

# THE WHISTLE

## FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Adam Mayle,**  
*CHE, CHFM, CHC*



Welcome to another edition of The Whistle and the President's Corner. I am honored to be the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) President for the 2023-2024 term. It is truly humbling to represent such an outstanding organization of healthcare professionals.

Let me begin by thanking the outgoing and incoming board members for their service to the organization and especially to Lamar Bragg for his leadership as the state President over the last 18 months. Thank you for donating your time and expertise and accepting the responsibility of leading the way. Thank you to Meeting Management Group for keeping the wheels turning and putting together another very successful conference that raised the bar for next year. Thank you to Walter Bussell, CFO Memorial Regional Hospital, and the Memorial Healthcare System in Broward County, for allowing me the time necessary to serve on the FHEA Board of Directors. Finally, thank you to our members, both active and supporting, for devoting your time to the betterment of healthcare in Florida.

In 2022, the FHEA funded approximately \$30,000 through scholarships and various charitable organizations. This does not include other fundraising activities coordinated at our district levels. As we are an education centered organization, we also provided over 75 hours of training to our members. The FHEA even conducted an NFPA 99 training course in Orlando, co-sponsored by District 3. Over the course of the next year, the FHEA will continue to strive for excellence by focusing on charity, growth, and education.

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Our conferences are one of the forums we use to educate our members. The quality and success of our Annual and Fall conferences is a source of pride for the board. Countless hours are spent ensuring we provide the best possible training and trade shows for both active and supporting members, all at a very reasonable price. Based on the feedback we have been receiving, the conferences are hitting the mark and still improving. I honestly believe that FHEA provides the best value in CE and networking for our active members as well as the best use of advertising dollars for our supporting members who exhibit and sponsor FHEA events.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

The next FHEA conference will be our Fall Expo & Educational Conference in St. Petersburg, November 29th to Dec 1st. Why St. Petersburg and why in November? The answer to both questions is because the board is doing what we feel is right for our members. Traditionally, the Fall (or Spring) conference opposite the annual conference would be held in the district of the current state President.

This year, the Fall conference would have been held in the Ft. Lauderdale/Miami area since I reside in District 4. Unfortunately, inflation and conferences delayed by covid have significantly raised the cost of meeting spaces and hotel rooms in my district. The board decided to relocate the Fall conference instead of raising the conference costs for our members. Late November was selected because there is ASHE as well as other meetings our members may want to attend, and we wanted to provide ample time between conferences. Our management group is already working to secure locations for the next few years that will be easy on your bank account.

Before I started writing this article as one of my first official acts as the FHEA State President, I looked back over some of the articles other Past Presidents have written. Not only did these articles give me some perspective and history on the organization that I have been selected to lead, but they also made me realize I am following in the footsteps of some of the finest people in our industry.

Tom Gibson was one of those people. Tom was a friend, a mentor, and a former state President of the FHEA. He retired from my organization and moved to Mexico with his wife, Patricia. While there, they expanded their Gibson Soto Foundation and operated a school for young women from rural communities who did not have access to education. Those young women are now starting to graduate from college and begin careers they would not have had without Tom and Patricia. Tom was a visionary and a humanitarian - he turned words into actions. Tom passed away on June 15th after a very short and very unexpected battle with cancer and he left the world a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patricia, family, and friends.

**Thank you again to the FHEA Board of Directors and you, our members, who have placed their trust in me to serve as your President. Together, we will continue improving the organization for all our members.**

### In Memory of Tom Gibson FHEA President 2018 – 2019



***Our thoughts and prayers are  
with his  
family and friends.***

# FHEA AWARDS

## FHEA STATE AWARDS

### STATE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:

Tony Echazabal, CHFM, CHSP



### STATE SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Alex Cartier, National Firestopping Solutions



## VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Lichtenstein



## 2023 STATE SCHOLARSHIP



Chris Maxfield

During the FHEA Annual Meeting in Orlando, the recipient of the state scholarship, Chris Maxfield, was announced to receive recognition. The state scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy candidate based upon many criteria, including healthcare degree emphasis, academic performance, and need.

The scholarship committee reviews all applications received and performs an analysis based upon the above criteria. If you applied and were not selected this year, please consider applying again in 2024.

There are district scholarships available from time to time based upon district finances. Be sure to apply at the district level as well and attend district meetings to learn more.

**Congratulations to Chris.**

## FHEA DISTRICT AWARDS

### DISTRICT I

#### ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:

Lamar Bragg, CHFM, CHE

#### SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Margaret Jasinski, Phigenics

### DISTRICT II

#### ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:

Bobby Baird, SASHE, CHFM, CHE, CHSP, CHC

#### SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Alex Cartier, National Firestopping Solutions

### DISTRICT III

#### ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:

Tony Echazabal, CHFM, CHSP

#### SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Tina Stanisci, Chapuis Design Group

### DISTRICT IV

#### ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:

Adam Mayle, CHFM, CHE, CHC

#### SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Nancy Garrido, DebonAir



## REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!



**ST. PETE BAYFRONT HILTON**  
**333 1ST STREET SE**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701**

### CONFERENCE HOTEL

To make reservations by phone, call 800-HILTONS and use the group code, FHEA, to get our special rate.

The group rate is \$162 + tax. There is no resort fee.

Valet parking, with in and out privileges, for guests staying in the hotel has been discounted to \$28 per day.



## TABLETOP EXHIBIT AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Tabletop Price: \$900

Includes:

- One (1) company representative
- One 6' table with spandex covering
- Two Chairs
- Waste basket
- AND 5 amps/120 volts of power (2 outlets)

### Event Sponsorship

(Prices range \$1,700 - \$3,000)

Includes:

- Expo tabletop & priority set up for table location
- Listing in the FHEA Whistle & on the website
- Listing in the onsite program
- Listing on the conference app
- Event Signage

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE A TABLETOP AND/OR SPONSORSHIP**  
**VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.FHEA.ORG/2023-FALL-SPONSOR](https://www.fhea.org/2023-fall-sponsor)**



IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT EDUCATION; NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS; AND FUN!!!

## Fall Expo & Educational Conference Schedule

### Tuesday, November 28, 2023

- 3:30 - 5:30 pm  
FHEA Board Meeting

### Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- 8:00 am  
Golf & Fishing - off site
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
**What Keeps Facility Managers & Engineers Awake at Night**  
*Healthcare Engineer & Supporting Member Panel*
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Welcome Reception

### Thursday, November 30, 2023

- 8:15 - 8:45 am  
Supporting Member Meet and Greet
- 9:00 am  
Continental Breakfast (for educational session attendees)
- 9:30 - 9:45 am  
Welcome to the Fall Conference  
*Adam Mayle, FHEA President*
- 9:45 - 10:45 am  
**The Healthcare Facility Professional's Toolbox**  
*Peter Martin, Gosselin*
- 10:45 - 11:15 am  
Networking Break
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm  
**Avoiding Leadership Findings in Documentation**  
*Bruce Bennett, MAOM, BSHCA, CHSP, EMT; National Firestopping Solutions*
- 12:15 - 1:15 pm  
Lunch (for educational session attendees)
- 1:15 - 2:15 pm  
**Staying Ahead of Your Survey**  
*Joseph Glaski, FASHE, MBA, CFDAI, CLSS-HC; Brand Services*

### Thursday, November 30, 2023

- 2:15 - 3:15 pm  
**Water Management in Sterile Processing - What You Need to Know**  
*Cole Kirmes and Rick Dandrow; Phigenics*
- 3:15 - 3:30 pm  
Networking Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
**Move Over 2022, Here Come the 2026 FGI Guidelines**  
*Doug Erickson, FASHE; Facility Guidelines Institute*
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Welcome Expo Reception

### Friday, December 1, 2023

- 7:00 - 9:00 am  
Breakfast in Expo
- 9:00 - 11:00 am  
**Contaminated Air: The Invisible Threat to Patients and Staff**  
*Dr. Linda Lee, UV Angel*
- AND  
**Resilience is in the Air: A Risk-Based Approach to Air Quality Management**  
*Kathy Warye, Infection Prevention Partners*
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Expo Open and Door Prize Crawl
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Networking Lunch
- 2:00 pm  
Exhibitors teardown
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Roof Budgeting and Asset Management**  
*Jason Carruth; Advanced Roofing*
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
**Synopsis of What Happens the Day After the Open House? Implementing an Equipment Management Strategy at Master Planning**  
*Gary Schindele; Paladin Healthcare*

## THANK YOU EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS

## FHEA ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 22 - 24 - RENAISSANCE SEA WORLD ORLANDO

## EXHIBITORS \* Trade Show Sponsors

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 \*Geutebruck USA, Inc.  
 GF Piping Systems  
 GHP, Inc.  
 Grainger, Inc.  
 Gray and Associates Inc.  
 \*Green Air Environmental  
 \*GreenTeam  
 GTR Business Systems  
 Guardian Fueling Technologies  
 Harper Limbach  
 Health Care Compliance, Inc.  
 Herc Rentals  
 Hexmodal  
 IB Roof Systems  
 Idn Armstrongs  
 Industrial Engineering  
 \*Inpro Corporation  
 Insight Partners  
 Integrated Cooling Solutions  
 Jantech Services Inc.  
 Jeron Electronic Systems, Inc.  
 Johnson-Laux Construction  
 \*Krystal Klean  
 Legrand  
 \*Life Safety Enterprises Inc.  
 LSS Life Safety Services  
 Mason Engineering  
 Medical Technology Associates, Inc.  
 \*MediTrac by OmegaFlex  
 Meyer Najem Construction  
 \*Miller Electric Company  
 \*Mitchell & Lindsey  
 Momar, Inc.  
 \*Nalco Water, and Ecolab Company  
 \*Nash Plumbing and Mechanical LLC  
 \*National Firestopping Solutions  
 Nelson & Company  
 \*NetPlanner Systems, Inc.  
 Nexspan Healthcare, LLC  
 Omni  
 Original Solutions Company, Inc.  
 Our Fresh Air, Inc.  
 Paladin Healthcare LLC  
 Pathway Technologies  
 Patterson Pope, Inc.  
 PDi Communications Systems, Inc.  
 \*Performance Roof Systems  
 Petroleum Recovery Services  
 Pevco  
 \*Phigenics  
 Phoenix Products 6

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 Premier Water & Energy Technology, Inc.  
 Prime Power Services, Inc.  
 PRS-Pipe Restoration Solutions  
 Pureflow Inc.  
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 \*Soprema  
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 \*Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance  
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 Voight Professional Services, Inc.  
 Waco Filtration Group  
 Whitehall Manufacturing  
 \*William R. Nash, LLC  
 \*Wolf Gordon  
 Yown's Boiler Service, Inc.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**S** Barclay Water Management  
**P** Belfor  
**O** C.L. Burks  
**N** DebonAir Mechanical  
**O** Gerflor  
**R** McKim & Creed  
**S** PSI Intertek  
 Sika  
 Unison Energy

# ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 22 - 24 - RENAISSANCE SEA WORLD ORLANDO



# SAVE THE DATE!

June 17 - 20, 2024

## World Equestrian Center - The Riding Academy Hotel



Save the date for the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference at the Riding Academy Hotel, located in the World Equestrian Center complex in Ocala, Florida. The FHEA has negotiated rooms at a very reasonable rate of \$179 + tax (for up to 4 people). The family and pet-friendly hotel will include expansive, upscale accommodations and desirable in-room amenities, such as coffee makers, microwaves, and pull-out sofa beds. Guests can enjoy the outdoor pool and sundeck, dual fitness centers, and lobby marketplace - all within the thriving complex center. This meeting will be a great place to bring your families for a summer getaway, see beautiful horse shows (at no cost), and have a lot of fun.

Don't Miss it! Mark your calendars now!

## 2024 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Considering speaking at an upcoming conference or FHEA District meeting? The FHEA is excited to offer you the opportunity to submit a proposed presentation for our future FHEA Educational Conferences as well as for District meetings.

For information on how to submit a session for consideration, download the Call for Presentations form. Be sure to provide complete requested information.

[CLICK HERE](#)



### THE WHISTLE

Do you have an healthcare industry educational article to contribute? Submit to [info@fhea.org](mailto:info@fhea.org)

### PLACE AN AD IN THE WHISTLE

Supporting FHEA Members:  
Place a 1/2 or 1/4 page ad in The Whistle (as space permits)  
1/2 Page - \$350 - 1/4 Page - \$175



## ASHE NEWS

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

With summer's arrival, that means the ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition is just around the corner, and this year, ASHE will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the conference. The conference will be held on August 6-9, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas and will offer an inspiring keynote speaker; a wide range of education for you to attend and earn license or certification credits; a large trade show offering the latest in technology; and innovative networking opportunities.

If you need help convincing your administrative team of the value, they will gain by sending you to the conference, ASHE offers a Justification Toolkit on the ASHE website at ASHE.org under the registration heading. The toolkit includes a worksheet and letter template, justification testimonials, and past exhibitor list. I can assure you it is well worth the time and investment to you and your organization. If you plan to go, be sure and allow some extra time to enjoy all the San Antonio sites. The river, the Alamo, and water taxis are always on top of all the sightseeing searches. Hope to see you in San Antonio.

The other thing that summer brings for ASHE members is the annual elections. This year, you will be voting for ASHE President-Elect, and regions 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10 will be voting for Advisory Board Members. We are in Region 4 and voted last year so this cycle will be President-Elect for us only. Voting opens on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at noon Central time and closes at noon on Sunday, September 3, 2023. At the FHEA Annual Conference I had the pleasure of meeting our Region 4 Advisory Board member, Lotoya Beard, after her conference presentation. Lotoya is very engaged in our industry and she appears to be a great liaison for us to ASHE. I look forward to working with her during her term on the advisory board.





## CODES AND STANDARDS

Phil Cardone, CHFM, CHC  
Chair, Codes and Standards Committee

### Changes to the CMS Validation Survey Process for All Accrediting Organizations

#### Background:

Previously, CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) had the option of conducting 10% random non-emergent validation surveys for all accrediting organizations (AO) within 60 days of the last survey conducted by the four AOs approved by CMS to accredit hospitals, Joint Commission, DNV, CIHQ, or HFAP.

#### Validation Redesign Pilot (VRP) Project

In March 2018, CMS appointed a workgroup to redesign the validation survey process. The goal of the validation redesign pilot (VRP) was to redesign the validation program where state agencies (SA's) evaluate the ability of the accrediting organization (AO) surveyors to survey for compliance to CMS conditions.

This would take the place of conducting a second validation survey as is done currently. SA surveyors will survey facilities simultaneously with AO, evaluating skill, knowledge, and performance.

In 2019, CMS put the pilot program on hold to analysis data and lessons learned from all previous VRP direct observation validation surveys conducted.

In 2020, while conducting validation surveys, CMS continued to find disparities between the issues CMS surveyors found and those found by the AO survey team in days and weeks before.

CMS restarted the pilot program in 2023, placing state agency surveyors' side-by-side with accrediting organization survey teams for all non-emergent validation surveys. CMS wants AOs to step up survey performance in the main compliance problems, specifically when it involves fire safety and physical environment standards.

### BEWARE OF HOTEL SCAMS & SALE OF VARIOUS LISTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

It has come to our attention that FHEA members and conference attendees are being contacted by scammers, via both phone and email, offering to assist with hotel reservations for the FHEA Fall Meeting.

FHEA does not provide its contact list to third parties for these purposes. If you receive any messages regarding hotel discounts, they are phishing scams and should be ignored/ deleted immediately.

The ONLY legitimate way to reserve your room at the St. Pete Bayfront Hilton is by using [this link](#) or calling 800-HILTONS and use the group code, FHEA, to get our special rate.



## EDUCATION UPDATE

John Crouch, FHEA Education Chair

Many facilities have small budgets set aside for education of the facilities leaders and their staff; some have zero dollars allocated for staff education. But there are opportunities that only require your time, free webinars and classes. Sign up for the classes, add them to your calendar and hopefully you can attend at least 30% of them.

ASHE is a great organization. Did you know that all their webinars are free? You can watch past recorded episodes and sign up for upcoming ones. Did you know there are live question / answer sessions? What a great way to get answers to your code questions. Free education webinars from ASHE - [Webinars | ASHE](#)

Another great source of free education is from NFPA. These sessions would be great for your front-line staff. If you have not been setting aside time each month for staff education, you really ought to invest in your team by giving them 30 – 60 minutes a month to expand their knowledge base. A fun way to show them that you really do care about them - [Public education - NFPA](#)

We have also hosted online free web seminars on steam for several months. Be sure to check our website for these and other opportunities to get your CEU's. [Webinars \(fhea.org\)](#)

### Continuing Education Update

At the recent FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, May 22 – 24, at the Renaissance Sea World in Orlando, the following continuing education credits were awarded:

- 11 CE from ASHE (American Society of Health Care Engineering)
- 11 CE for Florida Professional Engineers
- 9 CE for Florida Architects
- 9 CE for Florida Interior Designers



## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jennifer Bello, BS, MPH, CHFM; Chair

Our FHEA Membership Committee is excited to begin conversations in the next few months regarding new ideas and strategies for increasing our membership. We welcome your ideas and suggestions as we look forward to engaging the healthcare engineering community and your fellow peers.

As a reminder, continue to encourage your colleagues and peers to join FHEA for professional development and our many continuing education opportunities.

To learn more about FHEA membership and its benefits, visit <https://fhea.org/membership>

I look forward to hearing from you, [jennifer.bello@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:jennifer.bello@hcahealthcare.com)



On behalf of the FHEA Board of Directors, thank you for being a member of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association. Many of you have asked about using the FHEA logo in your signature boxes. The FHEA logo for 2023 was recently sent to current members in good standing. Using this trademarked logo is the only approved use – no other reference to the FHEA can be utilized unless you are on the state FHEA Board or an officer in one of our districts.

Thank you for your participation and support of the FHEA!



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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR BEING A GREAT LEADER

Marty Streeper, FHEA Education Coordinator and Meeting Planner

If you attended our recent FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, you had the opportunity to hear from our keynote speaker, Keni Thomas, about the qualities required to be a great leader. Keni shared life stories and how to apply what he experienced when serving as a member of Bravo Company of the 3rd Ranger Battalion when he was deployed to Mogadishu Somalia as part of a special operations package called Task Force Ranger (TFR).

Their mission was to find and capture a criminal warlord named Mohammed Farrah Aided. Outnumbered ten to one, the men of TFR distinguished themselves in an 18-hour fire fight that would later be recounted in the highly successful book and movie *Blackhawk Down*. Nineteen Americans died and 78 were wounded.

You might be asking yourself what principles you can glean from Keni's talk that would be applicable to you. Being able to lead a team is a necessary skill, especially if you want to be effective. This means paying attention to all details and everything going on around you. It's important to really make the effort to understand what others on your team are thinking and find out what motivates them, so they are engaged.



Problems and/or challenges are much more easily solved when the leader of the team has empathy, is practical, thinks clearly (sometimes despite major obstacles), is willing to listen, connects with team members, assesses situations, and is brave when making decisions.

So, in Keni's words, "Exceed expectations and lead the way!"

## FHEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information, visit: <https://www.fhea.org/fhea-master-calendar>

## AUGUST

- 2nd - D-1 Meeting
- 6-9th - ASHE Annual Meeting; San Antonio
- 11th - D-3 Meeting
- 16th - Steam Seminar #6

## SEPTEMBER

- 8th - D-4 Meeting; Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood
- 12th - D-2 Meeting
- 20th - Steam Seminar #7
- 29th - Whistle published

## OCTOBER

- 4th - D-1 Meeting
- 13th - D-3 Meeting
- 18th - Steam Seminar #8
- 22-28th - Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week

## FACILITIES &amp; ENGINEERING

Embracing Innovation, Achieving Excellence



**Celebrate Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week**

**October 22 - 28, 2023**

Show your appreciation for your innovative and excellent team! Plus, raise awareness of the facilities & engineering profession.

FHEA DISTRICTS

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOR 2023. 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).

District I



**President:** Lamar Bragg, CHFM, CHE  
**Vice President & Rep:** Derrick Nail  
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**Treasurer:** Kevin Daniel, CHFM, CHE

District II



**President:** Paul Hamilton, CHFM, CHC  
**Vice President & Rep:** Jeffrey Howard, CHE  
**Secretary:** Lawrence Holman, CHFM  
**Treasurer:** John Newman, CHSP, CHC, CHE

District III



**President:** Kirk Dickson, CHFM, CHC  
**Vice President & Rep:** Tony Echazabal, CHFM, CHSP  
**Secretary:** Alejandro Diego Mora  
**Treasurer:** Wayne Gibbs, CHFM

District IV



**President:** Scott Payne  
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**Treasurer:** John O'Connell, CHFM, CHSP, CHC, CHE

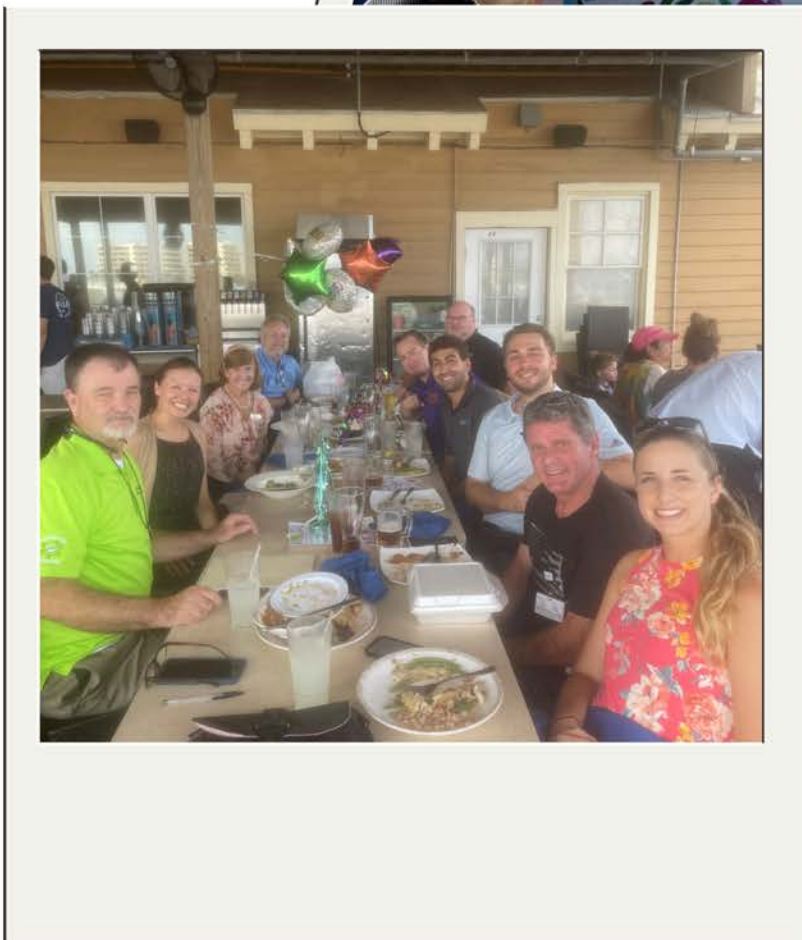
# DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



## District I Update

President Lamar Bragg, CHFM, CHE

## District I Dinner



## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



## District II Update

President Paul Hamilton, CHC, CHFM

### Moving Forward

Let's take a moment and reflect on the past 50 years, if you've been alive as long as I have. Looking back, I can remember watching cartoons on Saturday mornings, specifically the Jetson's. I remember thinking how amazing it would be to be able to look at someone on a screen while you talked to them. A video phone call.....it seemed so futuristic! I thought how cool it would be to press a button and have the TV appear or a vacuum come out and clean up. I remember reading comic books and I thought how amazing it would be to talk to someone on your watch. Those features seemed unattainable, like science fiction...like a fantasy.

Fast forward to today. We can do the things that were only dreamed about in the cartoons. Technology is strong and is moving at a rapid pace. That pace will only get faster and faster. We, as managers of campuses, buildings, systems, and employees, need to keep up with that pace. We must be open to learning something new on a continuous basis and open to the ever-changing technological environment.

FHEA offers an education program covering the various types of technology that are used in the systems that we are responsible for. The knowledge gained through those programs will enable you to do your job better and more efficiently. The knowledge will help you maintain a safe and energy efficient building.

I encourage you to take a few moments and talk to your manager/CEO/COO/VP about the importance of the education offered at the FHEA meetings. Invite them to come see what FHEA offers. Send them a link to our page [www.fhea.org](http://www.fhea.org). Encourage them to see how FHEA helps the manager, which in turns helps the facility in so many ways.

Paul Hamilton

**VISIT [WWW.FHEA.ORG](http://WWW.FHEA.ORG)**



## WELCOME NEW SUPPORTING MEMBERS

(AS OF LAST PUBLICATION)

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## Creating an Acceptable Written Plan of Correction

The accreditation survey is done, and deficiencies were found. Now what? The requirements of writing and implementing an acceptable plan of correction or corrective action plan (CAP) is similar among most accrediting organizations (AOs). The key to an acceptable plan of correction starts with following AO's required elements to create clear, achievable responses with data to show the process.

If cited by The Joint Commission, health care organizations will receive the findings in the Survey Analysis for Evaluating Risk matrix. Surveyors can explain the submission process and direct facilities to information on their extranet site. To respond, facilities submit evidence of standards compliance on The Joint Commission Connect website under the "survey process" to tab within 60 calendar days. Categories on the submission include "assigning accountability," "correcting noncompliance" and "ensuring sustained compliance." Condition-level deficiencies under deemed status result in a Medicare deficiency survey within 45 days.

If cited by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ), health care organizations receive the final report within 10 business days and are required to create an acceptable CAP for those deficiencies within 10 calendar days of the posting of the final report. CIHQ has electronic forms to guide the organization in writing the CAP. Usually, the completion of the CAPs implementation is required 45 calendar days from the last day of the survey for standard-level deficiencies, 30 calendar days for condition-level deficiencies, and 10 calendar days for immediate threat to health and safety deficiencies. The CAP must indicate how the correction will be integrated into the organization's Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement program.

If cited by DNV Healthcare USA Inc., health care organizations receive the final report within 10 day of the last date of the survey. Category 2 and Category 1 nonconformities require an acceptable CAP delivered within 10 calendar days from the date of the written final report. Key components stipulated by DNV Healthcare are to "identify the cause that led to the nonconformity" and "identify the process or system changes that will be made to ensure that the nonconformity does not recur."

Carefully following all components of the AO's required elements is the key for hospitals seeking to achieve an acceptable plan of correction. // BY MARK SEARS, CHFM, CHSP

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