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President's Message

As the chapter's fiscal year comes to a close on June 30, so does my time as your chapter president. As most of you know, my family and I moved to Virginia almost three weeks ago to allow me to take on a new role as the Facility Manager for Fannie Mae's Northern Virginia campus. We signed a contract for our new home last week and we close at the end of July, just in time to get settled before the kids begin school.



It's been a very interesting spring/summer to say the least... selling a home, moving across the country, and buying a new home all while managing facilities in the middle of a global pandemic! But that's the life of a Facility Manager, right? After all, what would we do if weren't juggling 10 things at once?

I've thoroughly enjoyed serving you this past year and I've had the pleasure of meeting so many new people and developing our relationships. As a chapter, we cannot forget that developing relationships is at the core of who we are. It's not about connecting buyers and sellers because a "sale" is just a moment in time, whereas deep-rooted relationships last a lifetime. Just ask our retired members who remain actively involved in this organization. For them, this is FAMILY!

I'm also encouraged about all the great things still to come. As of this moment, our annual IFME awards celebration is still on schedule for July 15 at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth. I plan to be there in-person and I hope to see you there too. This will be our first time in several months to meet in person and I know it will be a bit different than the last time we met. We will be following the CDC's recommended guidelines to help keep our attendees safe.

I couldn't be more pleased with the new board and their passion for this chapter. Please join me in welcoming your new board who will be sworn in on July 15.

- Lisa Wells, FMP, President
- Erik Lind, First Vice President
- Jamie Vaughan, FMP, Second Vice President
- Bill Parker, Secretary
- Carol Tremayne, Treasurer
- Micah O'Dell, Immediate Past President

I cannot close this message without thanking all of you for supporting me this past year, and to the board, the committee chairs, all the volunteers for making this past year a success. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside each of you!

Stay safe and healthy,

Micah O'Dell, CFM, SFP, FMP, COEE

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THE TRIBUTE AT THE COLONY
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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FM SPOTLIGHT

What you didn't know about Ken Bennett



Name: **Ken Bennett**
Title: Director of Facility Operations and Security
Company: Dallas Museum of Art
Education: Bachelor of Science Business Administration
Joined IFMA: 2019

How did you get into the FM field?

I was a Security Director in the hotel and casino industry for about 20 years before moving into the museum field in 2014. I have worked very closely with the facilities team at the properties and often filled in as an interim for the department. That involvement gave me the opportunity to learn and gain invaluable experience in the field. I was given the opportunity to add oversight of the facility operation to my portfolio during a staff realignment in 2018.

Of what accomplishment(s) are you most proud?

I have been a part of, led and accomplished many things over the course of my career, but I am most proud of the great people I've had the pleasure of mentoring and helping to find success in their careers. There is nothing more rewarding!

What has been your biggest challenge or obstacle?

For a while I was somewhat pigeon-holed in the casino world and breaking those barriers was a challenge. With perseverance, continuing education, and hard work, I was able to break out and find opportunities that put me back on a growth path.

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

I can't tell you how important it is to have a network of professionals literally at your fingertips and willing to help. You can't be an expert at everything and no one knows it all, but with IFMA, all you need to do is write and email, post in a forum or pick up the phone and you have a wealth of information available to you. It's easy to look smart with that kind of talent in your corner.

What is the one thing few people know about you?

I rode bulls and bucking horses for quite a few years.

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

Always learn and always teach. Find the best mentors you can and learn everything they are willing to teach. Build the best team you can and teach them everything you know. The best athletes in the world have one thing in common, they all have coaches. If you want to be the best, find a great coach. The best teams in the world have great coaches; be that coach.

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

I enjoy family time, playing the guitar and participating in shooting sports.



Committee Updates

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Awards

We are hopeful of holding the IFME Awards in person as planned July 15th at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth and we are taking health and safety precautions in consideration of COVID-19.



At check-in, your temperature will be read by a device called Protect 98, and if your reading is elevated (100.4 or above, in line with CDC guidelines), you will not be permitted access and we will refund your registration if you paid to attend.

In addition, you will be required to wear a face mask except when eating or drinking. We are taking steps to procure face masks for those who might forget to bring one, and we will have hand sanitizer available.



Catering staff wearing face masks and gloves will be serving a full meal, including BBQ beef and turkey with beer and wine.

The Chapter Board of Directors will reassess by no later than July 6th whether to proceed with the IFME Awards as planned, and we will notify you of this decision promptly.

Schedule

4 - 5 pm - Tour Group A
5 - 5:30 pm - Networking/Drinks
5:30 - 6:30 pm - Dinner
6:30 - 7:30 pm - Awards Ceremony
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Tour Group B

MORE INFORMATION

Golf

Be sure to register your foursome or player spot to take advantage of early-bird rates.

Member foursomes currently are \$1,000 and Member single players are \$250. Sponsor opportunities range from \$500 to \$4,500.

NOVEMBER 2ND, THE TRIBUTE GOLF CLUB

1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX

7 AM: Check-in/Breakfast

8 AM: Shotgun Start

1 PM: Cocktails (Cash Bar)

1:30 PM: Lunch & Awards



For more information, click [HERE](#).

Membership

Please welcome May's new Chapter Members!

ASSOCIATES

Chris Matta - Total Roofing & Reconstruction
Sunil Mentreddi - Kevco Electrical

PROFESSIONALS

Bobby Davis - Trinity Terrace

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Kyle Cooper - Todd Cooper & Company
Naomi Huang - Maskdepot.net
Lance Waggoner - Continental Office Group

Sponsorship Reminder

To remain or become a Chapter Sponsor/ Preferred Business Partner for the fiscal year beginning July 1, we need you to **commit and pay for a sponsorship level by Wed., June 30, 2020**. Email info@dfwifma.org for information.

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 2:

Virtual Happy Hour

4 - 5 PM CST
Members Only - Free
REGISTER

Wednesday, July 15:

IFME Awards

4 - 8:15 PM, Dickies Arena
1911 Montgomery St., Fort Worth
Member/Member Guest - \$20 Each
Non-Member - \$50 Each
REGISTER



Thursday, August 13:

Economic Real Estate Outlook with COVID-19: Dr. Gaines

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting
Members - FREE
Non-Members - \$15
REGISTER



Tuesday, October 6:

CRE Technology Symposium

9 AM - 2 PM (Lunch Served)
Capital One Conference Center
SAVE THE DATE

Monday, November 2:

Annual Golf Tournament

8 AM Shotgun Start!
The Tribute at The Colony
Member Foursomes - \$1,200 / Non-Member Foursomes - \$1,400 Facility
Manager Individuals - Free (E-mail richj@dfwifma.org to register)
PLAYER REGISTRATION 1 SPONSOR REGISTRATION

Thursday, December 17:

Holiday Party

7 - 11 PM, House of Blues
SAVE THE DATE

Our Preferred Business Partners

Platinum



CORPORATE CARE

Gold



Silver



Bronze

