




Newsletter

December 2011

General Meeting Information

YOU MUST RSVP BY 12:00 PM ON THE DAY BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING.
 USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO RSVP. <http://cashe-md.org/register/login.php>

<p>Date: December 14th, 2011</p> <p>Location: Oak Crest 8800 Walther Blvd. Parkville, MD. 21234</p> <p>Sponsor: CASHE</p> <p>RSVP Link: http://www.cashe-md.org/register/login.php</p> <p>Directions: see link below http://www.ericksonliving.com/ourcommunities/ocv/ocv_drivingdirections.asp</p> <p>Time: 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>Parking: Free</p> <p>CASHE Healthcare Members - Free, CASHE Associate Members - \$35.00, CASHE Member Guests - \$50.00,</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>
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New Pay pal, by Bob Decker

All CASHE members may pay for any CASHE membership, meetings, or event, using the new PayPal on the CASHE 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.



STAY SAFER OUT THERE
 PayPal protects your financial info and purchases from checkout to delivery.

Letter from the President, by President, Charlie Fraim



Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. Our November meeting had one hundred and five attendees. Our program sponsor for the evening was EBL Engineering at the Hunt Valley Country Club. Karl Houser presented the Introduction to NFPA 13 for Facility Managers (Fire Sprinkler Systems), and interfacing with fire sprinkler contractors for new or renovated spaces. Thanks to Karl and EBL Engineering for their continued support of CASHE and our education program.

The December meeting will be held at Oak Crest Village so please RSVP early because this meeting usually draws around 200 members and guests. It's a great time of year for everyone involved with CASHE to get together, enjoy fellowship and a joyous time. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Well, you know I can't help myself, but my years of dedication to CASHE won't let me stop reminding you about the upcoming Board elections taking place right after the first of the year. Now is the time to start thinking about what you can do to support CASHE. I know I sound like a broken record, but trust me being a board member is very rewarding. If you are interested in becoming a Board member and would like to know more about it, please call me and I will tell you about the various positions and their level of responsibility plus answer any questions you may have.

So, in closing, on behalf of the CASHE Board of Directors we would like to wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season.

Merry Christmas and happy Holidays to all.

"Until the foot of Broadway wears shoes"

Charlie

New CASHE Members, by Vice President, Joyce Malone



Caryl	Mason	Interfinish Flooring	Associate
Candice	Testerman	Comm-Tronics, Inc.	Associate
Karen	Wanner	Siemens Industry, Inc.	Associate
Scott	Jones	Phigenics, LLC	Associate
Terri	Gavin	Mona Electric Group, Inc.	Associate
Jennifer	Eisenach	Aerobiology Laboratory	Associate

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 Calendar of Events

by Bill Swaggerty & Jeff McBride

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: January 11, 2012 • Location: Town and Country 2319 Hammonds Ferry Rd. Baltimore, Md. 21227 410-247-5100 • Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm • Sponsor: StorageLogic of Maryland, Inc. hosted by Dawn Atwood • Topic: The topic is: Designing Acute Care Environments with "Point of Need Storage." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: August 2012 • Location: Oak Crest • Time: • Sponsor: • Topic: Crab Feast 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: February 08, 2012 • Location: TBD • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: • Topic: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: September 04,05,06,07 ,2012 • Location: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD, 21842 • Time: Registration @ 6:00Pm • Sponsor: Associates • Topic: Seminar 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: March 14, 2012 • Location: TBD • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: • Topic: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: October 10, 2012 • Location: TBD • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: TBD • Topic:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: April 11, 2012 • Location: TBD • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: • Topic: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: November 14, 2011 • Location: Oak Crest • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: EBL • Topic:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: May 09, 2012 • Location: TBD • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: • Topic: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: December 14, 2011 • Location: Oak Crest • Time: 4:30pm • Sponsor: CASHE • Topic: Holiday Party 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: May 21, 2012 • Location: Hunt Valley Country Club • Time: Registration @ 8:30am • Sponsor: Associates • Topic: Annual Golf Tournament 	


Education

***ASHE - <http://www.ashe.org>

Electronic-Eye Faucets in Health Care Facilities (April 7, 2011)

Recent news stories about the potential for a higher occurrence of *Legionella* spp. in electronic-eye faucets may be raising some concern among infection preventionists and clinical staff in many health care organizations. The information being publicized came from a limited investigation of water faucets conducted by the Johns Hopkins Hospital and presented at the 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) in Dallas on April 2, 2011. A link to the Johns Hopkins Medicine press release on the subject is provided in the [full ASHE Regulatory Advisory](#).

In light of the passion health care staff members have for protecting patients from infection, there may be a rush to recommend removal of electronic-eye faucets from health care facilities. However, because the Johns Hopkins study found no actual infections or disease transmissions (the information about *Legionella* came simply from culturing of the faucets), ASHE is recommending that ASHE/AHA members await more information on the Johns Hopkins investigation before removing electronic-eye faucets. Making wholesale changes to faucets before more is known about the science of the investigation, its evidence has been peer reviewed, and experts have had a chance to develop a well-thought-out course of action could cause more harm than good.

ASHE and the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) are working to prepare an article providing perspectives on the publicized Johns Hopkins Hospital study. Please watch for this article, which will be posted here on Monday, April 11. (Read the [full ASHE Regulatory Advisory](#) )

***THE ABOVE ARTICLE WAS PROVIDED BY ASHE,

WHY JOIN ASHE?

For more than 50 years, the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has been the advocate and resource for continuous improvement in health care engineering and facilities management.

ASHE addresses a broad spectrum of issues related to the health care industry and the facility management profession. Join today, and see for yourself why 10,000 of your peers and colleagues view ASHE as their source for the latest information on industry trends and developments.

ASHE'S DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP

- Architects
- Clinical/biomedical engineers
- Consultant engineers
- Contractors
- Facility management professionals
- Health care construction managers
- Health care design professionals
- Infection control practitioners
- Maintenance engineers
- Plant management services
- Safety/security professionals
- Support service personnel

ASHE supports the health care engineering profession and health care industry by keeping members informed about the issues and challenges that face health care organizations today.

ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

ASHE is your source for direction on key issues affecting the health care engineering industry. Membership gives you a voice and represents your needs as a health care facility professional. Through representation on various regulatory and standard-setting bodies, ASHE is involved and takes the lead in finding ways for hospitals to deliver the highest quality care in the safest facilities in a cost-effective manner.

ASHE advocacy actions include:

- Reengineering NFPA 99: *Standard for Health Care Facilities*
- Survey on EPA-Proposed Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines
- Defeating NFPA's proposal for annual testing of fire and smoke dampers

CODES AND STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

Experienced ASHE staff sort out the myriad of codes and standards that affect your facility. Often, people think the solution to every compliance issue is to spend more, but ASHE knows that isn't always possible and helps you discover the best way to demonstrate compliance. There is no "right way," and ASHE provides you with a variety of tools and resources to help you choose the best option for your facility.

ASHE sources for codes and standards compliance include:

- Ask ASHE, the "members-only" question-and-answer source for compliance
 - A Web-based resource library
 - Codes and standards alerts
 - ASHE resource personnel
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AN INFORMATION SOURCE

Whether it's through publications, e-newsletters, conferences, or ashe.org, ASHE keeps you informed about issues that have an impact on you and your facility. When an important issue arises, ASHE is there, turning myths into reality. ASHE interprets the facts in the simplest terms and provides you with information and resources to help you resolve the issues facing your facility.

ASHE sources of information include:

- *Inside ASHE*
 - *ASHE Insider, Building Health, and Career Flash*
 - ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition
 - International Summit and Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC)
 - Topic-specific education programs
 - E-Learning programs
 - DVDs
 - ASHE on Facebook
 - ListServ
 - Management Monographs
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PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

When you accept a position, it is important for you to continue to grow both personally and professionally. But with long hours, time becomes a valuable commodity and it is not always easy to find the time to build your professional portfolio. To help you stay on track, ASHE has developed a number of programs to help you build your professional portfolio, maintain your commitment to personal growth, and recognize your accomplishments.

ASHE sources for personal and professional development include:

- Senior and Fellow designations (SASHE/FASHE)
- Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) credential
- Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) credential
- VISTA Award
- Crystal Eagle
- Emerging Regional Leader
- Excellence in Facility Management

In today's world, ASHE membership is more important than ever. For less than \$2.50 per week, you get one source for the information you need, when you need it.

ASHE MEMBER BENEFITS

- *Inside ASHE*, our bi-monthly, web-based, member magazine with cutting-edge articles on today's issues and the emerging trends of tomorrow
- *ASHE Insider*, our weekly e-newsletter featuring short articles with links to information about issues of interest
- *Career Flash*, a weekly list of job opportunities nationwide
- *Building Health*, a weekly newsletter focusing on PDC trends and issues
- Monthly Advocacy Update and special Alerts, important information about issues that affect you as a health care worker and consumer
- Exclusive access to members-only resources on www.ashe.org:
 - ASHE conference presentations
 - Digital *Inside ASHE*, including an archive of past articles
 - White papers
 - Member directory with access to more than 10,000 colleagues and peers nationwide
 - ASHE Pages, an online buyers' guide to industry service providers
 - *Ask ASHE*, a resource for code and compliance issues
 - *ListServ*
- Priority notification from ASHE on upcoming programs, important alerts, and industry news
- Preferred pricing on conferences, seminars, products, and services available through ASHE
- Subscription to *Health Facilities Management* magazine

Don't delay; sign up so you can reap the benefits of ASHE membership!

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 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.