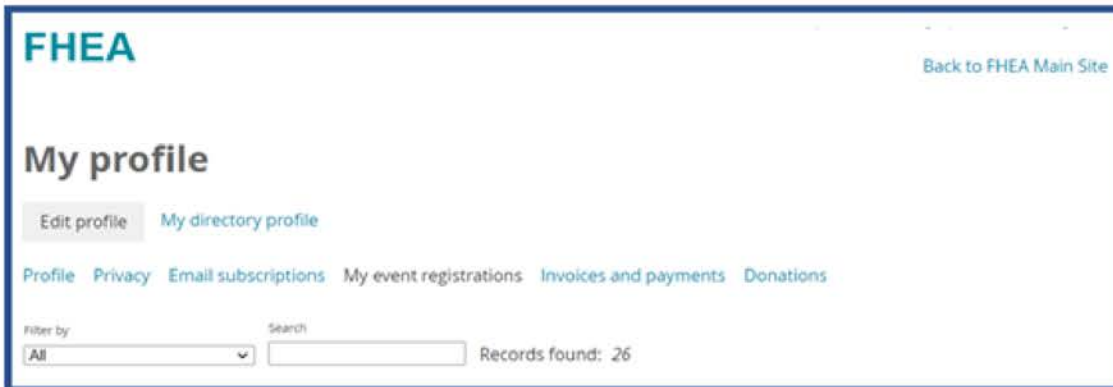
- FHEA membership continues to increase. Here are the numbers from August 15, 2022, to December 6, 2022.

<i>Membership levels</i>	<i>Active members</i>		
	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Diff #</b>
Supporting	811	901	90
Healthcare Engineer	302	320	18
Life	27	28	1
Associate	22	28	6
Education/Student Membership	0	1	1
<b>Summary</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>116</b>

- An email survey went out in November for the FHEA 60th Anniversary Expo and Educational Conference. A member survey is also being planned for early 2023.
- Some emails, sent out by FHEA, are getting delayed or not arriving at all. Organizations and email providers often blacklist email addresses because they send emails that get marked as spam or get deleted at once without even being opened. Please whitelist all addresses ending in fhea.org
- Members can view their current CEU information on the membership profile page under "My event registrations." Certificates were sent to attendees of the 60th FHEA Expo & Conference. Individual summary reports will be emailed out to members.

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## FHEA MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (CONTINUED)



- FHEA would like to thank our veterans for their service and dedication to our country. If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who might be interested in a new career path in the healthcare engineering industry, please provide a short paragraph, including military background and what will be gained by attending the 2023 FHEA Trade Show & Educational Conference in May. Submit your response via email by February 1, 2023, to [info@fhea.org](mailto:info@fhea.org) Scholarship awardees will be notified on February 15, 2023.
- FHEA members are encouraged to follow and post on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FHEAInc> and LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12119523/>, as well as your district pages.
- Everyone is encouraged to use the word-of-mouth approach to communicate the benefits of FHEA membership to your co-workers and associates.
- The committee plans to meet six times in 2023. Dates for those meetings will be scheduled soon.
- Member feedback is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

## FHEA DISTRICTS

Become more involved in the FHEA by taking part in District activities. To learn more, visit the District pages on [www.fhea.org](http://www.fhea.org). You will see the Florida counties included in each, as well as District leadership and meetings.

District I

District II

District III

District IV



## FHEA DISTRICT AWARDS

District Engineer of the Year 2022

CONGRATULATIONS

District I - Kevin Daniel, CHC, CHFM, Jackson Hospital

District II - Paul Hamiton, CHFM, CHC, Moosehaven Orange Park

District III - Tim Moreira, CHFM, CHSP, CHC, CHE, AdventHealth North Pinellas

District IV - Charles Anderson, Memorial Hospital Pembroke

## Supporting Member of the Year 2022

District II - Dan Davis, Commercial Construction Services Inc.

District III - Tina Stanisci, Chapuis Design Group

District IV - Stacy Bennett, Forbo



## District II Happenings

President Paul Hamilton, CHFM, CHC



It's hard to believe another year has passed, but here we are amid the Holiday Season. I hope the New Year brings you peace, happiness, and prosperity. At this time of year, while we look forward to a fresh start that the New Year brings, it's important to look back at some of the challenges you may have faced on the campus for which you care.

Within the last year, all of us have been through a challenging opportunity at work. I label all adversities as opportunities. All adversities, challenges, problems, and difficulties present opportunities for educational experiences. If you think of each adversity as an educational opportunity, it will change how you feel inside. It will change how you see the daily grind of taking care of a campus. You will look forward to a challenge because you know some type of education is coming your way. With that education comes confidence. That confidence will help you solve future problems, or opportunities, much quicker, more easily, and more budget friendly the next time.

Each problem our team solves turns into an educational experience, an opportunity. The educational experience could be finding out what parts or procedures work best on a piece of equipment. The experience could be one of those, "I won't do that again moments." I truly believe we all have had one of those moments.

So, whenever you encounter an opportunity that you haven't seen before, just rest assured someone here in FHEA has. FHEA provides us with education and shared experiences in several different ways. The education could come at a conference, at a district meeting, or at the end of a simple phone call to one of your fellow FHEA members. FHEA is a wealth of knowledge and support for our members. Please take time and share what FHEA can do for them when talking to potential members.

Paul Hamilton  
FHEA District II President

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

**District III Message**

President Jordan Smith, CHFM, CHC, CHE



Part II of our talent development story... For part I, see the last issue of District III's newsletter, The Punch List.

So, there I was, attending the first ever FHEA state-wide, stand-alone conference in Orlando when AHCA shows up to perform our bi-annual life safety licensure survey at my Tampa area hospital. With no time to get back for the survey, I would be forced to rely on my team to lead AHCA through the inspection without me.

I called my Manager, who was traveling to the FHEA conference from Tampa, and turned her around (first time I was thankful for someone being stuck in I-4 traffic). I called my Supervisors, and turned them around too. I told them this was their big day, that they were going to cover this announced AHCA inspection themselves, without the safety net of their director.

How did it turn out? Well, to no surprise, the inspection went amazingly well! We had a few citations – Material's had put a pallet in the hallway off the loading dock, and some fire doors were banged up – but nothing we couldn't easily fix. When I returned to the office, my team already had the door repairs lined up, the pallets moved, and even had a draft corrective action plan put together! I couldn't have been prouder of their accomplishments!

FHEA is an amazing organization, offering low-cost networking and educational opportunities for Healthcare Facility Managers. Without my personal investment in FHEA, and encouragement for my team to invest in FHEA, this licensure survey from AHCA would not have gone well in my absence.

This year alone, District 3 has offered education on the latest trends from DNV (by Kelley Proctor!), HVAC systems in healthcare, leveraging facility condition assessments, energy conservation trends, barrier management trends, water management programs, elevator assessments, and lessons learned from constructing a new bed tower. All of these were included for free with your paid membership! District 3, along with the State, also hosted a 2-day NFPA 99 certification class for the low cost of \$99 dollars – something that can cost as much as \$500 on an individual basis. Students in this class spent two days learning the code and walked away with a certification they can use for the rest of their healthcare career!

As we bring 2022 to a close, I encourage you to take a moment to consider investing in yourself and investing in your team. One day, you may find yourself needing your team to carry you through, and it's your job to have them ready. FHEA offers incredible value with its educational and networking opportunities, and I'm proud to give back to an organization that has given me so much.

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