

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
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President's Podium

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President over the past year. I really mean that! The Executive Board, Committee Chairs and Administrative Staff have worked very diligently and were great to work with. They did an excellent job! Thank you and your Committee Members for the services you have provided to KCIFMA.

Over the past year we have provided a variety of educational opportunities that keep expanding every year. Educational seminars, I-sessions, tours, BEP events and monthly meetings all provided a wealth of information. The turn out for our CFM Review Class was outstanding this year. Our Committees stepped up with extra effort to hold down costs during this slow economy. Members have benefitted from lower educational costs, scholarships, reimbursements and meeting discounts. A special thank you to our Sponsors, who have contributed funds to support our educational programs.

An administrative change to KCIFMA included the contracting of professional accounting services. This change will add a level of financial security, provide timely financial reports and consistent accounting records.

Other changes will be implemented as we complete the Organizational Strategic Plan this month.

If you want your voice heard, gain valuable leadership experience or have the joy of serving others now is a good time to join a KCIFMA Committee. Log on to our website and contact one of the Board Members. Volunteers are always welcome. The new elected Board is very experienced and highly motivated. They have my full support and confidence that they will lead KCIFMA very successfully into the future.

John Strharsky, CFM, LEED® AP
President, Kansas City Chapter of IFMA



KCIFMA UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event Name	Location
6.8	11:00-8:00 pm	Annual Golf Outing Scholarship Fundraiser	Drumm Farm 15400 E. 34th St, Independence, MO
6.15-16	2 Day	IFMA Competency Course Leadership and Management	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Ste 1100, Houston, TX
6.17-18	2 Day	IFMA Competency Course Operations and Maintenance	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Ste 1100, Houston, TX
6.24	1 Day	IFMA Advancing Facility Management World FM Day	http://www.ifma.org/worldfmday
6.27-29	3 Day	BOMA 2010 International Conference & The Every Building Show	Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center Los Angeles County, CA
7.20	11:30-1:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Connecting the Dots - FM Evolution	Jewish Community Campus 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
8.17	11:30-1:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Energy Star/Mgmt Programs	Stinson Morrison Hecker 1201 Walnut, Ste 2900, Kansas City, MO
	Webinar	Monthly Program Meeting	IFMA Education Program
			Other Event

Annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser

June 8, 2010
11:00 - 8:00 pm

Drumm Farm
15400 E. 34th St
Independence, MO

Welcome to our Chapter's Newest Members

Andrena Keesee

Rene Vaughn
Kimball Office

Sponsorship Involvement Requested for 2010/2011

KCIFMA is inviting you to become a sponsor for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Sponsors gain visibility to 216+ members, of which roughly 65% are professional. Professional members often use the KCIFMA site to find vendors for projects. Your company will be highlighted within our website with direct links to your website.

Lastly, your sponsorship helps provide the educational seminars and the monthly programs that make this an Excellent Chapter. Look for a letter in the mail coming soon with all the details, or go on-line and download the invoice from the Sponsors Page on www.kcifma.com.

Facility HUMOR

A young Air Force 2nd Lieutenant had just arrived at Misawa AFB in Japan. He'd been given a beautiful renovated office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw an enlisted man come into his outer office. Wishing to appear the hot shot, the officer picked up the phone and started to pretend he was exchanging chit chat with the Base Commander. He threw Colonel's and General's names around and talked about letting them stay in his Daddy's condo in Hawaii, and then set up a golfing date between him, the Base Commander, and the CO's of the Naval Security Group and Naval Air Facility. Finally he hung up and asked the Sergeant, "Can I help you sergeant?" The TSGT said, "Yes sir, I'm here to activate your phone lines."

Please welcome the 2010-2011 KCIFMA Executive Committee



President: Drew Knutson, CFM

Drew Knutson served two terms as KCIFMA's Secretary in 2007-2008 and is our current 2008-2009 Secretary. Drew served in the United States Marine Corps for six years, deploying to the Persian Gulf War. After leaving the service, he attended University of Southern Colorado, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from one of the few IFMA recognized Facilities Management programs in the country. He also has a Master of Science in Management degree from Baker University.

Drew currently works for Verizon Services Organizations as Supervisor, Real Estate Operations in Kansas and Missouri. In this role, he manages 545,000 SF of administrative space, including two call centers. He has been a member of IFMA since 1993.



Vice President: Chris Gardner, FMP

Chris Gardner served two terms as KCIFMA's Education Chair in 2006-2008 and another two terms 2008-2010. Chris served in the United States Marine Corps for four years spending 12 months overseas in Japan. After leaving the service, he attended DeVry University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business focusing on Project Management. He also is credentialed as a FMP.

Chris currently works for Humana Workplace Solutions as a Project Manager and has managed numerous projects around the country. In this role, he has managed numerous multi-million dollar construction projects and also managed integration projects involving companies that Humana has acquired. He has been a member of IFMA since 2005 and a member of PMI since 2008.



Secretary: Steven Brown

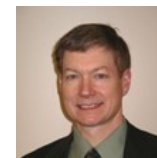
Steve Brown is currently employed by Burns and McDonnell as a Plant Manager since 2005. Prior employment was with Trigen Energy as the Manager of Building Services from 1995 to 2005 providing operations and building maintenance service support.



Treasurer: Michele Gregg

Michele is our current KCIFMA Chair of Programs and Events Committees for the 2009-2010 term of office. In 2007, Michele Gregg was hired as the Facilities Manager for Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP.

Michele began her career in the Office Services Department at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin and decided that Facilities is where to focus her career. She has worked her way up through different positions at area law firms before assuming her current role. Michele joined KCIFMA in 2007 and has had the opportunity to work with several committees. Michele is currently working toward her B.S. in Business Administration with emphasis in Sustainable Enterprise Management through the University of Phoenix.



Past President: John Strharsky, CFM, LEED® AP

John Strharsky serves as our current 2009-2010 President, served two terms as KCIFMA's Vice President in 2007-2009.

John began his career in property management in 1986. John works for Zimmer Real Estate Services as a Senior Property Manager. He became a LEED accredited professional in April of 2008. During his career, John has managed more than \$100 million in construction and renovation projects and is responsible for 1,300,000 square feet with a mix of commercial office and industrial property.