November, already? Wow...I’m not sure how we got here so fast, but we did! Your IFMA executive board has been busy the last few months, and we have all kinds of exciting changes and additions to your IFMA chapter to share with you. Here a just a few:

• New logo – those who joined us for our recent meeting at the Grand Rapids Downtown Market got a sneak preview. Watch the website for the official unveiling.
• Speaking of the website, we are revamping it to work FOR us. The board works hard at keeping you informed, and doing it along with our day to day jobs means we sometimes miss things. The new website will automatically send updates for upcoming meetings 2 weeks in advance, with a 2-days reminder notice. The new calendar will be up to date, the eblast will be timely, and there will be other perks, too. We roll it out by December 1.
• Stay tuned for a schedule of events through May 2014. Naturally, these can be subject to change, but we hope you use it to make your plans and put meetings on your calendar.

I hope everyone has an excellent November. Take care and see you at the next meeting!

Emily Burns  
President, IFMA West Michigan  
Facilities Planning Manager - Offices  
Herman Miller
New Members in 2013

- Craig Baham – Ferris State University
- Kelly Carter – Ferris State University
- Joshua Chandler – Independent Bank - Senior Facilities Manager
- Daniel Colella – Program Manager
- Gary Dobre – The Rogers Group/Tranquil Walls – Sales Mgr
- Greg Essenburg – Gentex Corporation
- Lewis Evans – Niles /Community Schools – Director of Maint/Operations
- Shawn Fiske – Dematic – Facility Manager
- Dennis Foley – Foley Design – Owner
- William Goodrich – Four Winds Casino Resort – Facilities Supervisor
- Andrew Kotman – Interphase Interiors – Account Exec
- James Lakin – Calvin Seminary – Facility Manager
- Bill Lewinski – Gordon Food Service – Facility Manager
- Darryl Lewis – FMP – Kalsec Inc – Facilities Manager
- Mark Malone – Great Lakes Systems – Service/Inspections
- Kevin Megee – Ferris State University
- Tim Mosher – Four Winds Casino Resort – Maintenance Manager
- Tim Peraino – Kent Intermediate School District – Director of Facilities
- Kurt Potgeter – Young Professional
- Roger Stempky – Special-Lite, Inc.
- Jason Stepp – Executive Management Services – Business Development Manager
- Sally Swift - Steelcase
- Joe Szivan – West Michigan Lighting – Specification Sales
- Rob Terpstra – Haworth – Facilities and Real Estate Mgmt
- Kelly Vander Schuur – Trendway Corp.
- Larry Wheaton – Lake MI College – Operation Mgr/Facilities
- Ryan Wolfford – Kingdom Fire Protection – Service Manager

November Meeting
McKay Tower and Ballroom
Wednesday 11/20/13

3:30 – 4:00 Arrive and Network – OAK’s Office – 300 Ionia Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
4:00 – 4:30 McKay Tower and Ballroom Presentation
4:30 – 5:00 Ballroom Tour
5:00 – 5:45 More Networking at Flanagans

Program: OAK Co. and WJE have arranged for a tour and presentation of the restoration of the historic McKay Tower & the crown jewel 2nd Floor event space.

We will meet at OAK’s office at 300 Ionia Ave. NW for a presentation, and walk over to the Ballroom and Flanagan’s Irish Pub afterwards. Parking will be validated by IFMA at any of the nearby Ellis lots. Lot 2 at 210 Ionia is ½ block South of OAK’s office.
NEWS BITES

• UPCOMING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE INFORMATION AT WWW.IFMA.ORG/EVENTS

• EDUCATION LINKS AT WWW.IFMA.ORG/PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT

• CAREER CENTER INFORMATION AT WWW.IFMA.ORG/PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT/CAREER-CENTER

• Thank you to Lee Ott and Jamie Rueffer for serving as Treasurer and Secretary for IFMA the past several years. You will be in the Hall of Fame one day.
• Congratulation to the newly elected board members
  • Emily Burns – President
  • Dave Kuiper - Treasurer
  • Mike Obrecht – Secretary

Men’s Health Movember

It’s Movember. Since the majority of IFMA members are male, this is YOUR month! When else can you lower your razor and raise money and/or awareness of men’s health issues? As an official global charity, Movember’s vision is to have an everlasting impact on the “face” of men’s health – pun intended. During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches on male faces around the world. Through the power of the Mo, vital funds and awareness are raised to combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges. Movember encourages men (Mo Bros) to join the movement by growing a moustache for the 30 days of November. Create a team at work, or just donate on your own. Visit Movember’s website to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE:

IFMA WEST MI ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS

• When: Friday, December 6, 2013
• Where: Rush Creek Bistro at Sunnybrook Country Club, 624 Port Sheldon Street, SW, Grandville, MI
• Overview: Join us for our annual Toys for Tots Luncheon. Cost for the event is one toy valued at $10 or more. All of the toys collected will be turned over to the Toys for Tots organization in Grand Rapids.

MONTHLY MEETING

Save the Date

January 2014 Meeting
• Wednesday 1/18/2014
• Topic: Electric Customer Choice
• Electric Customer Choice (ECC) programs give a customer the ability to purchase the generation component of its electric needs form a source other than the regulated utility. Such electricity generated is then delivered through the transmission system to a point at which the customer’s local utility accepts the power for distribution to the customer’s site
• Location: Kentwood Office Furniture
  3063 Breton Road SE Grand Rapids MI
SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT:

River City Flooring & Design Studio services both the commercial and residential sectors. We provide all types of flooring, countertops, cabinets and design services. Our goal is to make every customer completely satisfied while providing the very best products together with the most seasoned, professional installers.

“I am pleased to say the project was a success on many fronts: completed ahead of schedule, completed under budget, and the new carpet looks great. The parents, students, and staff are extremely satisfied with the results. After working with River City Flooring, I have confidence in their ability to duplicate for other clients what they were able to do for Jenison Public Schools.” ~ William W. Culhane, Architect

OCTOBER 2013 MONTHLY REPORT

Monthly Membership Report
October 2013

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IFMA SPONSORSHIPS

• Your West Michigan Chapter is looking for sponsors for the 2014 Calendar year.
• Please try to plan this in your firms marketing budgets so we can have another awesome year of Events.
• We will be in touch next month with more details.

NEW IFMA LOGO AND WEBSITE

• If you’re nostalgic, say goodbye to our current logo and website
• We will be unveiling our new very cool website and new very cool logo (see below) next month

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19th: Betty Van Andel Opera Center
• 1320 East Fulton St. Grand Rapids, MI 49503
• Tour and venue presentation

March 19th: Heeren Bros. Produce
• New facility on 7 Mile Road west of Alpine
• Steve Waalkes, Director of Engineering (Michigan Concrete Association)
• Discussion on improvements to concrete technologies

April 16th or 17th: Annual Banquet
• This will be an evening event.
• (Location to be determined)

Future Monthly Member Meetings

Please pay attention to interesting venues, topics and speakers that you come across in your daily activities. Let J Costen or one of the other board members know your ideas/thoughts. We believe that the content of the monthly meetings are critical to keeping attendance up and enthusiasm in the chapter.