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First I would like to thank YOU, our membership, and certainly the Board, the District officers and our ED, Alethea Vitray, for all your support in making FHEA the great organization that it has become.

The Board of Directors met on August 11 and 12 at the Mission Inn Resort and Club in Howey-in-the-Hills. This facility, located on a 36-hole golf resort, is truly superb, especially in light of its beautiful location in the rolling hills of the Central Florida lake

The President's Corner

DAVID DENHAM, P.E., CHE, PRESIDENT

district. It was unanimously accepted as the venue for FHEA's 2012 Spring Meeting, Friday, May 4. On Thursday, May 3, there will be opportunities for other social activities (including skeet/trap shooting or fishing/boating on Lake Harris) for those who don't participate in the golf tournament, as well as some family-friendly ideas to take advantage of the uniquely beautiful setting of this meeting.

The Board also decided the FHEA will sponsor the ASHE Certified Healthcare Facility Manager Preparatory Course next year at a centralized location. With the free vouchers that we have available for our members to take the CHFM exam, this should be the perfect opportunity to add the valuable CHFM credential to your resume. As information about the course becomes available, it will be posted on the FHEA website.

Rapidly approaching (on September 26th through 28th) is this year's 49th Annual Meeting and Trade Show, which will be held at the Shingle Creek Resort and Golf Club in Orlando, FL. This year's Trade Show has a record number of booths, it has been sold out

for weeks and, most importantly, it will present a full complement of products that we all use on a daily basis.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Challenges for a Hospital Engineer," and we have secured an outstanding panel of out-of-state speakers to present their personal accounts of handling the many surprises that accompanied this spring's tornadoes, as well as the lessons learned from these hopefully once in a lifetime events. The Annual Meeting and Trade Show will once again be partnered with the 27th Annual AHCA Seminar. Skip Gregory continues to put the AHCA program together, but now as an independent consultant. Be sure to register soon, if you have not done so already. This year there is a reduced registration fee for the combined

AHCA and FHEA meetings. This is just for our Full Members, if they register on-line through our web site <www.fhea.org>. So please plan to attend both meetings,

and while visiting the Trade Show, please don't forget to express your appreciation to our supporting members who help make this organization such a success. Also, don't forget to bring your business cards for a chance at the many door prizes.

This has been a very rewarding year for me as your State President. The trip to Seattle for the ASHE Annual Convention was very exciting and educational as well. The Chapter Leadership Forum on the Sunday before the ASHE Annual Meeting was very enlightening, and next year FHEA will be sending three Board members to the ASHE meeting in San Antonio to attend this Forum. I am very proud to announce that once again FHEA won the Platinum Chapter Award. But starting next year ASHE is radically changing the scoring criteria, and it is now even more important that all our members (both Full and Supporting) continue to maintain your ASHE memberships next year, as well as renewing your FHEA membership in January.

In just a few more weeks I'm really looking forward to seeing each of you in Orlando for the best Annual Meeting and Trade Show yet.

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The following have joined our growing ranks since our last newsletter.

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FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION'S 49th ANNUAL MEETING AND TRADE SHOW

September 26-28, 2011

“Challenges for a Hospital Engineer”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

P.M.

- 1:00 Attendee Registration/Check-in (*Gatlin Registration Desk*)
 1:00 Board of Directors Meeting - Lunch served (*St. Johns 32*)
 4:30 **OPENING OF TRADE SHOW** - (*Gatlin CDE*)
 Dutch-Treat Reception
 7:30 Trade Show closes - On Your Own - Visit Hospitality Suites

Register online now!
 The link to the registration site
 is on the home page of
www.fhea.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

A.M.

- 6:30 **TRADE SHOW** reopens - (*Gatlin CDE*)
 6:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast - trade show floor
 10:30-11:00 Trade Show Cookies & Coffee - trade show floor

P.M.

- 12:15 **TRADE SHOW DOOR PRIZES**
 3:30 Closing of Trade Show
 4:30 District 3 Meeting (*St. Johns 33*)
 5:00 District 4 Meeting (*St. Johns 34*)
 Evening On Your Own - Visit Hospitality Suites

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 - ANNUAL MEETING

A.M.

- 7:00 Registration (*Panzacola F1 East Foyer*)
 7:15 CHE Breakfast (*Hosted by Barton Malow, St. Johns 32*)
 7:30 Continental Breakfast (*Panzacola F1 East Foyer*)
 8:30 **ANNUAL MEETING** (*Panzacola F1*)
 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
 –David Denham, P.E., CHE, FHEA President
 8:45 **“Life Safety Accreditation and EC Hot Spots”**
 –Dean Samet, Director of Regulatory Compliance, Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.
 9:30 **“Hospital Incident Response”**
 –William McDeavitt, Safety Director, Florida Hospital
 10:15 Coffee Break
 10:45 **“EPSS Management: Design and Installation Problems - Failures Guaranteed”**
 –Dan Chisholm, Sr., Principal, MGI-EPSS, Inc.
 11:30 **“Tornado Season 2011 Aftermath: Lessons Learned”**
 –Panel Presentation/Discussion
Tripp Stephens, Facilities Manager, Southeast Georgia Health System
Teddy Jones, CHFM, CHSP, CHE, Director of Facilities, Walker Baptist Medical Center
Tim Adams, Director of Plant Operations & Construction, Huntsville Hospital
 –Moderator: *Ralph C. Graham, Jr. ASHE Region 4 Director*
 12:30 Luncheon - (*Panzacola F2*)
 (*Hosted by Pantropic Power, Inc. and Ring Power Corp.*)
 Luncheon Address: **“Stop and Smell the Roses”**
 –Charlie Blackwell

P.M.

- 1:45 **FHEA Annual Business Meeting**
 – ASHE Report
 –*Ralph C. Graham, Jr., ASHE Region 4 Director*
 – Committee & District Reports – Elections – Awards
 – Final Door Prizes (*Sponsored by Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.*)
 3:00 Adjournment

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PRESS RELEASE:

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“Florida has long been a leader in health care facility design and construction standards,” said AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek. “This annual seminar is a public-private partnership that helps keep the industry abreast of new standards and Florida in the forefront of this field.”

Sessions will be presented by speakers from nationally recognized firms and organizations including the Chief Economist from the Associated General Contractors of America, the Associate Director of Advocacy from ASHE, and reviewers from the Agency’s Office of Plans and Construction.

This is a great way for firms to meet and get to know the people who make the decisions about health care projects in Florida.

The seminar and 250-vendor trade show will be held September 26-28 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando. Additional information, including a full list of presenters, can be accessed from the Agency’s website at <https://event-wizard.com/AHCAFHEA/0/welcome/>.

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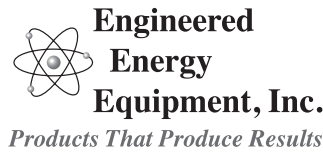
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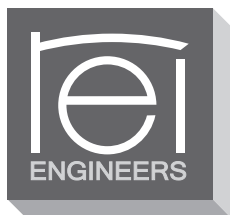
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