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2004 Spring Conference Pennsylvania State University (PSU)

Recap

Susan Hobbes, AIA, AFC President

For those of you that missed the AFC Conference at Pennsylvania State University I will try to recap some of the highlights, but nothing can compare to having been in attendance, especially for the PSU alumni among us. I arrived on Tuesday night in a downpour which didn't bode well for the next few days because the weather forecast was calling for rain, at least through Thursday. Somehow, Bob Myrick, the conference coordinator managed to turn that forecast around and not a drop of rain fell from Wednesday through Sunday when most of us departed. I still want to know how you pulled that off, Bob. On Wednesday afternoon, the officers (present and future) gathered at the Nittany Lion Inn for a strategic planning session. Much of the strategic planning had been accomplished at the two AFC conferences in 2003 so during this session we focused on updating the work plan to set the stage for the FY 05 activities. The updated strategic plan can be seen at the AFC website. http://smpa.uc.edu/afc/announcements_announcements.html

On Thursday morning the Academic Facilities Council and the Health Care Council were welcomed by Dr. Rodney Erickson, PSU Executive Vice President and Provost. Gary Broersma, a member of the IFMA Board of Directors, gave a presentation on the "Goals of IFMA and the Importance of the Councils". The Penn State staff gave interesting and informative talks on the timely topics of campus master planning, real estate, and energy.

Rounding out the morning was a short report by Lynn Leifson on the 2004 AFC Fall Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah and the AFC Business Meeting. (See conference highlights in this newsletter under the heading *2004 AFC Fall Conference*.)

In the afternoon we toured three new buildings: the Life Sciences Building, the Chemistry Building (still under construction), and the Information, Science and Technology Building. Dinner was at Schnitzel's Tavern, featuring Bob Myrick on the clarinet.

Friday morning started off with a demonstration of the PSU Facilities Information System followed by several technology programs that included a presentation, a panel discussion and a field trip. The presentation was given by Mark Valenti of the Sextant Group who kept the audience riveted as he talked about wireless technology, portable hi-tech gadgets, and what this all means to the future of the classroom and the traditional college campus. The panel discussion focused on

designing and maintaining instructional technology in classrooms that featured representatives of the various PSU departments tasked with these responsibilities. Those departments include Facilities, Police Services, Telecommunications, Computer Services and Media Tech Services. The technology field trip took us to the Wartik Building where a portion of the ground floor was extensively remodeled to accommodate a classroom for Interactive Videoconferencing.

The final presentation of the conference featured the signage standard at PSU. What might have otherwise been a routine topic was made interesting and entertaining by the presenters, Stew Koontz and Scott Hord.

The AFC group toured the MBNA Career Services Building with tour guide Jack Rayman, Director of the Career Services Center. Jack is obviously very proud of this building and with good reason. It is a prototype building and a “must see” for anyone considering building a similar facility. Jack has already been host to numerous groups that are planning similar facilities on their campuses.

After touring the East View Terrace Housing for juniors and seniors, currently under construction, we all were longing to be upper classmen again. The PSU building tours concluded at the Frank and Sylvia Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. This building features a worship space with fixed seating to accommodate about 500 people.

Friday night’s dinner was at the Tavern Restaurant in State College and then Saturday morning we boarded the vans and headed for Bear Run, PA for our final tour of the conference, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Kaufmann Falling Water House. The weather was absolutely perfect and after the tour we all enjoyed boxed lunches at Ohio Pyle State Park before returning to Happy Valley.

Some of the side trips along the way included a visit to the Penn State Model Railroad Club currently located in the basement of one of the residence halls. This is where some PSU students burn the midnight oil and we observed some of the trains in action on the more than 2500 feet of HO track that has been erected by the club. For those of you AFC members that are model railroad buffs that have never attended an AFC Conference, you might be surprised to learn that you would be right at home among this group.

Finally, no trip to University Park is complete without a trip to the Penn State Creamery, and we actually made 2 trips. There’s always room for a scoop of Butter Pecan or Peachy Paterno.

Many thanks to Bob Myrick, PSU Facilities Coordinator and dedicated AFC member, for giving this conference 110% of his efforts. His hard work and attention to detail was evident in the quality of the programs and the coordination of the logistical details. Thanks also to Velma Packer who put up with Bob and his attention to detail, to Deb Blythe, Director of Facilities Resources and Planning (Bob’s boss), for her total support of this conference, and to Judy Myrick (Bob’s other boss) for sharing Bob’s time during the conference.

Images are available on the AFC web site - smpa.uc.edu/afc/index.html click on conferences.

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The elections are complete and the following officers will begin their terms on July 1, 2004:

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2004 AFC Fall Conference - Preview

The 2004 AFC Fall Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah prior to the start of the IFMA World Workplace Conference. The dates for the AFC Conference are Thursday, October 14 and Friday, October 15. The site of Thursday's agenda will be Brigham Young University in Provo and on Friday we will visit the University of Utah. Lynn Liefson, Manager of the Design Section at BYU is coordinating the conference. Lynn has been working diligently for the last 6 months coordinating the conference programs. Some of the currently scheduled programs include a presentation by the BYU Facilities Management students, presentations on project management and scheduling, campus recycling and conservation programs, innovative custodial safety procedures, capital needs analysis and campus and building tours. The site of Thursday night's dinner is the Sundance Ski Resort. Block out the conference dates and plan on joining us for another informative and exciting conference.

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