Building Acoustics

About the Program:
Join us October 5th for a presentation from James Kasschau and local member Lynne Mitchell about how sound in the workplace. Learn from 2 industry experts about how sound moves in buildings, how it affects people, and various solutions for acoustics and noise abatement.

Topics reviewed:
• Basic Science of Sound
• Impact of noise to people
• Room Acoustics and Sound Propagation
• Solutions for Noise Abatement
• Acoustics and Design

Help Support 360 Communities! Please bring non-perishable food donations to the October 5th Chapter Meeting. Mark Ostom will be accepting your donations next to the registration table! IFMA Cares will be collecting food for 360 Communities at our monthly Chapter meetings through end of year.
I am honored and enthusiastic as I begin my term as the 31st President of the Minneapolis/St. Paul IFMA Chapter. I am committed to advancing the role and recognition of facility managers as leaders in the workplace. I wanted to start my term by thanking Rhonda Rezac for her exemplary leadership this past year as president as she tirelessly promoted our chapter and set high expectations for the board/committees to achieve their annual goals. Also, I would like to recognize and thank all of our Chapter’s Past Presidents for their hard work and passionate leadership. If you were like me, unsure of whom all the past leaders of our great organization are, I have included the list for you to review.

I continue to gain personally and professionally through my involvement in our vibrant organization and I encourage all of you to increase your involvement in IFMA. There are numerous opportunities to enhance your knowledge and leadership skills through our chapter meetings, deep dive sessions, IFMA credential classes, social events and the annual awards symposium. I invite you to utilize IFMA’s extensive online knowledge library, including exceptional research documents by leading professionals in the facility management field. There are also several opportunities for you to get involved with the local chapter by serving on a committee, volunteering with IFMA Cares or becoming a sponsor.

There are roughly 230 professional members in our local chapter and I would like to see all of you challenge yourself, by stepping outside of your comfort zone and participate in all the great opportunities our chapter provides. Facility management is not just a job, it is a rewarding profession and the more you invest in your career the more you are going to get out of it.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the companies who continue to support our local chapter either by allowing your staff to be members, volunteer or by being sponsors. This support is paramount for the continued success for our chapter going into the future.

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IFMA: Build Your Core Education Series

About the Program: Build Your Core Series – Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability & Communications

September Chapter Meeting Recap

Greg Wood and his team hosted our 9/7/16 program and tour at the recently renovated Washington County Public Works site. While their original 56,800 sq. ft. North Shop served the county well for over 50 years, the repurposing of 45,800 sq. ft. and expansion to 99,500 sq. ft., county residents will see a continued high standard of service.

The building was designed and built with sustainability, flexibility, and future growth in mind. Looking toward that future, Washington County partnered with Hagen Christensen & Mcllwain Architects and Kraus-Anderson Construction to complete this project.

Washington County Public Works employees design and construct highway projects, perform county surveyor functions, plan for over 1,800,000 Parks visitors annually, perform accounting for the entire department, and plan future transit systems to service residents.

The Fleet Services maintain over 450 county vehicles valued at $17,300,000, from snowplow trucks to Sheriff patrol cars. The Road Maintenance crew maintains 379 miles of road, clears snow and ice with 23 snowplow routes and manages more than 1,000 culverts and 165 guardrails at over 10 miles in length.

The Signs & Signals group operate over 100 traffic signal systems, maintain and repair over 10,000 traffic signs, and maintain signing and striping at 12 modern roundabouts. They also coordinate over 150 Adopt a Highway groups and issue over 500 permits annually for utility work, parades, and oversize vehicles.

Environmental features include being the first all LED light county building, occupancy sensor lighting, high-efficiency heating and cooling, heat recovery system, daylight in all space, bio retention ponds, new sewer line to Stillwater (elimination of septic system), contained wash bays for vehicles, 100% recycling of old building materials, moveable office walls for future change, and many native plantings over the 54-acre site, which includes a public hiking trail.

The result is a project that reinforces the Washington County Mission to be “A great place to live, work, and play . . . today and tomorrow.”

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ANNOUNCEMENT

If you were unable to attend the recent Deep Dive events on LinkedIn with JoAnne Funch, you have another opportunity at IFMA World Workplace in San Diego. JoAnne will be presenting her LinkedIn topic “Are You Invisible or In Charge” on Thursday, October 6 at 9:30AM, Session 2.04.
Some members traveled on to Stillwater for a beautiful evening on the St. Croix river to view and learn about the future St. Croix Crossing bridge, due for completion in the fall of 2017.

There will be 988 pre-cast segments making up the bridge deck which will have a length of nearly 1 mile. The pre-cast segments are lifted into place from barge cranes. The typical size of the pre-cast segments are 48’ wide x 18’ tall x 10’ long and weigh 180 tons. The visible length of stay cables will be 5.2 miles (about 400 miles of cable strands) with 1,969 miles of cables strands inside the bridge. Total concrete used will be 563.8 million pounds with total steel coming in at 42.3 million pounds.

The project takes into consideration and respects the many environmental factors of this beautiful scenic river way. Native plant and animal species have been relocated whenever possible and bridge lighting will be appropriate for this natural setting. Upon project completion, the old Stillwater lift bridge will be converted to a strictly pedestrian and bicycle pathway, eventually forming a Loop Trail with the pedestrian and bicycle lane on the new St. Croix Crossing bridge. The new bridge will also have lookout rest areas.

There is so much more fascinating information associated with this tremendous project, it is recommended you visit [www.mndot.gov/stcroixcrossing](http://www.mndot.gov/stcroixcrossing). This is truly an amazing civil engineering project occurring during our lifetime!
Don’t let conflict run you off the road!

Speaker: Jay Gubrud

About the Program:
For over 18 years, Jay Gubrud has helped professionals enhance their performance and improve their businesses. His theme of cars and driving are something everybody can relate to.

Reading the road map of workplace disputes can easily steer any team in the wrong direction. Although conflict is unavoidable, it can also be beneficial. *Road Rage in the Office* will guide people through the challenge of handling conflict and minimizing the possibility of failure. Through this program, attendees will begin to recognize how our assumptions can lead to conflict, understand the steps to healthy conflict, discover communication techniques that keep defenses down, and see how regular feedback can reduce conflict.

*Road Rage in the Office* will enable people to embrace healthy conflict and use it to their advantage while at the same time feeling confident to manage unhealthy conflict.

Please join us for an insightful and entertaining December speaker at the Science Museum. Attendees will also receive complimentary passes to tour the Science Museum after the program, so feel free to block off a little extra time to check out the exhibits!
Save the Date for next Build Your Core program events!

January 19, 2017 - Operations/Maintenance & Human Factors
February 16, 2017 - Finance/Business & Emergency Preparedness/Business Continuity
April 20, 2017 - Project Management & Quality
May 18, 2017 - Leadership /Strategy & CFM Workshop Prep

The Build Your Core events will be at: Tierney Brothers, 3300 University Ave SE
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Time: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Cost: $50

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Save the Date IFMA Awards Celebration Program

Please join us on December 7th at the Science Museum for our Monthly Meeting and Awards Celebration Program. We will now be hosting our Annual Awards Celebration in conjunction with our December meeting and therefore, we are currently looking for nominations for the 2016 year. IFMA Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter’s Awards of Excellence recognizes the outstanding achievements of individual members and organizations. Each year, awards are presented honoring those who have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of the FM profession and the association.

The person filling out the nomination doesn’t need to be an IFMA member. The nominee must be a current member or become a member by December 1st. Members are also encouraged to nominate themselves.

HOW TO SUBMIT: Click here to access the entry/ nomination information on the MSP IFMA website. Make sure to answer all questions, but if you need any help, contact a Jen Klein, co-chair for the Events Committee, for help or questions.

Categories Include:

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The University of Minnesota Construction and Facility Management program is hosting the fourth intercollegiate event of its kind - a career fair and quiz bowl event organized to attract students from all nine upper Midwest region schools of Construction Management.

Our IFMA Chapter will be sponsoring a booth at the career fair to promote our Chapter to the students as well as answer any questions they may have regarding Facilities Management as a career. If you’re interested in volunteering at the IFMA booth, please contact Laura Magnuson at laura.magnuson@cushwakenm.com or (651) 665-4476.

Interested in reserving space for your organization? Check out the Career Fair Video to hear organizations’ perspectives about attending - or click here for additional information and to register.
**IFMA Cares – Next Event**

**Date:**
November 9, 2016

**Time:**
4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Location:**
701 East 39th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407

**Details:**
[Click here](#) to view the event website.
Parking available onsite.

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**About the Event:**

It’s pizza night at the Boys & Girls Club of Minneapolis. IFMA cares will serve up a pizza buffet along with a few rounds of BINGO.

The Boys & Girls “Club Experience” is an after-school program focusing on academic success, character building, and healthy lifestyles. It should be a good crowd with 100 - 125 kids expected!

Happy Hour nearby for IFMA participants to follow at A La Salsa at Midtown Global Market.

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Golf Tournament Recap

We would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and golfers who participated in the Chapter’s Annual Golf Event that was held on July 12, 2015 at Legends Golf Club. This event would not be possible without your support!

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Golf Tournament Recap continued

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**15th Place Team:**
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**Longest Putt – Woman:**
Sharon Langfield

**Longest Putt – Men:**
Brian Heller

**Closest to the Pin – Women:**
Sandra Schadegg

**Closest to the Pin – Men:**
Jeremy Knospe

**Longest Drive – Women:**
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**Longest Drive – Men:**
Payton Hosch
FAMILY:
My wife Morgan, two daughters Jadyn 2 and Jordyn 10 months, and our bloodhound Izzy 4.

PATH TO PROFESSION:
I graduated from Michigan Technological University in December of 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. I was unable to secure a career in my field immediately out of college and ended up taking a job for a local hockey rink building company, Rink Tech International, in Little Canada. My first day on the job consisted of hand digging a trench for the entire day. Within the next couple years I worked my way up to job foreman and the last two years of my five year stint I was managing projects on fly-in reservations in northern Ontario, Canada. Wanting to cut down on the travel and start a family, I took a job as the Building Services Project Manager at Washington County in April of 2013. My past 3 years with the County have been exciting and challenging. I work within a great team and I am very happy with my decision to move into the public sector.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
I am an avid sports fan and follow the Wild and Vikings very closely. Growing up in Hayward, Wisconsin a Vikings fan was not always the easiest, but my dedication to the purple and gold has endured. It helps when your parents own the local Vikings’ bar, and have the crossbar from the old Metropolitan Stadium on display. I also still enjoy playing hockey and usually skate in a men’s league once a week, almost year round. I enjoy playing golf as well.

LITTLE KNOWN PERSONAL FACT:
My wife and I share the same birthday day, only she is one year younger. I always tell her I haven’t had a birthday in the 13 years we’ve been together.

IFMA CONNECTION:
Current IFMA MN President, Greg Wood first informed me of what IFMA was about. Washington County Building Services is pretty well represented within the IFMA organization, and I was encouraged by several coworkers to join. Bryan Heller from CFS was also one of the first people to encourage me to join, when we worked together on a project in 2013.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT:
The most recent completed project of note for me is the Washington County Public Works North Shop, which our chapter will be offering a tour of, on September 7th. The project was a $19 million construction project and consisted of demolition, remodel, and new construction. Roughly 14,000 square feet of the existing 68,000 square foot building were demolished and the site was expanded to just over 100,000 square feet. The new building consists of professional office space, vehicle storage, and a brand new fleet maintenance area. The project finished ahead of schedule and under budget. This was my largest project to date at the County and seeing it come together was very rewarding.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT:
The thing that keeps my job interesting is that no two days are the same. I deal with a wide variety of project scopes, dollar values and urgency on a regular basis. I also have a great blend of relationships with vendors, different departments within the County, and the public. The challenges of the job include maximizing end user satisfaction while adhering to a budget and schedule. This can sometimes be very challenging as different people effected by the same project often have different expectations of what a successful project looks like. I enjoy the balancing act of keeping the budget and schedule in check while compromising to make sure everyone has their needs met.
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