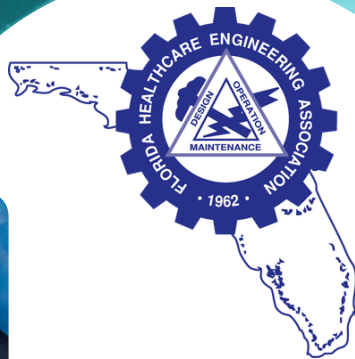


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FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Luis Rodriguez, CHE



Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of The Whistle.

I am honored to serve as the 2026–2027 President of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA). It is a privilege to represent such an outstanding group of healthcare engineering professionals, and I look forward to working together as we continue to strengthen our association and support our members.

First, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the FHEA leadership who have served before me, especially our outgoing Board members. Their dedication and commitment have helped build the strong organization we enjoy today. I also want to welcome and thank our incoming Board members for their willingness to serve. I am excited about what we will accomplish together in the coming year.

A special thank you goes to the Meeting Management Group for the tremendous work they do behind the scenes to keep our organization running smoothly and to coordinate another outstanding FHEA Trade Show & Annual Education Conference.

I would also like to thank both our Active and Supporting Members for the time, talent, and resources you generously contribute to FHEA. Your continued involvement strengthens our association and has a lasting positive impact on healthcare facilities throughout Florida. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to my leadership at Memorial Healthcare System for supporting my involvement and allowing me the opportunity to dedicate the time necessary to serve as your FHEA President.

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2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference

November 7-10
Westin Cape Coral

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President's Message Continued

FHEA remains committed to providing members with exceptional education, valuable resources, and meaningful professional networking opportunities that help healthcare facility professionals thrive. One of the primary ways we fulfill that mission is by hosting two statewide conferences each year.

Our 2026 Trade Show & Annual Education Conference, held in May at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld®, was another tremendous success. We sincerely appreciate our exhibitors, sponsors, speakers, attendees, Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff whose contributions made the conference possible.

The conference offered up to 10 continuing education credits for ASHE, Florida Professional Engineers, Florida Architects, and Florida Interior Designers. Along with an outstanding educational program, attendees enjoyed an exceptional venue, an excellent golf tournament, and a fun-filled Casino Night, making the conference both professionally rewarding and enjoyable.

One of my favorite parts of every FHEA event is reconnecting with colleagues from across the state while welcoming new members attending their first FHEA conference. Seeing our association continue to grow with new faces and fresh ideas is truly exciting.

If you were unable to attend in May, we hope you'll join us for our next statewide event—the 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference, November 7–10, at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village.

We encourage you to arrive on Saturday and participate in one of Sunday's activities, including the FHEA Golf Tournament, the Fishing Tournament, or the Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) Review Course, which will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The CHC credential continues to be a respected benchmark of professional excellence within our industry, making this an outstanding opportunity for those preparing to earn the designation.

Educational sessions will be held throughout Monday and conclude with a half-day program on Tuesday. You also won't want to miss the FHEA Expo, where our Supporting Members will showcase the latest products, technologies, and services shaping the healthcare engineering and facilities management industry. It's a great opportunity to discover innovative solutions, connect with industry partners, and explore what's new. Complete conference information, registration, hotel reservations, and the full schedule are available on the FHEA website under the Events section and are also included in this edition of The Whistle.

I encourage each of you to save the date, register now, make your room reservations at the Westin, and join us in Cape Coral. I look forward to seeing you there as we continue advancing healthcare engineering together.

Thank you for your continued support of FHEA and for everything you do to improve healthcare facilities throughout Florida. I wish you a safe, successful, and rewarding year.

2026 FHEA FALL EXPO & EDUCATION CONFERENCE

THE SCHEDULE

(As of July 28, 2026)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026*(Arrival if you are playing in the FHEA Golf Tournament or sitting for the CHC Review Course)*3:30pm...**Board Meeting**6:00pm...**Dutch Treat Reception**7:00pm...**Board Dinner****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026**7:30am...**FHEA Golf Tournament at Cape Royal Golf Club****Shotgun start at 8:30am*7:30am...**Continental Breakfast** for anglers and CHC attendees8:00am...**FHEA Fishing Tournament** – leaving from the Marina behind the Westin8:30am – 4:30pm...**CHC Exam Review Program** *(Separate fee)**Instructor: York Chan, CHC, CHFM, SASHE*12:00 – 1:00pm...**Lunch for CHC Attendees**4:00 – 5:00pm...**Supporting Members' Forum**5:00 – 6:00pm...**Welcome Reception**6:30pm...**Dinner on your own.** Visit area restaurants with colleagues and friends.**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026**7:00 – 8:00am...**Continental Breakfast**8:00 – 8:15am...**Welcome to the 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference***Luis Rodriguez, CHE, FHEA President*8:15 – 9:15am... **From Blueprint to Bot: How AI Can Transform Facilities Management Through Better Data, Diagnostics, and Culture***Speakers: Sanjyot Bhusari, Affiliated Engineers; Bobby Baird, UF Health; James Davis, Energy Engineer*9:15 – 10:15am...**Breakout #1: AI and the Future of Healthcare Facilities Operations in Acute Care***Speaker: George Valaes, Schneider Electric***-OR-****Breakout #2: Beyond BMS: Cloud-based Technologies for Tomorrow's Hospitals***Speakers: Paul Salonia and Steven Wagman, Siemens; Jared Galloway, Jackson Health System*

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THE SCHEDULE

(As of July 28, 2026)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 202610:15 – 10:30am...**Networking Break**10:30 – 11:30am...**Breakout #1: Creating a Culture of Accountability in LifeSafety**Speakers: *Lisa Hardesty, Joint Commission Resources; John Crouch, AdventHealth; Thomas Chapuis, Chapuis Design Group Architecture***-OR-****Breakout #2: Steam Systems for SPD at Healthcare Facilities**Speaker: *Leo Rocha, Thermal Tech, Inc.*11:30am – 1:00pm...**Networking lunch**1:00 – 2:00pm..**Breakout #1: What Happened to AEM? Risk, Requirements, and Results**Speaker: *Joe Stockman, FSI***-OR-****Breakout #2: NFPA 70B Review & Effects on Healthcare Market**Speakers: *Ryan Gant and Sayad Khan, Siemens*2:00 – 3:00pm...**Breakout #1: Joint Commission Physical Environment Standards –What's Changed and How to Navigate Compliance**Speaker: *Justin Marcoux, JLL Healthcare***-OR-****Breakout #2: The Silent Threat – Emerging Mold Trends in Florida Healthcare Facilities**Speaker: *Joseph Margherita, Tampa Bay Mold Testing*3:00 – 3:15pm...**Networking Break**3:15 – 4:15pm...**Breakout #1: Healthcare Facility Water Safety During Natural & Human-Driven Disasters**Speakers: *Brianne McGuire and Kelley Leannah, Nephros***-OR-****Breakout #2: Understanding the 2026 Joint Commission Physical Environment Updates**Speaker: *Mickey Eberts, Remedi8*4:15 – 6:45pm...**FHEA Expo Reception** Visit the FHEA Expo to see new products and services on display by our Supporting members.6:45pm...**Dinner on own** Join other friends and colleagues for dinner at one of the area restaurants.

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THE SCHEDULE

(As of July 28, 2026)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026**7:30 – 10:00am...FHEA Expo Continental Breakfast and Door Prize Crawl**

Breakfast will be served in the FHEA Expo. Be sure to stick around for the popular FHEA Door Prize Crawl – you must be present to win prizes!

10:00 – 11:00am...Identify Hazardous Building Material Before Renovation/Demolition (AIA approved)

Speakers: *Christina Haworth and Brian Duchene, Terracon*

11:00am – 12:00pm...Lessons from the Field: Helping Hospitals Identify and Mitigate Emergency Power Vulnerabilities

Speakers: *Eric Cote, Powered for Patients; Tad Radecki, Solution 61*

12:00 – 1:00pm...The Retirement Risk: What Happens When Knowledge Walks Out the Door?

Speaker: *Jim Inzeo, Leyyett & Rogers Company*

1:00pm... Grab n Go Box Lunches

THE FHEA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE TOPICS, SPEAKERS, OR TIMES
DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) has applied for up to 9 continuing education credits/hours for ASHE, Florida Architects, Florida Interior Designers, and Florida Professional Engineers.

A Certificate of Attendance will also be provided upon request for attendees seeking reciprocal continuing education credit through other professional organizations.

2026 FHEA FALL EXPO & EDUCATION CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

REGISTER HERE >

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Active Healthcare/Associate Member: \$165
- CHE Member: \$145
- Supporting Member: \$415
- Expo Booth Rep: \$350
- Non-member: \$515
- Life Member: Comp
- CHC Exam Review Course: \$100 (*must be a conference registrant*)

Registration fees include conference educational sessions, breakfasts, lunches, networking breaks, the FHEA Expo, and receptions. (*After September 25th, add \$50 to registration fees*).

Registrations for the CHC Exam Review Program is a separate fee. If you are taking the exam, registration MUST BE done separately by downloading the application and sending the completed form and fees by September 25th.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS



**Westin Cape Coral Resort
at Marina Village**
5951 Silver King Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Hotel rooms for the upcoming 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference, November 7-10th, at Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village are \$209 plus tax. Link to make reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/220851171?gtid=de31d0d3109f15435df106dc1ec8ee7f>

Marriott Bonvoy Members

Many privileges are offered if you are a member of the Marriott Bonvoy Program. For information and to enroll, visit:

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Parking at the Westin

Self-parking fees for overnight guests booking room reservations in the FHEA block have been discounted from \$25 per day to \$15 per day.

IMPORTANT HOTEL NOTICE

Do NOT make room reservations for the 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference with any third party claiming to represent FHEA/Florida Healthcare Engineering Association OR offering discounted rates at the Westin Cape Coral. The ONLY legitimate way to reserve your room is through the official booking link or by calling 800-228-9290.

2026 FHEA FALL EXPO & EDUCATION CONFERENCE**CHC EXAM REVIEW PROGRAM****CHC EXAM REVIEW PROGRAM: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:30AM – 4:30PM**

In addition to our regular FHEA Education Conference, you may register for the CHC Exam Review Program. Registration for the all-day CHC Review Course is only an additional \$100 for paid FHEA Fall Conference attendees who are also current FHEA Active Members (a continental breakfast and lunch are included in the price).

The instructor for this program will be York Chan, CHFM, CHC, SASHE. York has amassed 35 years of progressive management experience in health facility operations. Prior to retirement, he was the administrator of facilities for Advocate Health Care, overseeing facility operations for the system of 12 acute care hospitals in Illinois. He served as a Board member of the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) from 2008 through 2012. York is a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager as well as a Certified Healthcare Constructor.

To learn more about the CHC and determine your eligibility, visit <https://www.aha.org/career-resources/certification-center/chc>

Please note: Registering for the CHC Exam Review Course does NOT register you for the exam. To register for the CHC exam, you must complete an application form and pay for the exam fee as noted in the above link.

Space will be limited and registration must be received by September 26. Onsite applications will not be accepted.

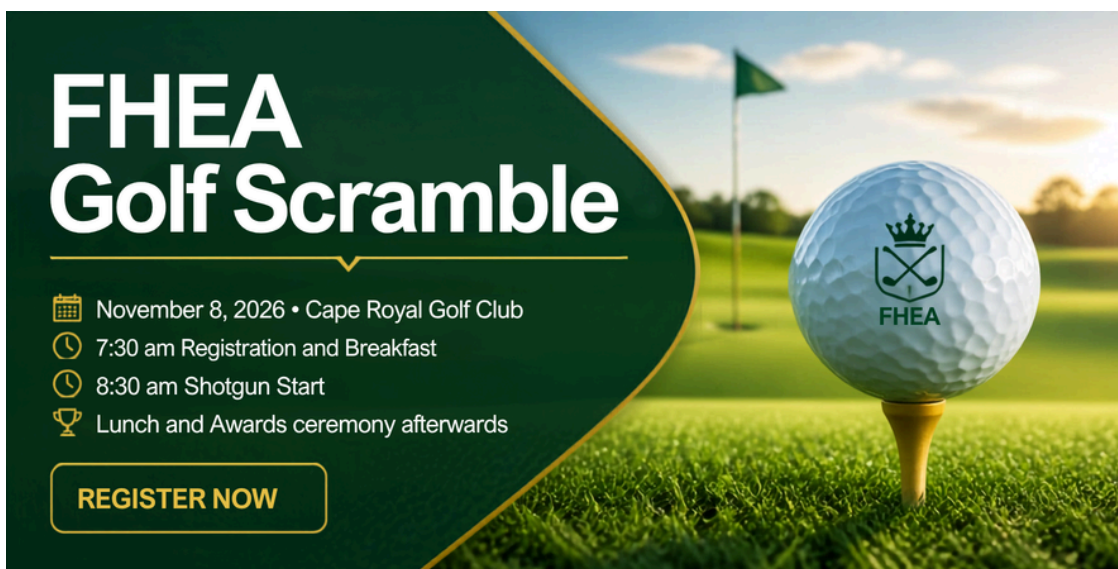
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FISHING AND GOLF



The FHEA fishing and golf tournaments will be held on Sunday, November 8. Separate registrations are required for each event.

Anglers in the fishing tournament will have a grab n go continental breakfast at 7:30am and leave at 8:00am from the marina located behind the Westin. [Registration Link](#)



Golf will be held at the Cape Royal Golf Club. The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:30am, followed by a shotgun start at 8:30am. The event will end after the awards' luncheon. [Registration Link](#)

2026 FALL SPONSORSHIP



FHEA Supporting Members have the opportunity to register for a sponsorship the 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference, November 7–10, at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village in Cape Coral, Florida.

- Choose from various Sponsorship Packages (*which include a tabletop exhibit*)

To reserve your space, please complete the requested information at: <https://fs8.formsite.com/Vd7jW9/FHEA2026FallExpo/index>

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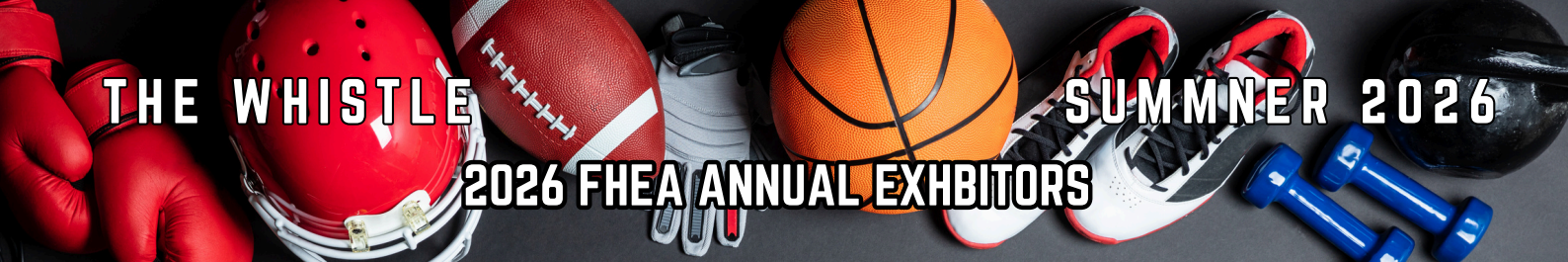
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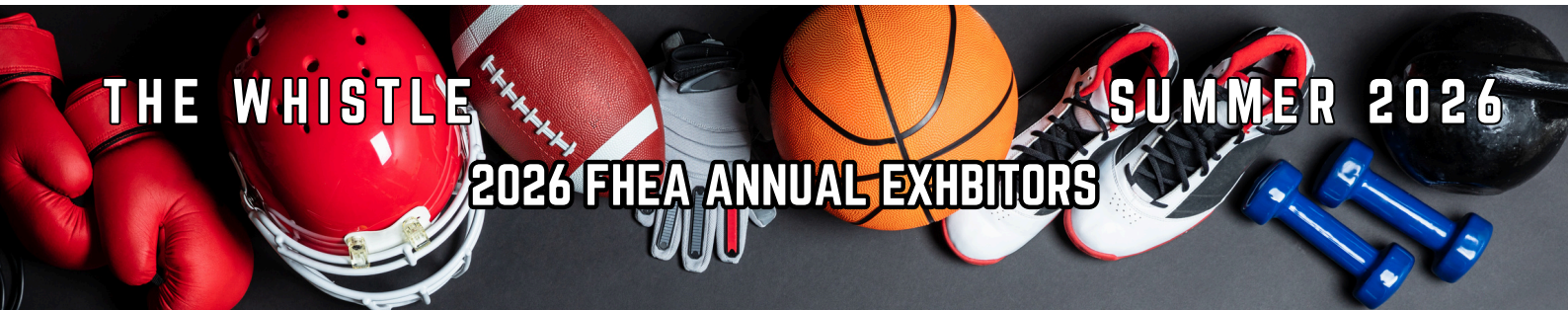
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Air Source Corporation
AirX Inc.
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Edge Construction
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Envinity, Building Energy Solutions
Environmental Diversified Services
EOLA Power
EVCOR USA, LLC.
Evergreen Medical Services
Everon
FacilityConneX
Fellowes
First Onsite
Florida Power & Light
FlorTech
Fluid Systems and Controls
Follett Products, LLC
Forbo Flooring Systems
GHP, Inc
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Green Air Environmental of Central Florida
GTR Business Systems
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HydroCorp
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Integrated Cooling Solutions
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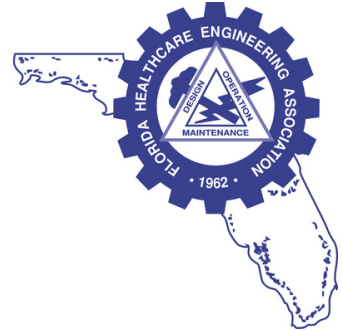
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Yorkshore Commercial Interiors
Yown's Boiler Service & Furnace
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SUPPORTING MEMBERS – GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved with the FHEA to promote your company and support the FHEA.

- Submitting articles for The Whistle, send articles to info@fhea.org
- Advertising in The Whistle, <https://mmgfl.wufoo.com/forms/fhea-whistle-ad/>
- Presenting educational programs at state and/or district meetings, <https://www.fhea.org/call-presentations>
- Sponsoring FHEA district programs
- Exhibiting and/or sponsoring at the 2026 FHEA Fall Expo & Education Conference, <https://www.fhea.org/newsletters/2026-fall-expo-open>

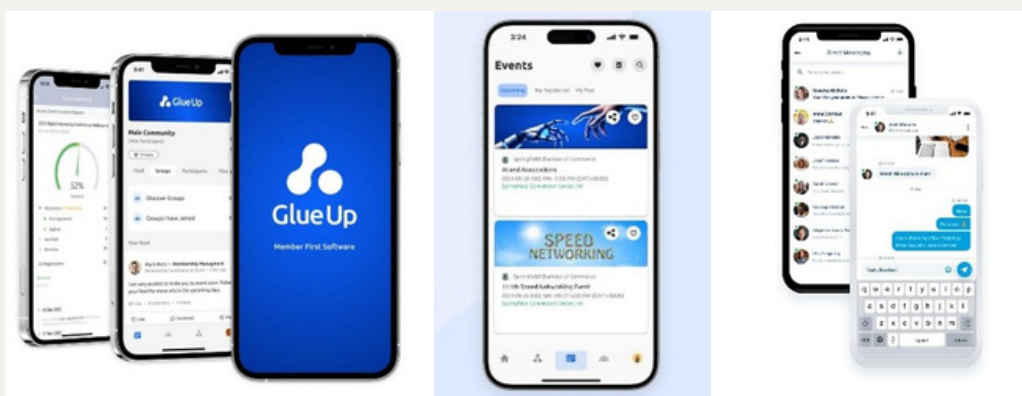
FHEA sincerely appreciates your continued support and involvement at both the state and district levels. Your participation helps us provide valuable educational programs and networking opportunities for our members.

WELCOME TO GLUEUP & INTRODUCING THE FHEA CONNECT APP

Sarah Jeffcoat, Executive Director, FHEA

The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) is excited to announce the launch of our new association management platform—GlueUp—along with our brand-new mobile app, FHEA Connect. This upgraded system serves as a centralized hub for all FHEA activities, designed to enhance both efficiency and the overall member experience. From membership management to event engagement, everything you need is now in one place—and accessible anytime, anywhere.

Take FHEA With You – Download the App



With the FHEA Connect mobile app, you can:

- Register for events quickly and easily
- Access your membership profile and renewal status
- View event schedules and receive real-time updates
- Network with fellow members through messaging and directory features
- Track your continuing education (CE) credits

Download the app:

- iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fhea-connect/id6758319581>
- Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.glueup.wl.fhea>

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Connect** **What This Means for You**

The transition to GlueUp introduces several powerful tools to better serve our members:

- Streamlined Membership Management
- Automated applications and renewals make it easier to stay active and engaged.
- Enhanced Event Experience
- Register, access agendas, and stay informed—all in one place.
- Integrated Communications
- Receive important announcements and updates directly from FHEA.
- Continuing Education Tracking
- Easily monitor your CE credits for certifications and professional development.

 Stay Connected

To ensure you receive all FHEA communications, please ask your IT department to whitelist email addresses ending in @fhea.org and @glueup.com.

We are excited to bring you a more connected, efficient, and user-friendly experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sarah@fhea.org.

We look forward to serving you better with GlueUp and the FHEA Connect app!



Edgard Niebles, MBA, CHC, CHE, CHFM, CHSP, LSSGB
ASHE Liaison

ASHE LIAISON UPDATE 2026 Q2

The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) continues to provide healthcare facilities professionals with the education, resources, and guidance needed to respond to the changing demands of our industry. The future of healthcare facilities management will depend on workforce development, professional education, sustainability, and continued collaboration.

Workforce development remains one of ASHE's most important priorities. Our profession continues to face technician shortages, an aging workforce, and the need to prepare the next generation of healthcare facilities leaders. ASHE is addressing these challenges through its competency framework, educational programs, compliance training, and Mechanic Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (MECH) program.

ASHE's Compliance Quick Start courses are especially valuable for professionals entering healthcare facilities management and learning the complex regulatory responsibilities associated with the field. Chapters can also host ASHE educational programs, request presentations from ASHE staff, and use the Preferred Education Provider Program to offer approved continuing education.

ASHE is also gathering feedback about emerging operational concerns, including battery safety and the challenges faced by rural and critical-access hospitals. Participation from healthcare facilities professionals provides ASHE with real-world information that can support practical standards, advocacy, and the development of meaningful industry resources.

Sustainability remains another important ASHE priority. Through its Energy to Care program, ASHE helps healthcare organizations measure energy use, benchmark performance, reduce operating expenses, and recognize measurable improvements. This year, 539 healthcare organizations received recognition, including 142 Energy to Care Award recipients, 327 Sustained Performance Award recipients, and 70 Sustainability Champions.

These accomplishments demonstrate the healthcare industry's growing commitment to responsible energy management. Improving energy performance supports environmental goals while preserving financial resources that can be redirected toward facility improvements and patient care.

ASHE provides the education, advocacy, and resources needed to advance healthcare facilities management, but continued progress requires participation from the entire profession. By completing industry surveys, developing our teams, pursuing education, and sharing successful practices, healthcare facilities professionals can help strengthen the industry.



From Member to Mentor: The Next Step in Professional Engagement



Jeff Howard, MBA, CHFM, CHE
Chair, FHEA Membership Committee

Over the past several issues of The Whistle, I've written about different stages of the FHEA membership experience. We celebrated membership growth, reflected on the value of renewing our commitment to the association, and discussed how participation in events and educational programs helps members stay connected and engaged. Looking back, those topics represent a natural progression: **Join. Stay. Engage.**

The next step is **Lead.**

Leadership doesn't always mean holding an office or serving as a committee chair. Often, it starts with something much simpler—sharing knowledge, encouraging a colleague, or helping someone navigate a challenge you've already faced. Healthcare engineering is a profession built on shared experience and most of us can point to someone who offered advice or provided guidance at an important point in our careers. Those moments matter, and they are one of the reasons professional associations like FHEA remain valuable.

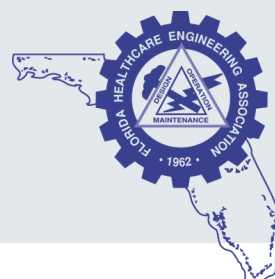
Membership delivers value to us as individuals, but leadership and mentorship allow us to create value for others.

Within FHEA, there are countless ways to do that. Some members serve on committees, help organize educational programs, support district activities, or assist with conference planning. Others lead by mentoring newer professionals, encouraging member involvement, sharing lessons learned, and helping create opportunities for others to grow and succeed within the association. Our new Women in Healthcare Engineering initiative is an example of members stepping forward to create opportunities for others. By fostering connections, encouraging professional growth, and helping develop future leaders, initiatives like this strengthen both our association and the healthcare engineering profession across Florida.

The strongest associations are built by members who are willing to invest in one another. As you think about your own journey with FHEA, I encourage you to consider what "Lead" might look like for you. Whether through mentoring, volunteering, or simply sharing your experience, each of us has something valuable to contribute. After all, leadership is not measured by what we gain from our involvement, but by the opportunities we create for others.

More about FHEA Membership

- [View Membership webpage](#)
- [FHEA Info Video](#)



FHEA Sustainability Update



Phil Cardone, CHFM, CHC, CHE
Chair, FHEA Sustainability Chair

The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) Sustainability Committee encourages all members to continue advancing sustainability initiatives that strengthen the long-term performance and resilience of our healthcare facilities. As healthcare engineers (and Supporting Members), we have a unique responsibility to balance operational reliability, environmental stewardship, and patient care. Through energy-efficient systems, water conservation efforts, sustainable procurement practices, and waste reduction programs, we can improve facility performance while reducing costs and environmental impacts.

As we navigate Florida's ever-changing challenges, including severe weather and growing resource demands, sustainability and resilience must remain closely linked. Investments in resilient infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and innovative technologies help ensure our facilities can continue serving patients and communities when they are needed most. The Sustainability Committee encourages members to share successes, collaborate on best practices, and remain engaged in efforts that support a healthier, more sustainable future for Florida's healthcare facilities and the communities they serve.

As always, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Sustainability Committee, please reach out to me at Phillip.Cardone@bhcpns.org.

FHEA EARNS 2026 ASHE CHAPTER PLATINUM LEVEL AWARD



The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) is proud to announce that it has been awarded the 2026 ASHE Chapter Platinum Level Award in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments and dedication of the Association during 2025.

This prestigious award reflects the hard work and commitment of our Board of Directors, volunteers, committees, members, Supporting Members, and staff who continue to advance healthcare facility management and engineering throughout Florida.

The award will be presented to FHEA Board members attending the 2026 Chapter Leadership Forum, held in conjunction with the 2026 Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, on Sunday, August 2, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Congratulations to everyone whose dedication and support helped make this achievement possible. This recognition is a testament to the strength of the FHEA and our continued commitment to excellence in serving Florida's healthcare engineering community.

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FHEA WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

The Women in Facility Healthcare (WoFac) Committee is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County for a volunteer service project in support of their annual Back-to-School Event.

Volunteers will help organize and label shoes and school supplies, as well as pack materials that will be distributed to students during the event.

Volunteer Details

Date: Thursday, August 6

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location:

3511 W. Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200

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If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Aileen Rodriguez at arodriguez@genservcorp.com.

We hope you will join WoFac as we support local students and help make this year's Back-to-School event a success

DISTRICT III PRESIDENT'S NIGHT OUT RECAP

District III President's Night Out event was June 26, with a round of golf at Mission Inn in Howey in the Hills and dinner for over 100 Health Care and supporting members. Everyone had a great time golfing and relaxing while enjoying time together.



• NFPA APPROVES WEAPONS DETECTION AMENDMENT

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved tentative interim amendment (TIA) No. 1869 to NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, with the amendment effective as of May 5. This milestone marks the next step in getting approval for health care facilities that wish to utilize weapons detection systems of entrances that also serve as the means of egress from the facility. The TIA applies to the 2012 and 2024 editions of the Life Safety Code. The changes also will be included in the code's 2027 edition when it is published.

• CMS CLARIFIES CONDITION-LEVEL NONCOMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued revised memo QSO 18 12-Deemed Providers/Suppliers to clarify the roles of accrediting organizations (Aos) and state survey agencies when a provider's or supplier's Medicare-deemed status is temporarily removed due to status when a state survey agency or federal survey team identifies condition-level deficiencies. When this occurs, CMS formally notifies the organization and places it under the jurisdiction of the state survey agency, rather than the AO.

• ASHRAE INTRODUCES NEW ENERGY-SAVING REQUIREMENT

The 2025 edition of the American National Standard's Institute/ASHRAE/Illuminating Engineering Society Standard 90.1. Energy Standard for Sites and Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings has been published and includes an important new requirement for hospitals and other health care facilities. Addendum bh to the standard's 2022 edition was approved in 2025 and is now incorporated into the published 2025 standard along with several other addenda that have passed since 2022. Addendum bh requires health care facilities to implement unoccupied setbacks in certain clinical spaces. This means reducing ventilation or adjusting temperature settings when specific spaces are not in use.

• CISA RELEASES GUIDANCE ON ZERO TRUST ADOPTION FOR OT

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and other federal agencies released a joint guide for organizations to apply zero trust principles to operational technology (OT) systems. Zero trust is a cybersecurity strategy that is guided by the principle that no users or devices are safe and must always be verified. The guide includes insights on overcoming unique constraints, addressing potential challenges and prioritizing key areas for integrating zero trust principles. OT environments in health care include tools that manage energy control, heating ventilating and air-conditioning systems, life-safety systems; and more.

• GROUPS FOCUS ON BATTERY SAFETY

According to a National Institute of Standards and Technology paper, "Understanding the Risk of Lithium-Ion Battery Fires," lithium-ion battery (LIB) fires are a growing problem that extend across an LIB's life cycle. But data on such fires is fragmented and mostly incomplete. Much of the data comes from secondary sources, making the identification of LIB fires difficult.

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The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is in the process of developing NFPA 800, Battery Safety Code, a new, comprehensive standard to address the entire life cycle of batteries. NFPA 800 is aimed to fill gaps in existing standards (like NFPA 8556, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems) to mitigate fire and explosion risks across diverse battery usage.

In coordination with this effort, the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) has established a work group to develop practical, risk-based recommended practices for hospitals to align guidance with codes and standards (including NFPA 800) and make sure solutions support both patient care and day-to-day hospital operations.

The ASHE Battery Safety Task Group will focus on identifying, assessing and mitigating risks; the development of practical, risk-based recommended practices, and alignment with existing and developing codes and standards.

While battery safety is a growing concern, facilities that stay apprised of continuing development of battery safety standards and establish programs to properly manage the potential risks will be able to continue to safely use LIBS.

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On June 24, Venezuela was struck by two devastating earthquakes just one minute apart. Both measured over 7.0 in magnitude, with the second reaching 7.5, the strongest earthquake to hit the country in more than a century. Continuing aftershocks have made search-and-rescue operations and relief efforts even more challenging.

More than 5,300 people have been confirmed dead, and thousands more have been injured or remain missing. Hospitals in the hardest-hit areas were already operating under difficult conditions before the disaster. Now, many healthcare facilities have been damaged or destroyed, leaving countless people without access to critical medical care.

Samaritan's Purse has responded by deploying an Emergency Field Hospital capable of treating more than 100 patients each day. The hospital includes multiple operating rooms, a critical care unit, a pharmacy, and a laboratory, while also supporting efforts to restore damaged healthcare facilities.

The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) and its members have always demonstrated extraordinary generosity in helping those facing hardship. In response to this tragedy, the FHEA Board of Directors has authorized up to \$10,000 in matching funds for donations made to Samaritan's Purse. Every dollar you contribute will help provide life-saving medical care and support recovery efforts for those who have suffered unimaginable loss.

To date, the FHEA received donations from the following:

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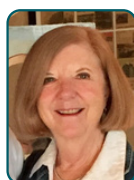
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