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NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FACILITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION - MINNEAPOLIS / SAINT PAUL CHAPTER



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In keeping with the new world we are in and all things digital, please enjoy a video message from our President, Jon Heaton! Click the button below and enjoy!

Jon Heaton
Bartlett Tree Experts



[Click here to watch President's Message](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:



August Chapter Webinar

August 25, 2020



Virtual Roundtables

Sept. 10 / Sept. 24



September Deep Dive

September 16, 2020



Annual Golf Tournament

September 29, 2020



October Chapter Meeting

October 14, 2020

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP UPDATES



On July 1st, Jon Heaton, with Bartlett Tree Experts, began his two-year term as President of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of IFMA. He is joined by Laura Magnuson, with Cushman & Wakefield, now the Immediate Past President supporting and mentoring Jon in his new Presidential duties, Chad Stout, with SOLID Surface Care, continuing as Treasurer, and Mark Chauvin, with Wiss Janney Elstner Associates, as Secretary. Thank you all for your continued work to make this a great Chapter.

IFMA MSP is also pleased to welcome our newly elected Vice President to the Executive Board, Trena Ross with Hennepin County. Trena recently served on the Board as a co-chair for the Academic Outreach committee and brings her knowledge and experience as a Senior Facilities Operations Manager at Hennepin County to our Chapter.

We would also like to thank outgoing Immediate Past President, Greg Wood with Washington County, for his years of volunteering with our local MSP Chapter of IFMA. He is still an active member supporting IFMA and providing valuable leadership in our industry.

And thank you to all of our members for your continued support in this new way of working, learning and networking. IFMA MSP will continue to strive to bring you the best education and networking opportunities as we evolve to meet our member's needs. Feel free to reach out to anyone on the Executive Committee above with any feedback.

Jon Heaton
Bartlett Tree Experts
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Trena Ross, CFM
Hennepin County
Vice President



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NEW MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT



The membership committee is pleased to announce that we have two new co-chairs taking over the duties in the membership committee. They are Eric Rausch & Allen Witt.

Eric Rausch is a Workplace Executive with Suddath Relocation Systems – a commercial relocation company here in the Twin Cities marketplace. He has been with IFMA for almost three years and been part of the membership committee for two years. He is looking forward to taking on this new role and continuing to help the organization grow and to gain more personal relationships with everyone in the MSP Chapter!

Allen Witt moved to Minnesota in 2018 and started at Terracon – a Consulting Engineering firm that provides Environmental, Facilities, Geotechnical and Material Testing services. He joined IFMA MSP in 2018 and immediately joined the Membership Committee.

They are looking forward to providing more information regarding buddy updates, new members, and any virtual or in person events as they get more familiar in their roles!

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PROGRAM UPDATES



During the month of September, we are working on details to host a Deep Dive with Be the Match. If you remember, Elias Lemon and Mike Thorson presented back in May at a Chapter Meeting about how they were planning to return to the office. Their return has been delayed like many of our plans, but they hope to get more people back into the office in early September. We want to touch base and dive deeper into their return to work plan and see what is working and what has changed. More details to come soon!



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 14th, for a presentation touching on the core competencies of Technology and Operation and Maintenance. John Rimer, CFM, a national speaker based out of Charlotte, NC, will be presenting to us virtually. He is not only a certified CRM instructor but has presented many times at World Workplace and Facility Fusion and is excited to share his knowledge and expertise with our chapter. Watch your email for more details to come!



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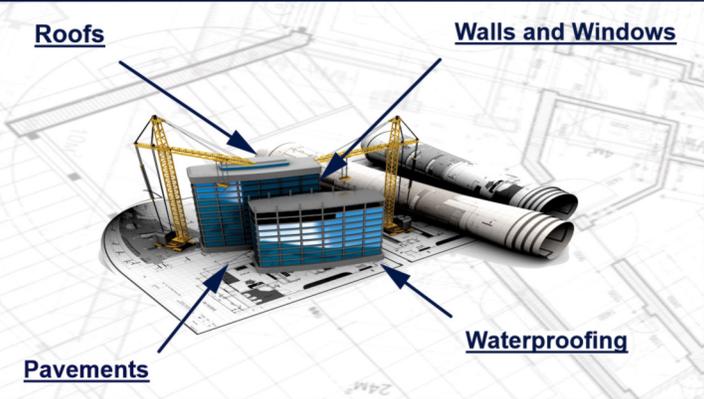
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For the safety, convenience and peace of mind of all attendees, IFMA's World Workplace is moving to a self-contained venue this December — one facility, with no overlap from other events. [Read the announcement.](#)

Our community values time together to network and learn, and IFMA is committed to safely and responsibly facilitating sought-after conversations and essential training. [View health and safety protocols.](#)

“We’re responding to our community’s desire to network and learn in a ‘normal’ environment,” said IFMA President and COO Don Gilpin. “Facility management professionals who have been on the front lines of facility shut-downs and re-entry want to share their experiences with colleagues and gain even more insight into safety procedures and preparedness moving forward. Questions about how best to address challenges presented by the pandemic and other factors impacting the industry are ongoing. IFMA has a commitment to safely and responsibly facilitate necessary conversations and essential training for the benefit of our industry and everyone who enters the built environment.”



Early-bird registration, which saves attendees US\$100, will be extended to Sept. 18, 2020. IFMA's cancellation policy has been updated to state that attendees who need to cancel their registration for any reason can receive a 100% refund before Oct. 12, 2020. After this date, they have the option to either transfer registration to World Workplace 2021 or to a colleague.

Learn more about programming, on-site health and safety protocols, speakers and registration options at worldworkplace.ifma.org.

[View schedule at a glance.](#)

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As an active platinum sponsor and member of IFMA for over 20 years, we at Prevolv understand that people are the most important element to the success of your business. Drawing on our extensive experience in the commercial furnishings industry, we have been hard at work partnering with members like you, as well as legacy clients on solutions for a safe return to the office. We firmly support efforts of helping teams feel safe and comfortable in their workspace with meaningful, respectful, and flexible design solutions tailored to their individual needs.

Some areas we have been focusing on are:

- Assessing current office layouts
- Providing design recommendations
- Reconfiguring existing furniture to promote physical social distancing
- Utilize design solutions to divide spaces
- Installing updated design elements
- Creating private spaces for heads down work

We have prepared our own offices and showroom for the safe return of our team as well. We have increased the cleaning regiment of our offices, provided masks for visitors, and have placed hand cleaning stations throughout our showroom to create a space of comfort and commitment to a clean workspace. This summer, we refreshed our 15,000 sq. ft. showroom with new and beautiful furnishings from best in class manufacturers like: OFS, West Elm Work, Inscape and three new vignettes by Pair, a new commercial manufacturer to the Twin Cities featuring modern, flexible, and customizable furnishing solutions. Our COVID19 preparation is firmly in place for those who would like to visit.

We are honored to announce that the Prevolv team was awarded “Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in the Nation 2020”. This premier, employee-driven award competition identifies and honors organizations that display a commitment to excellence in operations and employee enrichment that lead to increased productivity and financial performance. Out of 1700 applicants, we were one of a handful of companies to have received this award. Even through these challenging times, our team collectively rated Prevolv as a top-notch company to work for and we could not be more delighted.

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UMN & DUNWOODY COURSES AVAILABLE NOW FOR FALL 2020



Fall college classes are now underway at both the University of Minnesota (UMN) and Dunwoody. UMN has changed their Facilities Management (FM) program to be offered every 2 years to take advantage of an FM cohort. All classes able to be offered online allows students to continue learning safely through these challenging times and busy schedules.



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CFM CREDENTIALS IFMA'S CERTIFIED FACILITY MANAGER (CFM) CREDENTIAL RECEIVES ANSI ACCREDITATION



Effective June 16, 2020 IFMA's CFM credential was granted accreditation by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) under the ISO/IE 17024:2012 standard. The CFM credential sets the industry standard for ensuring the knowledge and competence of practicing facility managers. "The program was the first, and remains the only globally respected certification in facility management," said IFMA President and COO Don Gilpin. The process assesses competency in the field through work experience, education and the ability to pass a comprehensive exam covering 11 core competencies of facility management. To pursue this accreditation, find resources and [instructions here](#).

This is a huge achievement, appreciation and support goes out to those promoting the CFM and to the 7,293 individuals who have earned this elite credential!

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IFMA MSP'S VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES



IFMA MSP's virtual roundtables are held twice a month on Thursdays over the lunch hour and continue to be a great success. Rhonda Small has been moderating the sessions using a new online polling tool to allow the viewers to see results instantly on the screen to keep the conversation hot and relevant. With the support of those attending, we have been able to keep the conversation relevant and answer the latest burning questions!

If you have any questions you would like to ask at a virtual roundtable, make sure to email Rhonda directly at Rhonda.small@rsparch.com and she will add them to the conversation and the online poll. Below are some of the fun questions that have led to a great conversation.

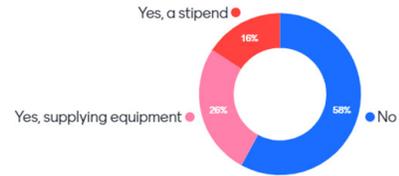
Watch for the next calendar invite and join us to hear how others are helping to answer YOUR burning questions!

What are your visitor policies?

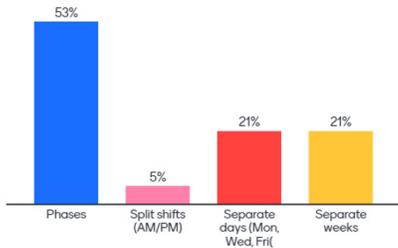
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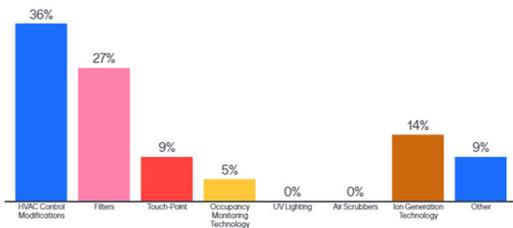
Are you providing employees who work from home furniture?



Which way will you bring people back to the office?



What mechanical changes are you putting in place?



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COVID-19 FACILITY REOPENING GUIDE

As the country continues to face the COVID-19 pandemic and begins planning for the return to the workplace there are several considerations employers and employees need to account for prior to reopening. While details on any expected regulations have been difficult to obtain, it can be expected that individual states will begin providing guidance or even regulations for the safe and healthy return to the workplace. This Facility Reopening Guide provides recommendations based on guidance and regulations from health organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970 and state health departments on preparing commercial facilities and businesses for the return to standard business operations.

While the CDC does provide guidance for COVID-19 in workplaces, another important source is OSHA which includes regulations for COVID-19 in the workplace under two clauses and standards.

First, under The General Duty Clause, Section 5(a) (1) of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970, 29 USC 654(a)(1), which requires employers to furnish to each worker “employment and a place of employment, which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm.”



[Click here to read more!](#)

Also, under OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) which applies to occupational exposure to human blood and other potentially infectious materials. Where respirators are required, employers will also have to comply with OSHA’s Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134). These standards provide clear requirements of companies to provide safe, healthy environments for their employees.

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2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT

TIMES:

September 29, 2020

9:30 am: Registration & Lunch
(grab-n-go)

11:00 am: Shotgun Start

4:30 pm: Optional after golf
networking - details to be announced

COST:

- **Individual Members:** \$130
- **Individual Non-Members:** \$150
- **Member Foursome:** \$500
(foursome must include 1 member & that member must register the foursome)
- **Non-Member Foursome:** \$600

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CHRIS SCHRAM - NATIONAL ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, SURFACEQUEST



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Currently National Account Executive: Surfacequest Inc | National HQ Minneapolis, MN (Architectural Fusions)

IFMA Connections & Involvement:

I was one of the 3 founding members of the Central Illinois Chapter of IFMA in 1989.

In 1993 I moved from Central Illinois to Minnesota. One of the first people I reached out to was Blaine Bartz (deceased) the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter President at the time. He took me under his wing and introduced me to the greatest people and future friends I would know. I have been on just about every committee within the chapter but most memorable was 8 years co-chairing the Special Events Committee. Moving the golf tournament to Legends and hosting casino nights in the caves in St. Paul.

I have been recognized 3 times as Associate of the Year between Illinois and Minnesota Chapters.

How long an IFMA Member: Since 1989

Recently Completed Project:

International project: I recently have been working on many retail projects but most exciting is the new Under Armour Branded Store being rolled out in North America and Asia Pacific. Our product is featured on the storefronts, bulkheads, feature walls and fitting room doors of all new locations for 2020.

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Family:

Husband: Chuck (independent powersports consultant for Stealth E-Bikes and other e-brands)

Daughter: Cortney (Cerner Corporation, Kansas City),

Son: Cody (Gates Corporation, Denver)

Son-in-law: Matt (Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City)

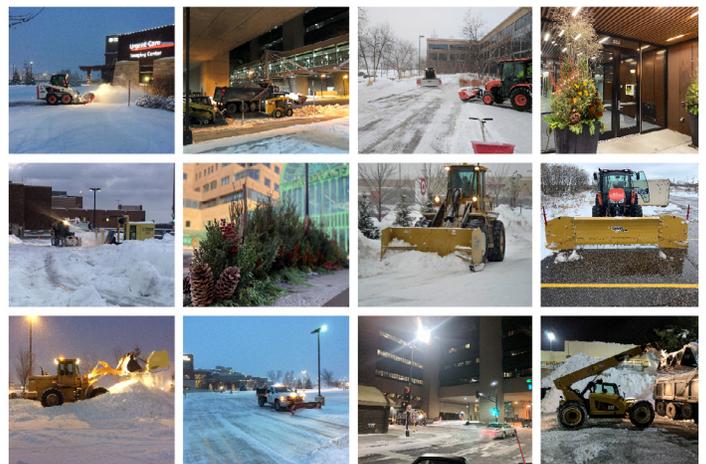
Grandkids: Calia and Cai

Hobbies & Interest:

Cooking, Entertaining, Genealogy, Traveling, Boating and Fishing

Little Known Personal Fact:

I wanted to be in the design industry since 6th grade!



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