



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone safely enjoyed some time off and some semblance of a Thanksgiving holiday! My husband and I had a quiet holiday with just the two of us. I wasn’t with my extended family for the first time in about 40 years. I was back at work on Friday because my new company, Knight-Swift Transportation, only takes one day off for Thanksgiving. The weirdness of 2020 continues...



We held our virtual four-day Corporate Real Estate Technology Symposium in early November and, if you missed it or simply want to review it again, you will find links to each of the sessions below. We averaged about 80 to 100 participants for each of the sessions and it was well received.

Each segment explored different aspects of how technology is supporting Corporate Real Estate and Facility Management Operations during the Global Pandemic.

November 9th – “**Health and Safety in the Places We Work, Shop and Play**”

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/replay/112/0v7rmb09uzkfm5a2>

November 10th – “**Tech Breeds Confidence: The Reimagination of the Workplace**”

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/replay/114/py5mxs32tllinosq>

November 11th – “**Smart Building Technologies in Response to Covid**”

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/replay/116/3vnr5bq9ixzuomu5>

November 12th – “**Adversity Advances Innovation**”

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/replay/117/qy3zxsrlk4ivxsk>

As a reminder, please promote your employment opportunities on the chapter website Job Bank. The Job Bank page is a resource for all members to advertise openings, to post a resume for a new position, or search among available Member candidates. Click [JOB BANK](#) to learn more.

Congratulations to our newest CFM! DFW Chapter Member **Joseph Fiorentino**, Division Maintenance Director for Atria Senior Living, earned the Certified Facility Manager® credential (CFM) in October. With Joseph included, 44 of our DFW Chapter Members hold the CFM credential, 40 have earned the Facility Management Professional (FMP) certification, and 10 have received their Sustainable Facility Professional (SFP) designation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, please, stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Lisa Wells, FMP
IFMA DFW Chapter President

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FM SPOTLIGHT



Name: Stephen Kerner, CFM

Title: Senior Site Manager

Company: JBT AeroTech

Joined IFMA: 2011

How did you get into the FM field?

Fresh out of the Army in 1991, I started working for Prentiss Properties at a highrise in downtown Dallas changing lights. I eventually moved up to an apprentice engineer and then into the tower.

What has been your biggest challenge or obstacle?

I was usually one of the younger crew leads/managers, and as such, it was always somewhat challenging to earn respect and trust of the (older) trade technicians on the staff.

Have your relationships with other IFMA members been beneficial? How?

Yes - the depth of knowledge our members possess is incredible. Calling on that knowledge has been tremendously helpful on occasion.

What advice would you give to those just beginning their FM career?

Invest in yourself - go through the IFMA designation process. Get your FMP, CFM and SFP. The knowledge gained separates you from the crowd.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

UPDATE

When we learned we could not hold our holiday party in December to collect toys and gifts for the kids at New Horizons, we rallied and collected gifts at the annual golf tournament instead. The DFW Chapter donated over 70 toys to the children who reside at the New Horizons Ranch in Goldthwaite, Texas, and the Board of Directors, voted to donate an additional \$5,000 from golf tournament proceeds to make Christmas really special for these kids.

The toys and funds have all been delivered well over a month ahead of Christmas. Hollie Jo White, the New Horizons Development Director, recently sent the photo below to show their appreciation. She said the pandemic has greatly reduced their funding this year and the DFW Chapter's donation ensured the kids would have a wonderful Christmas.



JOB BANK

All Associate Business Partners and Professionals are encouraged to promote employment openings at your company (provided they relate to the delivery of facility management services) on the chapter website Job Bank. The Job Bank page is a resource for all members to advertise openings, post a resume for a new position, or search among available Member candidates. We currently have three job candidates listed. Click [JOB BANK](#) to learn more.

PROGRAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WORLD WORKPLACE 2020

December 9-10

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

SAVE THE DATES

- February 17, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- September 15, 2021
- November 10, 2021

MEMBERSHIP

The DFW Chapter has 420 members as of Nov. 30th, 158 of which are Business Partners (Associates), 225 are Professionals (FMs), 26 are Young Professionals, 8 are Retired, 1 is a Student and 2 are IFMA Fellows. Please welcome those who joined the Chapter in November!

ASSOCIATES

Jerry Bonner, Sr. Dist. Mngr., Redlee/SCS
Zach Dallman, Director, Highpoint Access
Luke Hollingsworth, Bus. Dev., Dynamic National

PROFESSIONALS

Rebecca Judge, Facility Mngr., Cushman & Wakefield

STUDENT

Austin Rampy, Tarleton State University

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Monica Beckett, Workplace Mngr., Opendoor
Ashley Schmidt, Bus. Dev., Cummings Electrical

Interested in joining a committee?

Numerous opportunities are available and we would love for you to be a part of the chapter's exciting work. Please email info@dfwifma.org for more information.



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