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As Facility Managers working in an academic setting we are faced with unique challenges almost every day. Each of us feel like we work on our own deserted island. In order to be more successful, facility managers in academics need to network and share their experiences. The very nature of our work requires us to be creative problem solvers, keeping our eyes and ears open to new and creative ways to get our work done.

Learning and networking opportunities like attending the recent Facility Fusion held in Las Vegas helps to strengthen and create connections to likeminded professionals. I would like to remind everybody that IFMA's World Workplace 2017 will be held this October in Houston. The educational sessions alone are well worth the price of attending the conference but the connections you build are invaluable. I truly hope to see you at World Workplace 2017.

Many of our members are taking on interns who are curious about what Facilities Management is all about. Facilities Management interns get an opportunity to gain valuable educational connections through their workplace experiences and hosts get an opportunity to pass on an understanding of just how important Facilities Management is to the organization. So, do you have an intern that just "Rocks It" for you? Have you found that intern who has come into your organization and has reenergized you and your organization? Tell us about your find! Shine a light on just how powerful your intern and your internship program is to accomplishing your mission. Let us know all about your intern. Tell us about how you found your intern or how your intern found you or perhaps the story is about how you were put together by an intervening third party who saw the potential in someone who they thought could enrich your work life through mentorship. With the end of the school year just around the corner I hope we hear from each and every one of you, soon.



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World Workplace 2017

Oct. 18-20, Houston, Texas.

World Workplace 2017 will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas from October 18th to the 20th.

The most all-encompassing learning and networking event on facilities and how to manage them. Immerse yourself in all things FM — from groundbreaking discoveries impacting the industry, to achievable strategies for your daily to-do list. Discover a new way to do it, a different place to source it, a cool tool to fix it or an action plan to solve it. Whatever your “it” is, pursue, perfect or attain it at World Workplace.



AFC WWP17 WELCOME MEETING!

AFC is hosting a Welcome Meeting on Wednesday, October 18, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM in room 310 C of the Convention Center. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members and network. Board members will provide a council update and open the floor for feedback and discussion. A continental breakfast will be provided, and there will be a drawing for \$50 gift cards! We look forward to seeing you for some or all of the meeting.

AFC on the Expo Floor

The Academic Facilities Council will have a space in the Council & Community Pavilion on the Expo floor. Please stop by and join us for networking, experience sharing and learn more about our Council!



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AFC Scholarship Recipient Harpreet Randhawa



The board of the Academic Facilities Council is pleased to announce that the newest recipient of the Stephen S. Showers Academic Scholarship (through the IFMA Foundation) is Harpreet Randhawa. Harpreet is a student in the Architecture-Project & Facility Management program at Conestoga College, Ontario, Canada. The scholarship application judges were impressed by her academic excellence and her well rounded experience, from coursework and internships to volunteerism.

The oldest of three children, Harpreet was born and raised in Brantford, Ontario. She has always had a love of drawing and sculpting (primarily human figures), but it was a trip to India, where she saw the Taj Mahal and the Golden Temple, that sparked her interest in architecture. Like many people, she was not familiar with facilities management until she was exposed to the program in college. The more she learns about it, the more her passion grows.

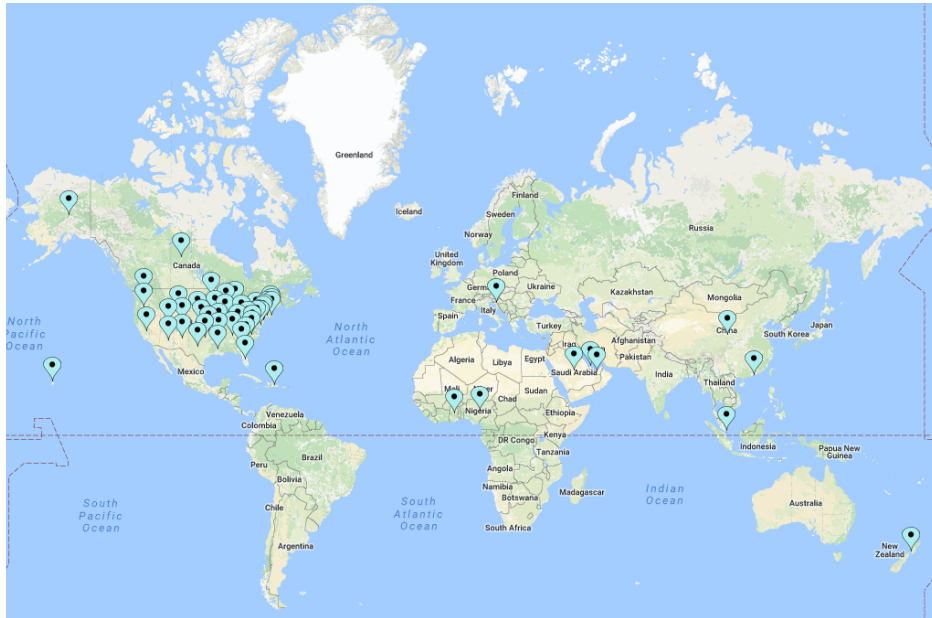
She has a parallel passion for the environment. In order to incorporate this focus into her career, she plans to become a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited professional. She is also active in IFMA and intends to pursue her FMP certification. If you are planning to attend World Workplace, please make a point of welcoming Harpreet!

The scholarship is named to honor Stephen Strickland Showers, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management (Retired), Towson University, Maryland; a graduate of Penn State University and Colorado State University; and a longstanding member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA). Steve was a founding member of the Academic Facilities Council (AFC), and passed away on February 21, 2011. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed history and trains. Steve dedicated his career to university administration and was very committed to the AFC. He was the AFC President in 2008-09 and remained active as a Past President. Because of his many contributions to the AFC, the Council has honored Steve by naming their IFMA Foundation Scholarship as the Stephen Strickland Showers Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a worthy student majoring in Facilities Management or a closely related field.



Membership Map

Updated September 20, 2017.



You can access the interactive map in the link below:
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Membership as of 9/20/17: 334



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Sponsorship Program

AFC FMs, We strongly encourage your favorite vendors to take advantage of becoming an AFC sponsor. They will have the benefit of being showcased as a supporter of the Council and our profession at AFC events, on the AFC website and newsletter. Our nearly 400 members will see their Company's offering on a frequent basis. Thanks in advance for passing this on. If you have questions regarding the benefits etc. please contact a board member (see page 10 for contact info.)

PLATINUM LEVEL: \$2,500.00

Recognized as sponsor of the premier event of the conference. 1 sponsorship available.

- 3 signs at event - (company provides) up to 40 sq ft
- Representative is introduced at event and brings greetings from company (2-3 mins)
- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 4 tickets to event they are sponsoring
- Business cards and brochures available on table by their sign
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
- Delegate gifts
- Mailing list of delegates
- Registration for one individual

GOLD LEVEL: \$1,500.00

Recognized as sponsors of 1 of the 2 lunches at the event. 2 sponsorships available.

- Representative introduced at event.
- Company logo & link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event.
- 2 tickets to event sponsoring.
- 1 sign at event - (company provides) up to an area of 12 sq ft
- Business cards and brochures available on table by their sign.
- 1 ticket to main social event
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
- Delegate gifts
- Mailing list of delegates

SILVER LEVEL: \$1,000.00

Recognized as sponsors of 1 of the 2 breakfasts at event. 4 sponsorships available.

- Representative introduced at event.
- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event.
- 1 sign at event - (company provides) up to an area of 12 sq ft
- 1 ticket to event they are sponsoring
- 1 ticket to main social event
- Tent cards for tables during their sponsored events
- Delegate gifts
- Mailing list of delegates

BRONZE LEVEL: \$500.00 The Bronze Sponsors may sponsor nutrition breaks, transportation as examples.

- Company logo and link on AFC website noted as sponsor of event logo will remain for 45 days after event
- 1 ticket to event they are sponsoring
- Delegate gifts



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Positions Currently Available



Sustainability Chair – The Chair of the Sustainability committee is the liaison between the IFMA Sustainability committee and the AFC. You would participate in calls with the IFMA Sustainability committee to keep the AFC board (and membership) current via the AFC monthly board meeting calls and by writing a quarterly newsletter article.

Corporate Sponsorship Chair - The Corporate Sponsorship Chair is responsible for maintaining relationships/matching our corporate partners and associate members with opportunities to gain visibility within the AFC through sponsorships supporting conference activities such as meals, transportation, and the like.

Education Program Chair – The Chair of the Education Program committee helps to develop relevant topics for newsletter articles, webinars and conference presentations, and coordinates qualified presenters for the 4-6 times per year webinars and 1-2 times per year conferences.



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About the AFC

Academic facilities offer facility managers and space planners many unique challenges. These individuals must effectively plan, design, construct, utilize and maintain a variety of buildings, grounds and equipment including classrooms, computer labs, residence halls and apartments, athletic facilities, dining halls, theaters, laboratories, libraries and health care facilities. The students, instructors and researchers who utilize these facilities have needs that may radically differ from conventional building tenants.

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"An ideal facility manager must have Aristotle's logic and Solomon's wisdom, a priest's discretion and a gambler's poker face, a lawyer's shrewdness and a marketing director's charm, a gladiator's guts, a marathon runner's perseverance and a sprinter's speed, a leatherneck's toughness and a dancer's agility, lots of good luck and 30 hours per day."

~Unknown Source

