



# The Whistle

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Greetings everyone: this is the first of four articles I will write to the membership as the 2014 State President. First and foremost, I want to say I am proud and excited to be leading such a diverse and knowledgeable group as the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association. In the years I have been a member of this organization, I am always amazed at the amount of knowledge and experience displayed at every

meeting; you are truly the best at what you do! I am very excited to be working with an excellent and engaged Board of Directors this year, and I extend my thanks to each of you for all you do.

## *The President's Corner*

**SCOTT McCORMICK, CHE, CHFM, CHSP**

I would like to recognize Norm Epps, CHE, CHEP, your State Vice President, who graciously stepped up and took the reins as VP when asked to do so. He has taken on his role with vigor and is doing an awesome job—thank you, Norm! I would also be remiss if I didn't recognize our Immediate Past President, David Kovacs, CHE, who won the 2013 ASHE Emerging Regional Leader Award and did an outstanding job of setting up a committee to increase membership statewide for FHEA. This is paying dividends in increased membership in all districts! In other ASHE related news, our candidate for the Emerging Leader Award this year is John Willingham, CHE, FHEA past president, and currently serving on the board as Codes and Standards Chair. Congratulations and good luck, John!

The 30th FHEA Spring Meeting is being held this year May 8-9, 2014 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Sandestin, FL. We have secured a talented and informative faculty that I know will bring you the latest information to help us all in our trade. Once again, Alethea Vitray, your Executive Director has done a wonderful job of setting up, planning, and scheduling this event

which has quickly sold out the designated 35 vendor tabletop spaces. I don't know what we would do without her.

For all you golfers out there, don't forget the 7th Annual Spring Meeting Golf Scramble this year; it is being held nearby at the Indian Bayou Golf Club in Destin. As always I can't thank Greg Hodgson enough for his work in putting together another successful golf outing. The Sandestin area provides access to some of the most beautiful beaches in Florida as well as great dining venues and incredible shopping; I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Be sure to save the date for our 52nd Annual Meeting and Trade Show set for September 22-24, 2014; we are returning to the Hilton Orlando again this year. Rest assured we are already looking ahead to make this year's FHEA meeting, held jointly for the 18th year with the AHCA Seminar, to be

one of the best ever. We have secured George Mills with the Joint Commission to speak at this year's meeting and will look to him to provide an excellent learning opportunity for everyone.

In my membership renewal letter I mentioned the CHE certification and the advantages and ease of achieving this designation. One of my goals this year is to increase the number of members with the CHE certification. In 2012 we had 32 CHE's, in 2013 we had 36, and so far this year we are already up to 39. I would love to see more applications at the next board meeting and really get the number up! Remember the CHE application can be found in the "Forms" section of FHEA.org website. In today's competitive world, this certification shows both your employer and any prospective employer, your dedication to education and to achieving and maintaining a high standard of proficiency and professionalism in the healthcare engineering field, and we all know every little bit helps.

Finally I would like to say thank you to Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson and Rick Zurich for their help to the board as we begin laying the groundwork for taking more responsibility for the AHCA seminar. I also would like to reiterate how proud I am to be your state president and look forward to this year with great anticipation!

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## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014

#### A.M.

- 8:45 7th Annual Golf Scramble  
Indian Bayou Golf Club  
Destin, Florida

#### P.M.

- 2:00 Early Registration  
4:00 Board of Directors Meeting (*Jasmine*)  
6:00 Hospitality Suites

### FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014

- A.M. Meeting Room: *Magnolia ABC*

- 7:00 Registration/Table-Top Displays/  
Continental Breakfast

- 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions  
– Scott McCormick, CHE, CHFM, CHSP  
FHEA State President

- 8:30 **“Retro-Commissioning in Hospitals” - part I**  
– Ed Tinsley, PE, LEED AP, CEM, CHFM  
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- 9:15 **“Retro-Commissioning in Hospitals” - part II**

- 10:00 Break/Table-Top Displays

- 10:30 **“Arc Flash Safety Training**

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- 11:15 **“New EPS Moisture Guidance Document”**

- Pete Laird, Project Manager and  
– Mark L. Smith, VP Florida Operations  
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- Noon Luncheon (*Azalea 1&2*)  
– visit Table-Top Exhibits

#### P.M.

- 1:15 **“Have You Accepted the CMS  
Life Safety Code Waivers?”**

- Wayne Klingelsmith, CHFM, FASHE  
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- 2:00 Questions & Answers  
Closing Comments/Evaluations  
Door Prizes

- Scott McCormick, CHE, CHFM, CHSP, President  
2:30 Adjournment

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ONE IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES:

37 EPSS "POINTS OF FAILURE" OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY DESIGNERS AND INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS

## Remote Manual Stop Stations in Emergency Power Supply Systems (EPSS)

—Dan Chisholm, President – MGI Consulting

**Q** Our fire inspector just gave us a pink slip because we didn't have an emergency shut off for our generators. Is this valid?

**A** Yes, if the inspector is citing NFPA 110. NFPA 110, 5.6.5.6 states: *"All installations shall have a remote manual stop station of a type to prevent inadvertent or unintentional operation located outside the room housing the prime mover, where so installed, or elsewhere on the premises where the prime mover is located outside the building."* An appendix item at A-5.6.5.6 suggests: *"For systems located outdoors, the manual shutdown should be located external to the weatherproof enclosure and should be appropriately identified."*

Recently we performed a post-mortem on multiple generators located in a single room where an exhaust silencer exploded on one generator. The explosion occurred during a load bank exercise because an accumulation of unburned diesel fuel ignited in an improperly designed exhaust system.

After the explosion the wounded generator continued to run and filled the room with 400°F exhaust, activating the sprinkler system, which in turn watered down all generators, which were producing medium voltage current.

When the technician on duty peered through the switchgear window into the generator room all he could see was dense smoke and water accumulating on the floor, engines, control panels and alternator. A decision was made not to enter the room to shut the engines down at the control panels, as the room was now over 150°F, and "electric". The technician also made the decision to turn off the fuel oil supply (FOS) valve, which was fortunately located outside the generator room.

Unfortunately he also closed all fuel oil return (FOR) valves, which immediately disabled several engine components resulting in diesel fuel spewing from two engines and mixing with the sprinkler water. This mixture flowed into the floor drains and from there into the great beyond where the

local EPA become involved. The generators continued to run until the fuel supply was depleted. Eutectic valves in the FOS may have helped in other scenarios, but since they would have been located only one foot above floor level, it is unlikely they would have helped much in this instance.

Remote manual stop stations have now been installed (one for each generator) in the switchgear room, and staff education programs put in place for maintenance and testing protocols.

*Dan Chisholm, President – MGI Consulting: Dan has provided Emergency Power Supply Systems (EPSS) consulting services to over 1500 healthcare facilities. Dan serves as a member of the National Fire Protection Association's Technical Committee responsible for NFPA 110, Emergency and Standby Power Systems and the Electrical Section of NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities while also serving as a primary emergency power consultant to the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) and the Department of Defense.*



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**May 8, 2014 – Indian Bayou Golf Club**

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