



CHAPTER AND NATIONAL NEWS

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Facility management: A profession that encompasses multiple disciplines to ensure functionality of the built environment by integrating people, place, process and technology. Websites: National www.IFMA.org, Upstate SC www.upstateifma.com.

MEMBERSHIP Updates:

Congratulations to our 1st quarter membership drive winners: Chapter Member **Karla Kelley**, Complete Commercial Solutions sponsored **Gregg Fandrich**, St. Jude Medical and **Brandon Davis**, Aramark Ford Credit, as new professional FM chapter members! All 3 will receive a voucher for lunch on us!

We also welcome new members **Steve Stafford** with Carolina Filters and **Jeff Goetz**, Sustainability Manager with Fluor.

Our chapter membership of 41 includes our over 10 year members: **Patrick Kennedy** - Aimco, **Mitchell Holman** - Fluor, **Bobby Day** - Fluor and **Jim Whiteside** - Whiteside Engineering (formerly of Wisconsin). Over 5 year members are **Jay Hamilton, JR Christy** - First Baptist Greenville, **Paul Ring** - CH2MHill, **Sherry Owens** - Nuvox, **James Reed** - Millers and **Stephen Moore** - Grainger. Thank you to our renewing members - we need and appreciate your support!

March Chapter Meeting Recap: A very special thanks to *Richard Blackwell* and the *Upstate Alliance* for presenting a very positive outlook for upstate business and industry. We had a great turnout, and enjoyed meeting new guests. If you missed this meeting, please take the opportunity to check out their resources at www.upstatealliance.com and www.iwasblownaway.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! On **June 23rd** from 3:30 - 7pm, *Spartanburg Community College* will present a tour of their horticulture gardens to be followed by a **Chapter Reception** at their Pavilion. This will be a perfect time to get to know fellow facility management professionals in a beautiful and relaxed setting. Details to follow, watch your email. Sponsors for this event are welcome, see any board member.

Local Event of Interest to IFMA FMs:

Sustain SC, a US Green Building Council SC Chapter Conference and Expo, will be held at the Carolina First Center on May 7th and 8th, 2009. LEED workshops, keynote speakers, building tours, 14(!) Continuing Education Seminars, 8 different social events and an expo hall with over 58 exhibitors make this a unique opportunity for those involved in any aspect of the built environment. Vendor info and Attendee info is available online at www.usgbcsc.org

Upcoming Chapter Meetings: **May 14** Fire Alarm Systems - Dos and Don'ts! **June 11** Upstate Air Quality and the Facility Manager.

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IFMA Members: Please follow the Web link below to the 2009-2010 IFMA Officer Election Ballot and exercise your right and responsibility as an IFMA member to vote for the candidates of your choice. The link will take you to the members-only section of the IFMA Web site where you can log in with your IFMA member number and password. Once you log in, you will see the ballot as presented by the IFMA Nominating Committee. In the space provided for each officer position, place a check mark next to your preferred candidate or write in another IFMA member name. Once your selections are complete, to submit your ballot and cast your votes, click on the button at the bottom of the page. You only will be able to vote one time.

<http://www.ifma.org/ifmanet/ballot/bod/2009/vote.cfm>

World Workplace Oct 7-9 Orlando, FL: IFMA's premier conference and expo drawing facility management professionals worldwide (over 40 countries were represented in the 2008 conference!). For more info visit www.worldworkplace.org.

Don't forget about this valuable tool for IFMA members: The March/April issue of **Facility Management Journal** is now available - enter your username and password to access this resource at: fmjonline.com. While you are there, check out the new **FM Alert** to keep you up-to-date with news, emerging trends, innovations and insights. Also, find IFMA at **YouTube**, **Facebook**, **LinkedIn** and **Twitter!**

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