



President's Message

With 2021 in our rearview mirror, I'm increasingly optimistic about the road ahead and hoping it will be the absolute best year for all in the IFMA family.

We wrapped up the year in style with an awesome holiday party at The **House of Blues** on Dec. 9th. As you can tell from the photos [here](#), those of us attending had a lot of fun!! As a chapter, we once again donated to the kids at New Horizons Ranch – this year, a check for \$4,000 and a boatload of toys! Thank you everyone, for opening your hearts to these kids who have suffered from abuse and neglect!



Looking ahead, we have an exciting event this month at **Globe Life Park**! This will be a special customized tour and we're working hard to make it educational and informative from the facility management "back-of-the-house" perspective. Registration is open now! Please check out page 4 of this newsletter for more details!!

FMexpo will be **Feb. 24th** at the Plano Event Center on Spring Creek Parkway. This year's show has just over 100 booths planned: it's our largest ever! We've lined up the professionals behind the PGA Frisco headquarters development to deliver our keynote luncheon presentation and we have an interesting 45-minute breakout session in the morning on utilizing social media in the hiring process and another session in the afternoon on what facility managers need to know about right-to-carry laws in Texas.

We've booked our **golf tournament** for **Monday, May 16th** at the **Stonebridge Ranch Pete Dye Course** in McKinney. This is the same course we scheduled this past year and had to call the tournament after a few holes because of the torrential rains! We look forward to dryer weather this year so that we can play this beautiful course.

There will be other chapter events to fill your calendar as we get underway this year. We look forward to seeing you in-person and catching up on what is going on in your world. 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: Tony Gallo

Title: Facility Manager

Company: Fannie Mae

Joined IFMA: 2016

How did you get into the FM field?

I have been in different aspects of the real estate industry for approximately 20 years including brokerage, asset management, multi-family and retail. Over time, as I learned about different facets of the industry, facilities management caught my attention. I initially transitioned into the industry as a way to supplement my brokerage business income, until I formally accepted a full-time FM position.

How did you hear about IFMA?

I was introduced to IFMA shortly after accepting the role of Facility Manager at Fannie Mae in Plano. It was a highly recommended organization to join for educational as well as networking opportunities.

Of what accomplishment are you most proud?

I am most proud of the time spent helping rebuilding homes for homeowners who were severely impacted by natural disasters. I have traveled to Houston, Puerto Rico, Corpus Christi (hurricanes), & California (wildfires) to assist in rebuilding homes that were declared inhabitable due to these disasters. Spending hours upon hours rebuilding and then meeting homeowners and the community, who are so grateful for your work, is extremely gratifying and a proud accomplishment of mine.

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

IFMA has allowed me to meet some great people within the industry who are subject matter experts in the field. The IFMA network gives me confidence in knowing that if/when something occurs in the building, I know I can call on my trusted network to assist in addressing the issue.

What is one thing that few people know about you?

I used to be a child actor/model while living in New York City. I was in national TV commercials and print ads, such as JC Penney & Target, and even got the opportunity to travel to Spain & Switzerland to shoot an International commercial.

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

Educate yourself on the different aspects of the field. Find out which area interests you most and learn everything you can about it. Be an expert in the field! Find a mentor along the way and be a "sponge" for information.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

I love spending time with my family and exploring the outdoors while doing something physically active such as hiking or river rafting. I haven't learned how to sit still on vacation yet, maybe sometime in the future.

Facilities Project Manager

Alorica

Job Posting

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Chapter News

Awards

Awards Chair **Sara Rivera** has requested **volunteers to help plan** the next International Facility Management Excellence **(IFME) Awards** program which will be held in July at a to-be-determined venue. The annual event is designed to recognize chapter members who go above and beyond in the facility management industry and in their active support of the chapter...

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FMexpo

Bringing FMexpo back to kick off 2022 could not be more timely. After nearly two years of dealing with the pandemic, corporate facilities are beginning to open up to the workforce and public and moving forward on projects.

Early-bird registration for exhibitors is open through Jan. 24th for FMexpo, now in its 11th year of showcasing facility solutions and informative sessions for North Texas area corporate facility professionals.

We have an exciting keynote luncheon presentation on the new PGA headquarters, breakout sessions on the impact to corporate facilities from right-to-carry laws, using social media to help in hiring workers, and an expanded exhibit area...

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That's a Wrap for 2021

The chapter wrapped up the year with a memorable holiday party Dec. 9th at the House of Blues in Downtown Dallas from which we donated a truckload of toys and gifts and a \$4,000 check to New Horizons Ranch for Kids. We extend a special thanks to Holiday Committee members **Bill Parker, Chuck Rogers, Wyatt Dudley** and **Shannon Eden** for choosing the location and Casablanca theme and attending to every detail to make this an incredible event. The event would not have been possible without the underwriting support of **Cotton Global Disaster Solutions, SERVPRO Team Wilson, First Onsite Restoration, Yellowstone Landscaping, CESG, The EMS Group, United Protective Services, Wilson Office Interiors, One Services** and **Texas Fifth Wall Roofing**.

View all photos [here](#).



Interested in joining a committee?

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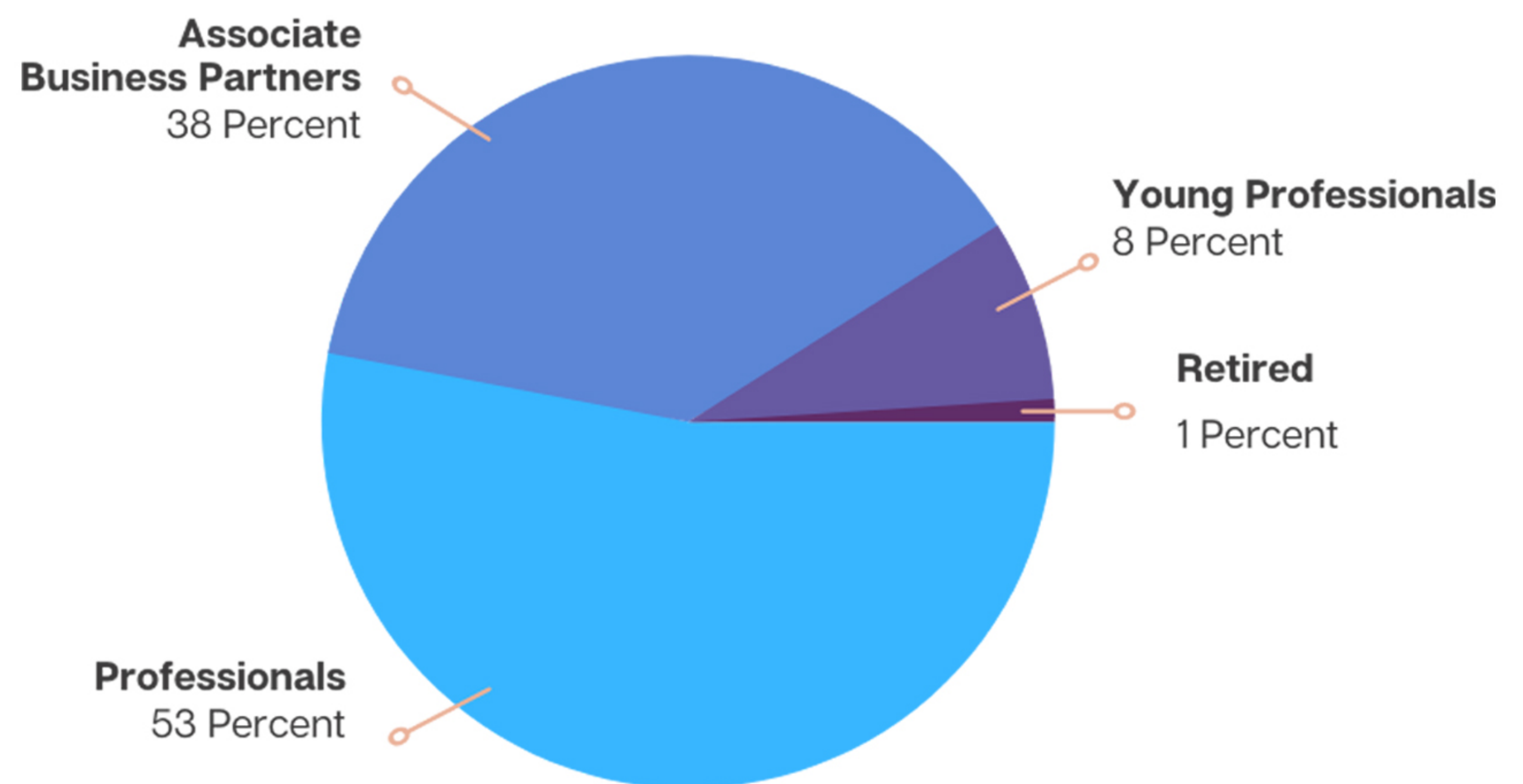
Chapter News

New Members

Twenty-five Associate Business Partners, 11 Professionals and five Young Professionals joined the chapter during the fourth quarter, raising our total membership to 420. Professionals consistently make up over 50 percent of our total membership.

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DALLAS/FORT WORTH CHAPTER



Upcoming Programs

Jan 25

Globe Life Ballpark Tour

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Globe Life Field, 734 Stadium Dr., Arlington, TX 76011

This will be a behind-the-scenes tour led by their facility management staff to show you what it takes to run and operate the facility.

[More Information](#)

Feb 24

FMexpo 2022

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Plano Event Center, 2000 E Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074

Registration is open for FMexpo, now in its 11th year of showcasing facility solutions and informative sessions for North Texas area corporate facility professionals. Interested in attending, exhibiting and/or sponsoring? We invite you to explore below all that FMexpo 2022 offers!

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