



Northeastern Chapter News

January 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dan James

We are entering into a new year and with a new President and Vice President. I have enjoyed six wonderful fulfilling years as your Chapter President. I feel it is time to pass the position on so others may bring in new ideas and allow them to enjoy the rewards that can there within the organization being Chapter President and Vice President. I am still in the executive committee as the State Treasurer and plan to continue to be very active within the organization.

We had a great meeting in November at Methodist Hospital, with RSD giving a presentation on Fire Smoke Activators, it was very informative. Thank you RSD and Methodist Hospital for your support.

We elected chapter officers for 2010-2011. Charles Witcher was elected President. Dave Lockhart was elected Vice President. Franc Blackbird was re-elected as chapter Secretary/Treasurer. The officer elects will be sworn in at the January meeting at UC Davis Med Center. Let's all plan to be there to give the chapter and the officers for the next two years your support.

We had a great Holiday Party. Lots of good food, the White Elephant gift exchange provided many laughs and I believe all had a great time. Thank you, Morris and Franc for your efforts in getting this together.

Our meeting this month will be held at UC Davis Medical Center on the 20th when we plan to organize this years meeting places and presentations. If you are interested in hosting a meeting or giving a presentation please be there to give your input as the selections are made.

Remember we want the presentations to be educational and non product or firm specific.

I want to welcome our new members noted in the list below. Welcome to the organization and the Northeastern Chapter.

Again I would like to thank all of you for your support during my time as your Chapter President.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tom Hawkins
ATACCON

Hadi Janbakhsh
Dept of Veteran Affairs

Aaron Lester
Stafford King Wiese Architects

Dan O'Donnell, Jr.
Mercy General Hospital

Simi Rossi
Shriner's Hospital for Children

Bob Weisenberg
Turner Logistics

Ian Williams
Barrish Pelham & Associates, Inc.



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ELECTIONS FOR 2010-2011

The chapter election was held at the November 18, 2009 meeting and the following officers were elected for the 2010-2011 term:

President: Charles Witcher
UC Davis Medical Center

Vice-President: David Lockhart
Kaiser Hospital

Secretary-Treasurer: Franc Blackbird
Blackbird Associates, Inc.

The Installation of the new officers will take place at the January meeting. Thanks to Mike Lewis and the nominations committee for their great work!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

One would think that a conversation about combination fire and smoke dampers would be a real snoozer, but this was certainly not the case at the November meeting at Methodist Hospital. Steve Linn of Belimo made a presentation on dampers and actuators that made us aware of the risks with these devices. First, smoke is the number 1 killer in fires and there is an average of five healthcare facility fires per day in the US. Second, many of the especially older dampers and actuators just don't work! And because there are always so many of these devices in a hospital building, bringing them up to best performance is a very big job and will involve OSHPD. Steve's advice: Start with understanding the damper and the building code thoroughly before considering a damper actuator replacement and consult with OSHPD prior to performing the work.

Attendees:

Clyde Patterson, Bill Finney, Charles Witcher, Pat Derickson, Rick Shepard, Dan James, Billy de Haan, Tyler Rohach, Steve Speyer, Brian Bloker, Eric MacGill, David

Lockhart, Tracey Seals, Mark Rosson, Annette Wimmer, Kevin Vandervelden, Morris Gee, Robert Ball, Mary Engel, LeMone Green, Bonnie Mock, Les Doll, Ron Parr, Greg Schnable, Jesse McKenna, Tim Drainville, Franc Blackbird, George Moore, Stacy Strickland, Herb Knieriem, Helen White, Britt Mason, Pete Plessas, Brendan Keely, Rodney Fjeld, Mike Blixt, Gabriel Singh, Bill Zellmer, Keith Demaray, Walt Bringman, Tony Moddesette, Mike Lewis, Kyle Deane, Anthony Gagliardi, Kevin Yuen, Elisa Hansen, Terra Mccourt, Simone Alger, Steve Street, Jodi Clem, Aaron Lester, Bruce Clark, Malou de Guzman.

2009 HOLIDAY PARTY!



Britt Mason with his favorite gift (although he wasn't able to take it home).

60 folks attended this year's Holiday Dinner at the Holiday Inn, downtown Sacramento. We tried something new this year and held a White Elephant gift exchange which turned out to be a lot of fun. The raffle prize table was heavily loaded with gifts from all of the Affiliates.

In recognition of the hard work of our members, Chapter plaques and \$25 cash were awarded to the following members:

- Leadership: Dan James
- Behind the Scenes Support: Morris Gee
- Advocate: Tony Moddesette

Congratulations to you all! Good job!

Thanks to Morris Gee for orchestrating the Holiday Dinner.



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Chapter Meeting – January 20, 2010

Sign in and mingle at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

2010 Chapter Meeting Planning Work Session

Draft Calendar of Events

Date in 2010	Activity	Location-Host	Speaker-Topic	Sponsor-Contact
January 20	Chapter Meeting	UCDMC - Witcher	2010 Planning Work Session	Carsten's Yearly Analysis – Lunde
March 17	Chapter Meeting			
April 15-16	Annual Institute	Newport Beach State CSHE		
May 19	Chapter Meeting			
Friday June	Chapter Golf Tournament			
Friday July	Chapter BBQ	Barton Memorial Hospital?– Belli		
September 15	Chapter Meeting			
October	No. Ca. Seminar	Concord		
November 17	Chapter Meeting			
December 8	Holiday Party	Holiday Inn Sacramento		

Meeting location and dinner hosted by Charles Witcher at
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER
 Facilities Support Services Building
 4800 2nd Avenue, Sacramento

Raffle sponsored by Carsten's Yearly Analysis

RSVP for dinner via email
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 before January 15

Please invite potential members to join us!

