



## Newsletter

November 2011



### Letter from the President, by Charlie Fraim

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are now ready to head into another year. Our first meeting was on October 12<sup>th</sup> and the turnout was around 110 attendees. Our program sponsor for the evening was Marjorie Goodman and Chemsearch who provided an excellent presentation on "Odor Control Through Bio-Augmentation". Thanks to Marjorie and Chemsearch for their continued support of CASHE and our education program.

The Seminar as always was another great success and a huge thanks to Bill Swaggerty, Jeff McBride and the seminar committee for coordinating and implementing such an excellent event. It takes a lot of hours and hard work to put a seminar together and the committee focused on providing our members with a great education program, networking and entertainment.

Well, as I said at the last meeting board elections will be starting right after the first of the year, so now is the time to start thinking about what you can do to support CASHE. Why not run for a position on the CASHE or the CAB board you won't be disappointed being a board member. At the end of my Presidency I will have 8 years on the board and me found it very rewarding dedicating my time to such a wonderful and professional organization. I look forward to seeing some new members running for a position on the board.

Our next meeting is at the Hunt Valley Country Club, look forward to seeing everyone there. .

"Until the foot of Broadway wears shoes"

*Charlie*

### General Meeting Information

**YOU MUST RSVP BY 12:00 PM ON THE DAY BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING.**

**USE THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE**

**RSVP LINK.** <http://cashe-md.org/register/login.php>

<p><b>Date:</b> November 09, 2011  <b>Location:</b> Hunt Valley Country Club  <b>Sponsor:</b> EBL Code Consulting Group  <b>Speaker:</b> Karl Houser  <b>Topic:</b> Introduction to NFPA 13 for Facility Managers (Fire Sprinkler Systems), interfacing with fire sprinkler contractors for new or renovated spaces.</p> <p>You must be a member in good standing or a guest of an attending member in good standing to attend a General Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Time:</b> 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm- Social Hour, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm- General Meeting, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm- Dinner</p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Free</p> <p>CASHE Healthcare Members - Free,  CASHE Associate Members - \$35.00,  CASHE Member Guests - \$50.00,  <b>Now pay using the PayPal.</b></p>
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### New Pay pal, by Bob Decker

All CASHE members may begin paying for General Meetings using the new PayPal on the web site. You will still need to RSVP so we will have a head count for the meeting. **PayPal does not RSVP.** PayPal only processes payment. It will also give you a printable receipt.



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## New CASHE Members, by Joyce Malone

Scott	Baker	Eneractive Solutions, LLC	Associate
Bill	Holaday	Convergent Technologies Design Group	Associate
George	Logan	Flexco	Associate
Jose	Martinez	Bright Paint Décor, LLC	Associate
Kelly	Overlander	ACIA	Associate
Jack	Taft	Clark Construction	Associate
Mike	Miller	Life Bridge Health	HealthCare



## CASHE Membership information

The 2012 Annual membership invoices have been mailed out. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Joyce Malone to confirm your membership information is correct. Anyone that doesn't return a membership renewal form with full payment to Joyce Malone before February 01, 2012 will no longer be a CASHE member and be required to reapply as a new member.

Visit our website @ <http://www.cashe-md.org/membership.php> for membership information


- New Membership
- Membership Renewal

## Events & Activities by Bill Swaggerty & Jeff McBride

<u>Christmas Holiday General Meeting</u>  Date: December 14, 2011 Location: Oak Crest 8800 Walther Blvd. Parkville, MD. 21234 Sponsor: CASHE	<u>Golf Tournament</u> Date: 05/21/2012 Location: Hunt Valley Country Club Registration: 8:30 
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## Education

### \*\*\*ASHE position on CMS Proposed Rule (October 21, 2011)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule October 18, 2011, that could affect many ASHE members and save hospitals across the country billions of dollars. The rule would revise the Medicare Conditions of Participation, which hospitals must follow to qualify for reimbursement from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The rule seeks comments on whether CMS should adopt the 2012 edition of NFPA 101: *Life Safety Code*®, an edition that is closer than previous editions to the International Codes often used in health care construction. If the 2012 edition of the *Life Safety Code* is adopted, hospitals would face fewer costly instances of conflicting codes. ASHE supports the adoption of the 2012 edition for the reasons outlined in [this position statement](#). 

\*\*\*The above article was provided by ASHE, With 10,000 members, ASHE is the largest association devoted to optimizing the health care physical environment. As a trusted industry resource, ASHE is committed to our members, the facilities they build and maintain, and the patients they serve.

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**NFPA 2012 code changes** by Lennon Peake, P.E.,

There are several new requirements with have entered the 2012 Editions of NFPA 101, NFPA 99, and NFPA 25 which will have substantial impact on health care facilities. Most of the new requirements detailed below are beneficial to facilities:

- Sleeping suites are permitted up to 10,000 sq ft depending on the level of sprinkler protection and smoke detection. The number of intervening rooms no longer limits travel distance requirements within a suite.
- Converting a sprinkler protected patient room of less than 250 sq ft to a storage room no longer triggers the requirement for a 1-hour enclosure.
- The 8 ft clear width of corridors is permitted to be reduced to 6 ft for fixed furniture and 5 ft for wheeled equipment provided the fire safety plan addresses the relocation of the equipment.
- Sprinkler protection is not required in closets of patient sleeping rooms of 6 sq ft or less; however the sprinkler spacing in the patient room must cover closet area.
- The 48-inch separation between corridor projections is no longer required provided corridor is a minimum of 6 ft wide. This means no more citations for having a phone mounted on a corridor wall within 48 inches of a wall mounted workstation.
- Two releasing operations are now permitted on doors serving an area with an occupant load of three or less. This means no more citations for an office or restrooms having a deadbolt separate from the door latching hardware.
- Clarification that signage is permitted in lieu of an interrupter gate where an exit stair extends below the level of exit discharge.
- Emergency Departments, pediatric, and maternity units are no longer permitted to be secure for the clinical needs of the patient. The units must meet the locking requirements detailed for specialized protective measure of patients.
- Alcohol based hand rub dispenser quantity limitations are no longer required to include dispensers located in rooms separated from the corridor. Therefore it will be very challenging to exceed quantity limitations.
- The amount of time a fire protection system is out of service before requiring a fire watch has been increased from 4 to 10 hours.
- A second means of egress from a suite is permitted to be a horizontal exit or exit stair.
- An operating room is now classified as a wet location unless a risk analysis is performed which determines it is a dry location.
- Stairs used as accessible means of egress must have 48 inches clear width between handrails. The sprinkler exception reducing clear with to 37 inches has been removed from the Code.

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**Educational Fund** - Don't miss-out on free tuition reimbursement.

The CASHE Board is pleased to announce that we have educational opportunities for our members and/or their staff. Healthcare members interested in learning new "Trades" skills and/or members who have staff interested in learning new "Trades" skills are encouraged to submit an application to the CASHE Board of Directors for review and consideration. Education opportunities are available in the areas of Plant Operations, HVAC, Controls, & Electricity.

**Application Criteria**

Any member of CASHE can apply and/or nominate a current healthcare worker for the program; the nominee does not need to be a CASHE member.

**The criteria to be selected are as follows:**

- Must be working in Healthcare.
- Must be a reliable hard working employee.
- Must be someone that shows motivation to improve their skills.
- Must be willing to complete the class with a passing grade.

Any non-CASHE member who successfully completes the training will be eligible to join CASHE without paying the application fee.

Follow link to website and reimbursement form. <http://www.cashe-md.org/education.php>

Contact: [stephen.adams@erickson.com](mailto:stephen.adams@erickson.com) or any CASHE Board member for additional information or submit an application for education reimbursement.

**CASHE Newsletter & Website Information**, by Stephen Adams

Please contact Steve Adams @ email:stephen.adams@erickson.com with important member information, articles, promotions, relocations, revised employee or employer information, and Healthcare Facilities Job Opportunities.