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Steve Blau (left) presents his points on chiller replacement. Members and guests tour a patient room and mechanical space in LCMH's new West Pavillion (far right).



HESNI's final two quarterly meeting places may have headed south (literally speaking), but the presentation topics were right on the mark for healthcare facility managers.

At the 3RD Quarterly Meeting, held Sept. 16 at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Illinois, a panel of presenters explained Emergency Preparedness. **John Maurer, Engineer, The Joint Commission**, offered an overview of key regulatory issues. **Jack Muscia, Rental Business Development Manager for Indeck Power Equipment Co.**, explained rental and installation issues involved in a boiler replacement. **Steve Blau, Healthcare**



Solutions Account Manager for Trane, covered similar issues for a chiller replacement. Finally, **LaMar Davis, Asst. V.P. Facilities, Presence Mercy Medical Center**, offered his emergency preparedness checklist for facility managers.

Members and guests also were introduced to Little Company's new West Pavillion, an 8-story building housing a Women's Health Center including a birth center, special care unit and patient rooms. **KJWW** engineers talked about the building's design and construction and followed this with guided tours.

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HESNI headed further southwest for its 4TH Quarterly Meeting, November 8, at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Bolingbrook, Illinois. After lunch, **York Chan, Administrator for Facilities, Advocate Health Care**, discussed the finer points of Communicating with Senior Management (C-Suite) with the roughly 100 guests. York’s presentation, which he also delivered at the 2012 ASHE Annual Conference, identified how facility management teams contribute to quality clinical outcomes in hospitals.

We thank all our members who came out and contributed to a strong turnout for both events. We are especially grateful to each of the above presenters and to our meeting sponsors, **W.W. Grainger Co.**, who helped underwrite our meeting costs.



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York Chan (left) covers communication keys with upper management in healthcare facilities at the 4th Quarterly Meeting at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. HESNI members Rich Rapacki, Paul Gill and President-Elect Herman McKenzie (lower right photo) visit after the meeting.



ELECTION COMPLETED

A proposed slate of HESNI officers and directors was sent to members for election in mid-November. Members were invited to vote online for these nominees or write in their own candidates. Additionally, members used the ballot to approve two proposed bylaws changes and answer a brief membership questionnaire. Their input here will further help guide the society's future course. We thank everyone for their participation and congratulate the following people on their election to head the society in 2013.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Dierking, MBA, CHFM
HESNI President

As we finish out this year, I would like to thank all our members and sponsors who made this past year successful. Without their continued support, the programs that we provide would not be possible. I particularly want to thank our Platinum, Gold, and Silver corporate sponsors. Their sponsorship allows HESNI to provide programs to our members such as the CHFM and CHSP prep sessions at a minimal cost. Due to their support, I encourage our full members to seek HESNI's corporate sponsors for their needs.

Looking forward to 2013, HESNI plans to maintain its commitment to education through its quarterly meetings, annual conference, and the CHSP and CHFM prep sessions. It's our continuing goal to maintain our ASHE Platinum status for the third straight year. This status is ASHE's highest level of affiliation and is granted to only a third of the ASHE affiliate chapters. This designation is due to HESNI's committed partnership with ASHE and support of their long-range plans and objectives.

I would like to encourage our members to share their knowledge and expertise at our Annual Conference, being held May 2ND and 3RD. We are currently accepting conference abstracts through the end of December. Next year's theme will be "Building Resiliency". The theme is based upon our planned keynote speaker, who will be discussing their experiences and lessons learned when an EF-5 tornado struck their Joplin, MO, hospital in May 2011. Some upcoming networking opportunities in 2013 include our Indoor Racing event on January 10TH (see website for details) and our Annual golf outing at Ivanhoe Country Club on June 3RD.

In summary, 2012 was a successful year for HESNI. However, I know we can do better next year but only through your support and participation. Please feel free to seek out any of the HESNI board members on how you can participate.

Best wishes for the New Year!

SEMINAR PREPARES FOR CHFM CERTIFICATION

HESNI offered another full-day seminar, Saturday, October 20, to help members get ready to obtain the Certified Healthcare Facility Manager qualification. We thank the 34 participants who were part of another strong turnout for the program, which took place, 8:00 AM – 5:00PM, at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Illinois. **Leo Gehring, CHFM, FASHE, Gehring Health Facility Resources**, conducted the seminar, which explored areas of knowledge and questions that are likely to appear in the CHFM exam.

The seminar was the second preparatory program that HESNI has offered to members at a greatly reduced price in 2012. A similar, two-day course last spring helped prepare members for the Certified Healthcare Safety Professional (CHSP) exam.



INDOOR RACE TO REPEAT ON JANUARY 10TH



HESNI members will be racing toward the checkered flag again on Thursday, January 10, as the 5TH Annual Half-Fast Cup welcomes a new group of competitors and watchers. Those who love to compete (along with those who like to watch the races and join in the fun) will be assembling that day at the Chicago Indoor Racing indoor track in Addison, Illinois. We can't promise you that it won't snow this year, but we can promise you'll get on your way home sooner, as the start time has been moved up to 3:45PM. Organizers plan to conclude this year's race by 7:00PM, so there will be plenty of time left for everyone to enjoy food and refreshments afterward. All HESNI members are invited to participate (as a racer or observer) in this free and fun event.

Make your online reservation today!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR UPDATE



LaMar Davis, CHFM, CHSP
Chair, Membership

Dear Valued Member:

First, I want to thank you for your membership and contributing to the mission of HESNI in providing quality education and networking opportunities for the facilities professional.

A couple of years ago, the board authorized the formation of a membership ad hoc committee, and the committee came up with several ideas to enhance and ensure continued quality for HESNI members. One of the recommendations was to have members apply for membership and access a potential members commitment to the mission, goals and objectives of HESNI.

We are pleased to say that this has been well received and as a result as of this printing, we are proud to say that we have 414 members, 51% Full Members (Facilities Professionals), 45% Affiliate Members (Vendor Partners), and 9 Honorary and student members. More than 40% of our members, 171, are ASHE members. This is a great achievement. HESNI has been recognized on a national level as being one of the largest and best chapters in ASHE. In fact, we have had two Region V Board Directors, **York Chan** and **Jeff Arthurs**. Additionally, Jeff has served as ASHE President.

HESNI has also had one of the highest numbers of Emerging Leaders Award recipients from one chapter — **Jeff Arthurs, Dave Dierking, and LaMar Davis**. Lastly, we have been recognized as one of ASHE's Platinum chapters for two consecutive years.

We should all be proud of our members and proud of our chapter and we could not have achieved these accolades without our dedicated membership. Please feel free to contact me or other board members with suggestions or comments. We welcome your feedback. I wish you and your families a blessed holiday season and look forward to a great 2013.

JOINT COMMISSION SEMINARS UPDATE HESNI MEMBERS



The Joint Commission held two full-day seminars in November to update healthcare facility managers on important accreditation changes. The first seminar, on Nov. 26, covered issues related to “environment of care.” On the second day, Nov. 30, the discussion focused on “life safety” issues. **George Mills, FASHE, CHFM, CEM, CHSP, Director, Department of Engineering**, and **John Maurer, CHFM, CHSP, Engineer, The Joint Commission**, conducted the seminars, which occurred 8:00AM to 5:00PM at Commission’s headquarters in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois . More than 80 members attended the free seminars, which were arranged especially for HESNI. We are grateful not only to The Joint Commissions but also to **Presence Health** and **Kleen Air Service Corp.**, which provided handout materials including a new codebook and lunch. Attendees could also earn up to 16 CEU units for both days.

ASHE NEWS



ASHE Insider: Boost Your Career by Earning a FASHE or SASHE Designation

ASHE offers its members the chance to enhance professional portfolios as well as earn recognition in the field by earning fellow status (FASHE) and senior status (SASHE). Senior status is awarded to ASHE members who demonstrate a commitment to the health care facilities management profession and contribute to the industry through leadership, education, and publishing. Fellow status is granted to those who have already achieved senior status and continue to demonstrate commitment to the health care facilities management profession. The status also recognizes contributions to the field through leadership, education, and publishing. More information about how to apply for FASHE and SASHE status will be featured in upcoming editions of the ASHE Insider — [visit ashe.org](http://visit.ashe.org).

ASHE Insider: Is Acoustical Sealant Corroding Your Copper Pipe?

ASHE has learned that several health care facilities are having problems with water-based acoustical sealant corroding copper pipes. Some facilities have reported that signs of corrosion can be seen in as little as two weeks. And one facility decided to change to silicone-based products because they could not find any data that definitively shows that the water-based product would not corrode the pipe. ASHE is looking for input from facility managers around the country about this problem. Please inspect any copper piping in your facility for signs of corrosion, and pass on this information to any colleagues who may not be ASHE members. If you have experienced a sealant that corroded copper medical gas or water pipes, or if you have any other insights to offer about this issue, please contact ASHE at advocacyhighway@aha.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Medical Center

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Presence Health

George Vernia
Presence United Samaritans
Medical Center

Stephen Wehling
Presence St. Francis Hospital

Richard Wydra
Loyola University Medical Center

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROGRAM ABSTRACTS

HESNI has issued a "Call for Abstracts" for 2013. They again are relying on Facility Manager and Professional Affiliate members to share their best ideas and expertise at the 2013 Annual Conference, Thursday and Friday, May 2-3, 2013. All members are invited to submit their ideas or outlines for presentations related to this year's theme, *"Building Resiliency."*

Please help us build a strong, wide ranging and interesting educational program that HESNI members won't want to miss...and won't forget! All abstracts are due January 1, 2013. Email abstracts to steven.kohon@advocatehealth.com, fax to 708.424.5804 or mail to HESNI, P.O. Box 428459, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60508-8459. For more information, contact the HESNI office, 708.636.5819.



IN OTHER NEWS



The HESNI Office has new post office box number in its address. Please note that the P.O. Box number has changed to **P.O. Box 428459**. All other address information remains the same. All future mail should be addressed to HESNI, P.O. Box 428459, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805-8459.



The "**Media Center**" page at hesni.org contains links to download presentations from many recent educational offerings at quarterly meetings and the 2012 HESNI Conference. Updates to the site include PowerPoint presentations featured at 3RD and 4TH quarterly meetings as well as abstracts and presentations from several Conference seminars. Check back often, as this area will receive regular updates.