



City and Country Clubs Council of IFMA

Dear Fellow City & Country Club Council Members:

As the autumn leaves are falling, I would like to update everyone on some achievements the Council has made, activities that have been planned and also highlight an upcoming webinar. In addition, I would also like to reflect on our 2018 annual meeting as well as notify you about some exciting developments for the 2019 meeting.

The Board of Directors continues to work diligently with IFMA and CMAA to further our relationship as an allied association of CMAA. We have asked John Rimer, one of our sponsors and the instructor we have used for our CFM program, to offer an education program at the 2019 annual CMAA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The topic he will be presenting is: Sharing the load – leveraging a Facility Manager to Develop & Deliver Projects. Some of our board and past presidents plan on attending the CMAA Conference next year to again get our Council on the expo floor and provide current information to the attending club managers about our Council and its benefits.

The board would like to thank our Membership Committee Chairman, John Hemrick, for his work in this field. John is ably supported by Joe Davis (Texas), Eric Dewitt and Stewart Schutz. We need more people to participate in this committee. The more we can get other members involved, the less work for each person. As the Council grows we all benefit through expansive knowledge from all. The board would also like to thank Glenn Pearson for taking on the role of Education Committee Chairman. Please take some time to connect with the [next webinar on Tuesday, October 23](#) as our good friend and mentor Kevin MacDonald presents: Leader Lead Thyself! Many thanks also to IFMA's April Tone for being such a helpful and positive addition to our group. I personally would like to thank Steve Ballard and Willie Arce for their

dedication and for continuing to be vital cogs in the council's present and future plans.

This is a good opportunity to thank our gracious host at this year's annual meeting, David Taylor of The Country Club of Orlando. For those of us that travelled from the northern regions, I can assure you the Florida sunshine was a wonderful and very welcome tonic in late February! David was an excellent host as was all of the staff at the Club and a special thanks to their General Manager, Richard LaRocca, who made it possible for us to be there. One of our sponsors, Online Energy Manager, gave a fascinating presentation on how to reduce energy costs on large A/C systems. John Rimer guided us through the finishing stages of the IFMA Certified Facility Manager studies. As usual, there was a really good exchange of real world knowledge between our Council members and instructor. Congratulations are in order as two of our finest, Rex Wilson and John Hemrick, successfully passed the CFM exam during the summer months. Well done gentlemen!

And now for something completely different The 2019 Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium will take place at the Dude University convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The dates are May 5 – 8. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event which is held in conjunction with Dude Solutions. As a board, we are very enthusiastic about an event that provides educational sessions, networking and an introduction to Club life in North Carolina. I sincerely hope you consider joining us for this landmark event. You will shortly be receiving a registration package and we encourage all to sign up as early as possible.

In closing, I would like to thank our Past President, Rex Wilson, for his dedication in taking over the reins from former President, Willie Arce, a little over three years ago. Rex contributed on so many levels it would need another page to note all of his accomplishments. Perhaps his greatest achievement was being the driving force behind the launch of the sponsorship program. In addition to being an advocate for the growth of the Council, Rex is a remarkable individual and we are proud to have his continued support at board level. A big thank you also to fellow board members Dan Lowry, Nick Crim and David Taylor.

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