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Change. We can feel it in the weather, fall is upon us. We have seen changes in the Joint Commission Environment of Care standards for 2009 that are reflected in change in our daily operations and in our preparations. There are numerous new challenges and changes for us in they way we do business.

AHCA's 80% inspections for construction projects will disappear soon due to budget constraints. So how will this decision affect us? AHCA feels this choice will have the least

The President's Corner

DAVE PALMER, CHE, PRESIDENT

impact on patient safety. However, with this change, we now need to raise our levels of responsibility and become more diligent in our quality control procedures, paying closer attention to life safety requirements and building codes. I look forward to the information that Skip Gregory, Bureau Chief with AHCA, will bring to the group later this month at the meeting portion of our Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

I would like to also remind you that October

20th -26th we celebrate National Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week . This is a time to recognize our staff and peers for their contributions in maintaining a safe environment for us all.

In this time of economic instability we are all facing an ever changing business world. Soon we will elect a new President for our nation. Change again. We trust this will be a positive change for us all. We are affected personally and professionally by these types of decisions.

I embrace change and will step forward positively as I anticipate our 46th Annual Meeting and Trade Show held in conjunction with AHCA's 24th Annual Seminar, October 27-29, 2008 at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. We have a full educational program on Wednesday that I think will be both exciting and informative. Our theme follows the changes for the future in making green profitable.

Once again we will have a full complement of products presented by our Supporting Members in a sold out Trade Show.

I am also looking forward to the AHCA seminars October 27th and 28th on Monday and Tuesday. I hope to see everyone there. In closing, I leave you with this thought. "*Change is inevitable, growth is intentional*" —Glenda Cloud.

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District Update

6th Annual “Pick a Bone with AHCA” is biggest ever *Elimination of 80% Inspections a topic of concern for many*

The 6th Annual “Pick a Bone with AHCA” meeting was the largest to date, with 84 members, supporting members, and guests in attendance. Skip Gregory, NCARB, Bureau Chief of AHCA Office of Plans and Construction, was the guest speaker at the September 19th FHEA District 2 meeting.

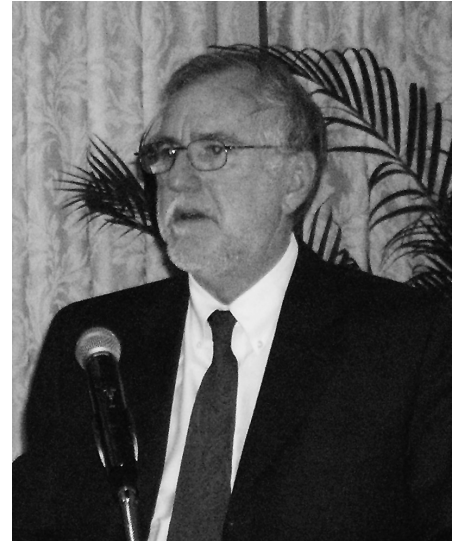
Once again the meeting was generously hosted by Harvard Jolly Architecture and TLC Engineering for Architecture. The meeting was held at the San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville, ensuring a beautiful setting and a delicious menu for the luncheon.

Skip’s overview of the 2008 changes in codes and standards took up much of the hour, but he also addressed the subject which is of significant concern to many

— the elimination of 80% inspections due to budget cuts. The consensus of those in attendance was that this change will result in schedule delays and increased costs, with some predicting a compounding effect with further losses in revenue. In subsequent comments made after the meeting, other participants expressed doubt about whether AHCA will see substantial savings, foreseeing both lengthier final inspections, and repeat final inspections becoming necessary.

Skip was not unsympathetic, but emphasized that this change was a “done deal.” Some FHEA members suggested that changes be made to AHCA’s budget structure that would allow hospitals to ‘pre-pay’ for inspections.

Feedback received from the at-



Skip Gregory, NCARB

tendees indicate that many feel the 80% inspection elimination will have a large negative impact. We expect the dialogue to continue at the FHEA Annual Meeting at the end of October where further action can be decided upon.

We extend our appreciation to Alethea Vitray, executive director, for attending the meeting. We are especially grateful to Skip for taking the time to speak to us and give us a preview of upcoming changes. The annual “Pick a Bone with AHCA” meeting has grown in reputation and the opportunity it affords us for learning, fellowship and networking is invaluable. We look forward to doing it again next year: there’s even talk of adding a golf game after the meeting.

Thanks to David Kovacs, Florida Hospital Flagler, for providing this report.



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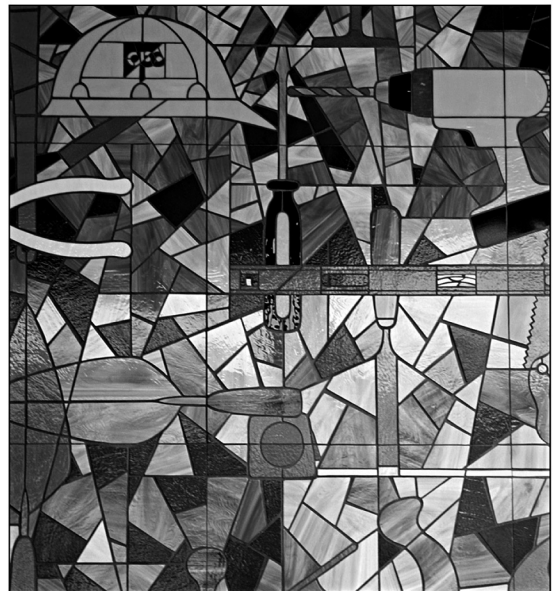
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- 7:00 Registration
7:15 CHE Breakfast (Salon 16) (Hosted by Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.)
7:30 Continental Breakfast (Hosted by Walbridge)
8:30 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
—David Palmer, CHE, FHEA President
8:40 **“Going Green - Opportunities for Healthcare Facility Managers”**
—Lee E. Martin, AIA, LEED AP, VP and Sr Mgr of FL Operations & Peter D. Cappel, Vice President, Gobbell Hays Partners
9:30 **“2008-09 Emergency Management Program Standards - The Challenges and Solutions for Healthcare Engineers and Safety Officers”**
—Garry M. Walsh, President, Health Technology Systems, Inc. and Hospital Policy Net, Inc.
10:15 Coffee Break
10:45 **“Green Building and Sustainability for Healthcare Professionals”**
—Paul A. King, VP, Sustainability Executive, Bovis Lend Lease
11:30 **“Finding the ‘Right Fit’; Sustainable Healthcare Facility Design, given competing initiatives; Fiscal Viability and Emergency Preparedness”**
—Ted W. Mallin AIA, ASHE; Managing Principal, ENVISION Architects
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- 1:30 **FHEA Annual Business Meeting**
— **ASHE Report**, Ralph C. Graham, Jr., ASHE Region 4 Representative
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— **Q&A on 80% Inspections - Skip Gregory, AHCA Bureau Chief**
— Committee & District Reports, Elections, Awards
— Final Door Prizes (Sponsored by Smith Seckman Reid)

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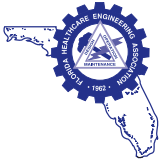
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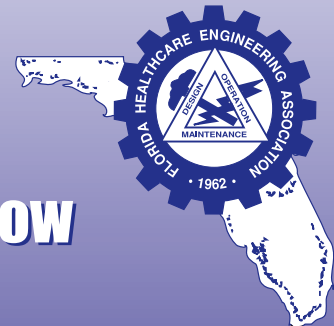
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