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ABOUT IFMA PHILLY

Chartered in 1985, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of IFMA has over 300 members and is the leading Facility Management organization in the Philadelphia region. Our purpose is to provide high quality educational programs and networking opportunities for Facility Managers and industry related professionals. We have a vibrant and dedicated Executive Board guiding the chapter and are extremely grateful to our sponsors and volunteers who enable us to achieve these goals for our members, allowing them to stay informed, stay connected and meet career objectives!



MOLD & REMEDIATION EVENT

by Julie Murphy

RestoreCore was honored to host an education session on Mold Remediation for members at IFMA. Plus some fun networking afterwards, never hurts! It is a hot topic and wondering how to do it properly and safely or when to bring in a professional for help is an important skill to freshen up on. The evening started with about 25 IFMA members walking through the doors of RestoreCore, followed by a wonderful presentation by the owner himself, Andy Goldberg. We concluded with a brief tour of the warehouse and networking with folks. Connecting and educating is what IFMA is all about and we were glad to be a part of it.

The presentation gave insight on what is mold, how to remediate it properly and tips to prevent growth at your facility. Members were engaged and asked questions about experiences they have had onsite and different ways of handling it. Every facility is different, but we believe that everyone walked away with gaining some knowledge of a different way to handle the situation, should they ever run into it in the future. Thank you IFMA for providing RestoreCore the opportunity to host a Training and Happy Hour for your members!



What better time than the start of the new year to identify opportunities for improving the efficiency of your operations and develop an action plan?

Getting started with facility improvements ..

Benchmark properties. Analyzing your building's energy use will give you all the data you need to identify ways to optimize your energy use and improve energy efficiency. You can benchmark your properties' energy usage through the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Tool or conduct an energy assessment and use the results to implement energy efficiency upgrades. Consider installing an Energy Management System (EMS), which can yield savings of 20%–30% for lighting systems and 15% for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.[1]

Retro commissioning. Even the most efficient buildings can see energy savings deteriorate over time. In existing buildings, the process of retro commissioning (RCx) is one of the most cost-effective methods of reducing energy use. The retro commissioning process identifies how building operation compares to initial building design and recommends equipment adjustments to improve occupant comfort and to maximize energy savings.



Kickstart Your Sustainability Journey with Energy Efficiency

As the effects of climate change becoming more apparent and more extreme, many companies are developing Environmental, Social and Governance objectives to improve the operations of their portfolios and reduce environmental impact.

Energy efficiency is a core component of sustainability plans because it can help companies achieve near-immediate results and also provide energy saving impacts over longer periods of time. Energy efficient equipment upgrades and retrofits are low-hanging fruit that can instantly reduce energy usage, carbon emissions and energy costs. For example, by upgrading to LEDs you can be using 90% less energy¹ on your lighting.

Longer term benefits for your company can include:

1. Lower operating costs and higher profits - Energy efficiency strategies can reduce energy use by up to 30%^[1]
2. Reduced environmental impact - Commercial buildings account for roughly 18% of total energy consumption in the United States^[2], so even small reductions can account for large impacts
3. Improved reputation - Nearly two-thirds of consumers prefer companies that are transparent about their environmental practices^[3].

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4. Higher employee retention - 75% of millennials would take a pay cut to work for a more socially responsible company[4]

Take Your Energy Efficiency to the Next Level

For companies that really want to set aggressive sustainability goals, strategic energy management (SEM) can be a great opportunity to build energy efficiency strategies into the company operations. Starting with a comprehensive energy audit, SEM helps your team develop long-term energy performance goals by focusing on the systems and processes you already have in place and identifying opportunities to optimize energy usage and maximize energy savings.

To learn how PECO can help you keep your resolution to improve the efficiency of your facility, visit www.peco.com/business, or contact the PECO Ways to Save team at PECOWaysToSave@dnv.com or 866-4BIZ-SAVE.

[1] <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=86&t=1>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364032115013349>
2 <https://news.mit.edu/2013/reducing-wasted-energy-in-commercial-buildings>

[2] <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=86&t=1>

[3] <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forrester/2021/11/12/global-consumers-drive-the-market-toward-sustainable-retail/>

[4] <https://sustainablebrands.com/read/organizational-change/3-4-of-millennials-would-take-a-pay-cut-to-work-for-a-socially-responsible-company>

Pop-Up

HAPPY
HOUR



**Our members came out and
enjoyed some cocktails,
food & networking at
Bahama Breeze in KOP for a
pop-up happy hour on 2/2!**



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IFMA Members,

Welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 year of the IFMA Philadelphia Chapter! I hope this is the year that we see our lives and work places get back to normal. A “new normal” for sure! I am honored to be your President for the coming year. First, I want to thank Kayla for the last two years and all that she has done to breathe new life into our Chapter! The Board and all our Committee Chairs and co-chairs are ready to make this a very exciting year filled with education, tours, our fabulous golf outing in October and many more exciting opportunities to collaborate and engage with our facility managers and sponsors.

This year we want to hear from you. What do you need from us? What can we do better? Go ahead, lay it on us, we can take it! Are there specific things you want to learn; places you want to tour? Please send your notes to our chapter administrator, Bridget Schalki, at bschalki@barrhorstman.com.

Now for the really big questions - how can we get you involved? We need volunteers to support our Chair people. We need help with events. We would love you to get involved in any way. Please reach out to me at Cdteears@yahoo.com or our Vice President, George Courtney, at gcourtney@hpplans.com.

In closing, I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Your Philadelphia chapter is planning a lot of fun this year. Get involved, be a part of the fun, let your voice be heard and most of all become a vital part of the chapter and serve!

Colleen Teears

President

IFMA, Greater Philadelphia Chapter

How to become an IFMA Member

To join the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of IFMA, you must first join IFMA National by selecting a membership category and then adding a Chapter Membership from the Alphabetical list of Chapters (under “G” for “Greater”).

You may also decide if you want to become a member in one of the National Councils, a Community of Practice, or subscribe to IFMA’s *FMJ* (Facility Management Journal) magazine. These additional memberships and subscriptions are optional.

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NELSON PRESENTS: WELLNESS STRATEGIES IN THE WORKPLACE

Our February program was held at NELSON Worldwide Philadelphia office who are an award-winning firm delivering architecture, interior design, graphic design, and brand strategy services that transforms all dimensions of the human experience, providing their clients with strategic and creative solutions that positively impact their lives and the environments where they work, serve, play, and thrive.

Amy Leigh Mason (Lead Interior Designer) presented Wellness Strategies in the Workplace to the attendees focused around the concepts of the WELL Building Standards.

The International WELL Building Standards believe buildings should be developed with people's health and wellness at the center of design. The WELL Building Standard takes a holistic approach to health in the built environment addressing behavior, operations and design.

WELL is a performance based system for measuring, certifying and monitoring features of the built environment that impact human health and well-being, through air, water nourishment, light, fitness, comfort and mind.

WELL is grounded in a body of medical research that explores the connection between the buildings where we spend more than 90 percent of our time, and the health and wellness impacts on us as occupants. WELL Certified Spaces can help create a built environments that improves the nutrition, fitness, mood, sleep patterns and performance of its occupants.

Special thanks to Mark Todaro, Studio Director at Nelson for his support and assistance in coordinating this program

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HAPPY HOURS



Please join us at **one of three** amazing locations for a pop up happy hour on Thursday March 30th from 5pm to 7pm

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Yard House

160 N Gulph Rd.
King Of Prussia

Seasons 52

2000 Route 38, Suite 1145
Cherry Hill, NJ