President's Message

Accepting the role as Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter President the same year as a pandemic has been challenging, exciting, and scary all at the same time! So many of us have been impacted, lost jobs as I did, and, in some cases, loved ones. Yet we always come together as a FM community for support. That is what is so great about DFW IFMA Chapter! I am proud to represent us. I thank Micah O’Dell for his service as chapter president the past year. He is one of the smartest men I know and started several key initiatives to take our Chapter to the next level. As you might know, Micah relocated to Virginia with Fannie Mae and could not continue as President for another year. However, he remains on the Board as Past President and will continue to help and support us through the next year.

We have several exciting programs to bring the year to a close and I invite everyone to be as active as possible with our business friends in this wonderful group!

DFW has collaborated with other IFMA Chapters to offer an online SFP Certification course beginning in October (please see the update from the Education Committee, led by DiDi Wykes, on page 3). Thanks to Preferred Business Partners AHI Facility Services and Corporate Care, the Chapter has three (3) $1,000 scholarships to defray the $1,800 cost of the course for the first three Members who register. The Board voted to cover an additional $900 of the cost for these first three Members so that their total cost is only $500. This is a first-come, first-served offer so don’t delay in signing up!

We’re also looking forward to our November 2nd golf tournament at The Tribute. This will be our first in-person event since the pandemic required sheltering in place and we are eager to get together while practicing safe distancing outdoors. Rest assured the Chapter and the golf course are taking extra measures to make this outing safe and enjoyable. We need several additional sponsors and I hope you will consider the opportunity if possible. You can view what’s available by going to the golf website HERE.

As I’m sure you’ve heard, IFMA International decided to reschedule World Workplace for Dec. 9 – 11 and moved the event to the Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. The Gaylord is a self-contained venue where we will not overlap with other events and IFMA International considered it a safer option for attendees during the pandemic. If you are interested in exhibiting, we encourage you to do so by clicking HERE. If you are registering as an attendee, please be aware that pricing goes up $100 after Sept. 18th.

Our holiday party will be Thursday, December 17th this year at The House of Blues in Dallas. We wanted to do something completely different this year and we will be opening registration and sponsor opportunities soon! Be sure to Save the Date!

One final note...we have not forgotten the IFME Awards! Because of the pandemic, we canceled our in-person awards presentation and we are finishing up a video version that we will publish soon. I know the nominees are anxious to hear the results and the Awards Committee is working extremely hard to wrap up production and announce the nominees and finalists!

This has been a trying year on so many levels, and I can’t tell you how proud I am of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter and its members for caring and supporting each other. On behalf of the Board of Directors, please, stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Lisa Wells, FMP
IFMA DFW Chapter President
What you didn't know about Jamie Vaughan, FMP

Name: Jamie Vaughan, FMP
Title: General Manager, Director of Facilities
Company: Sodexo - Fannie Mae
Joined IFMA: 2016

How did you get into the FM field?
Through a great relationship with a client. I had spent nearly twenty years in the Janitorial industry. A client that I had partnered with on multiple assets casually asked if I would be interested in property management. And, the rest is history.

How did you hear about IFMA?
It feels like IFMA has always been a part of my life in some form or fashion, but I believe it was when my Mom asked if I would be her date to the holiday party.

Of what accomplishment are you most proud?
Being a part of the team at CityLine. The privilege of being part of a development from the ground up is a rare opportunity that very few of us get to have in our careers.

What has been your biggest challenge or obstacle?
I view every challenge as an opportunity. An opportunity to hustle, to grow, to conquer, to learn, to be resourceful, etc.

“For every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and snap; the job’s a game.” (Mary Poppins)

Have your relationships with other IFMA members been beneficial? How?
Our IFMA community truly feels like a family. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by mentors, advocates, and cheerleaders. I consistently witness our members exemplifying leadership, expertise, compassion, so much much more.

What is the one thing that few people know about you?
Being the only girl on a boys baseball league for several years and holding the home run record for more than a decade.

What advice would you give to those just beginning their FM career?
Get involved! What you put in is what you get out of it. Build relationships. We are a community comprised of industry leaders and experts who are genuine in supporting your desire to flourish.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?
Anything with my dogs; they are the joys of my life. Yoga, meditation, & sand volleyball.
Committee Updates

Awards

Because of the pandemic, we canceled our July in-person presentation of the awards and we are finishing up a video version of the presentation that we will publish soon. Please stay tuned...

Education - SFP Online Course

Dallas/Fort Worth and several other IFMA Chapters have collaborated to create an online webcast of the SFP program beginning in October.

The first three (3) DFW Chapter Members who register will pay only $500 for this $1,800 three-module course, thanks to $1,000 scholarships made possible by Preferred Business Partners AHI Facility Services and Corporate Care and $300 in underwriting approved by the Board of Directors.

The complete course will be presented in 14 half-day sessions over the course of four months. The courses will be offered in hub locations to create connections with other members seeking to accomplish this practical and effective credential.

2020 Course Dates & Times

Module 1: Strategy & Alignment of Sustainable Facility Management
Oct. 6 - 7 & Oct. 13 - 14 (9 AM - 1 PM CST)

Module 2: Managing Sustainable Facilities
Oct. 27 - 28 & Nov. 12 - 13 (9 AM - 1 PM CST)

Module 3: Operating Sustainable Facilities
Nov. 17 - 18, Dec. 1 - 2 & Dec. 7 - 8 (9 AM - 1 PM CST)

You can click HERE to register.

Golf

Be sure to register your foursome or player spot to take advantage of early-bird rates.

Member foursomes currently are $1,000 and Member single players are $250. Sponsor opportunities range from $500 to $4,500.

NOVEMBER 2ND, THE TRIBUTE GOLF CLUB
1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX

7 AM: Check-in/Breakfast
8 AM: Shotgun Start
1 PM: Cocktails (Cash Bar)
1:30 PM: Lunch & Awards

For more information, click HERE.

Membership

Please welcome those who joined the Chapter in June and July!

ASSOCIATES
Rafael Bombino - Rankin
Matt Combs - Executive Management Services
Marvin Fisher - Farnsworth Group
Taylor Prescott - Regent Services
Jonathan Wilson - Metro One
Branden Zett - Regent Services

PROFESSIONALS
Scott Brooks, CFM, FMP - Raytheon Company
Meredith Cress - Hines
Sherman Qualls - Texas Dept of Public Safety
Tomas Rivera - DFW International Airport
Kenneth Sapp - State Farm Insurance
RayShaun Stewart - DFW International Airport
Jimmy Trickett, CFM, SFP, FMP - Dallas Bible Church
Allen Williams, FMP - DFW International Airport

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
Shelby Johnson - Cognizant

Interested in joining a committee?
Numerous opportunities are available and we would love for you to be a part of the chapter’s exciting work. Please email info@dfwifma.org for more information.
Upcoming Events

August 27: **Virtual Happy Hour**
4 - 5 PM
**REGISTER (DFW Chapter Members Only)**

November 2 - 5: **CRE Technology Symposium**
Different TBA Virtual Presentations Daily
Noon - 1:30 PM (Monday - Thursday)

November 2: **Annual Golf Tournament**
8 AM - 2 PM
*The Tribute at The Colony*
1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX 75056
Member Foursomes - $1,200 / Non-Member Foursomes - $1,400
Facility Manager Individuals - Free (email richj@dfwifma.org to register)
**PLAYER REGISTRATION | SPONSOR REGISTRATION**

December 9 - 11: **World Workplace**
Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel & Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051
**REGISTER -- EXHIBIT**

December 17: **Holiday Party**
7 - 11 PM
*House of Blues*
2200 N. Lamar St., Dallas, TX 75202
**SAVE THE DATE**
Our Preferred Business Partners

Diamond

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze