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First of all I would like to say that I am very honored to serve you as your State President. I look forward to an exciting and challenging year of service.

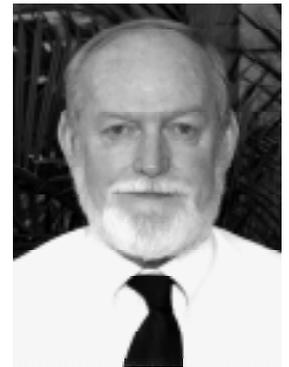
Our first Board of Directors' meeting was held in Orlando on February 3, 2006 and was well attended by each District's Board members. Several of our standing Committees have a new Chairman; they are as follows:

Certification: Dino Gavazza
Codes & Standards: Rick Zurich
By-Laws: Mike Barrow
Education: Richard LeChance
ASHE Liaison: Norm Johnson

I want to thank each one of these gentleman as well as the rest of this year's Board, and I look

know, Shelburn and Rita have been the backbone of the FHEA since 1989/90. This will be a major challenge, but I am confident the committee is up to the challenge.

I would like to encourage all members to get off the bench and get active in their district. We need new members at all levels, with new ideas and creative thinking. I urge each of you to complete your application for Certified Healthcare Engineer (CHE); it is well worth your time and effort.



Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson, CHE

The CHE credential also has its rewards as being recognized by your peers and administrators as evidence of striving for a higher level of professionalism—and by the way, it also saves

you money on the Spring and Fall meetings!

As most of you are aware, this year's ASHE meeting will take place in Boston, Mass. on July 9-12. They have an outstanding educational program planned along with many activities, and Boston is a great historical place to visit. I will be attending, and I hope to see you there.

In closing I would like to give special recognition to this year's Board of Directors. With five former State Presidents serving, added to a number of talented up and coming leaders, this board shares a combined 150+ years of healthcare experience. I am looking forward to a productive year.

Sincerely,

Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson, CHE
President

The President's Corner

forward to working with all of them.

Our 22nd Annual Spring meeting is right around the corner, and will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in beautiful Destin, Florida on May 19, 2006. All of the table top exhibit spaces for vendors were sold out as of March, and the rooms are going fast. If you have not registered or reserved a room, you must do so soon, as they will also be sold out. The Destin area is a beautiful place to spend an extra day or weekend, so bring your family and enjoy the area. Spouses will just love the large outlet mall near the hotel. And as always, our educational program will be both interesting and educational.

With all of that said, we have many tasks for this year's Board to accomplish. An Executive Search Committee has been formed to search for, recruit and interview our new FHEA Executive Director to follow the retiring Shelburn Wilkes. As you all

Welcome New Supporting Members

The following have joined our growing ranks since our last issue of "The Whistle."

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District I's Supporting Member of the Year earns praise



Gulf Power accepts "Supporting Member of the Year" honors from FHEA during a presentation on March 13, 2006.

Bottom: Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson presents plaque to Susan Story.



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**Shelburn M. Wilkes, CAE
Executive Director**

FHEA aids Katrina victim

In Katrina's aftermath, FHEA District I responded by reaching out to one of its own—a healthcare engineer in Mississippi who experienced devastation. Following is the correspondence to the chosen recipient, Hank Wheeler, and his response which describes the progress in rebuilding his hospital and home as of the beginning of January 2006 when the letter was written.

To: Hank Wheeler
133 Poinsettia Loop
Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571

From: David Gooden
1 Monroe Regional Medical Ctr.
1500 SW 1st Ave.
Ocala, FL 34474

Dear Hank,

After Hurricane Katrina hit, Florida Healthcare Engineering Association District II decided to help one of our own in need.

We asked Mark Smith with ASHE if he could find someone deserving whom we could help.

Your experiences preparing for, encountering, and then dealing with the aftermath were incredible to hear. FHEA District II is pleased to present you with a check for \$1,000.00 to help you with your losses due to Hurricane Katrina.

Our thoughts will be with you and we hope that you will let us know how you are doing with your recovery efforts both at home and work.

Sincerely,
David Gooden
FHEA District II
President

7 January 2006

David Gooden
1 Monroe Regional Medical Ctr.
1500 SW 1st Ave.
Ocala, FL 34474

Dear David:

This letter is to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the kindness and generosity of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association on my behalf. I am overwhelmed and humbled by your kind and caring gesture. I will apply the \$1000.00 you sent toward the replacement of some of the tools and equipment I lost at my home due to the flood.

The following information is provided to bring you up to date on recovery efforts both at the hospital and my home:

Hospital: The hospital received approximately 3-1/2 feet of water throughout the first floor (approximately 80,000 SF) which of course housed everything of significant value and generated revenue. With a lot of help from our vendors, an outside contractor and hard work by our staff, including the nurses and clinical support staff (they did all of the painting), we were able to reopen our Emergency Department on the 5th of October; 25 patient care beds on the second floor on the 28th of October; Surgical Services to include two operating rooms and all support elements on the 27th of December; and OB will open on Monday 9 January with four LDR's to get us started with dealing with the impending population explosion also credited to Hurricane Katrina.

We have also replaced two x-ray rooms, nuclear med equipment, and our new CT scanner is due to arrive on Monday, 9 January.

Home: I haven't had much time to focus on it due to the items mentioned above. My wife and I purchased a comfortable 5th wheel camper that we are living in temporarily. We are living behind the hospital as our neighborhood is still in pretty rough shape in Pass Christian. Our home is repairable as it received approximately 18 inches of water in the first floor. I should mention however, that it is constructed on cement block columns and the first floor elevation is 23 feet above sea level, to give some perspective on the amount of water we received. Just enough to ruin appliances, furniture, etc. on the first floor of the house and of course anything stored under the house was submerged. This included a 1969 Camaro, a boat, a golf cart, a riding lawn mower and lots of wood working tools that unfortunately the flood insurance does not cover. I am making some progress on getting the house cleaned out and preparing it for re-assembly. Hopefully by the end of the summer we will be able to get back in the house.

I want to again express my appreciation for you and your association's kindness. If I can be of assistance in any way possible, please let me know. I am willing to share our experience with anyone interested, hoping that it might assist in updating preparedness plans and preparations.

Sincerely,
Hank Wheeler

Plan AHEAD

22nd Spring Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2006

Embassy Suites
Destin, FL

Scheduled Speakers:

Roofing...What You Must Know

Larry Rauptis
Roofing Technologies, Inc.

Patient Safety and Infection Control

Tyler Dillon & Kim Battles
Bovis Lend Lease

NFPA 99

Tim Adams, ASHE

Moisture and Mold Management

Pete Cappel & Anita Stevens
Gobbell Hays Partners, Inc.

Hurricane Panel - A Follow-Up

44th Annual Meeting & Trade Show

Nov. 6-8, 2006

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
Orlando, FL

Vendor packets
will be mailed
before Memorial Day.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION

DIRECTOR, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - Glenwood Springs, CO — Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, CO, a 2004 Solucient Top 100 Hospital. This position will be responsible for the engineering and environmental services departments. Three or more years' experience as supervisor or manager is required with healthcare facility management experience preferred. Bachelor degree in related field is preferred. Excellent compensation and benefits package including relocation. For immediate, confidential consideration forward your resume to mbiles@vvh.org or visit our website at www.vvh.org.



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