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Message From Your President

As I look back on the past year, I see events filled with joy, sadness and controversy. I guess 2011 is comparable to every other year!

In April, millions of people around the world watched the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton. It was like a fairytale, capturing the attention of people of all ages. We had TV's set-up in our cafeteria and many people stopped by to catch a glimpse of this history (in addition to millions of people who were up incredibly early to watch this event!). As facility managers, I think we have a special understanding of all that was required to put this event together.

In October, we learned of the death of Steve Jobs, a brilliant person whose life was much too short. I was really blown away by his life story and the impact that he had on the business community and Apple. He died within days of the release of the iPad 2, probably holding on as long as he could to fulfill this final project. That in itself is pretty remarkable. Steve's innovations and the follow-up of his competitors have forever changed the way we communicate with each other both within and outside the workplace.

As we move into winter weather, I have to wonder who would have expected a foot of snow in New England in October, followed by November, which broke records for warm temperatures? Being from Boston, I can only say how much I appreciated the warm month of November, highlighted with a beautiful Thanksgiving Day on which to watch high school football games and travel to visit with friends and family. Hurricane Irene certainly will be remembered for the biggest hurricane this year – and I am lucky that I missed it by one week during my Outer Banks vacation. A friend, who traveled to the Outer Banks the day I returned home, was not as lucky as she and 15 other family members were evacuated from their vacation two days early! And although earthquakes are not uncommon for some of our members, I think that August was the first earthquake that I ever remember to hit the east coast. While most of us were fortunate enough to avoid the repercussions of these events, they were stark reminder that in the facilities world we always need to be prepared for the unexpected.

The opening speaker for IFMA's World Workplace in October was Bjorn Lomborg. His presentation was based on his book **Cool It: The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming**. If you missed this event and are interested in global warming, I would highly recommend reading his theories. His views are both unconventional and interesting and sparked a lot of conversation throughout the Phoenix Convention.

I would like to thank all of the Legal Industry Council members who attended our annual meeting during World Workplace – both in person and via phone. This was a great brainstorming session that really brought our group together to help plan for the coming year. In 2012, I look forward to distribution of our 2nd benchmarking survey, Facility Fusion in Chicago (April 11-13) and World Workplace San Antonio (October 31-November 2). We also have some great ideas for webinars, as well as some articles in future newsletters

that highlight some recent projects of our members.

2011 has been a year of a lot of controversy on many levels, including strikes with the NFL (which luckily were resolved) and the NBA (which were resolved, but unfortunately very late); a possible shutdown of the Federal Government – and the Occupy groups camping out in cities across the country to express their views of corporate greed. Regardless of what is going on, I hope that our members experience moments of peace, compassion, kindness and joy. Wishing all of our members and their families a very happy holiday season!

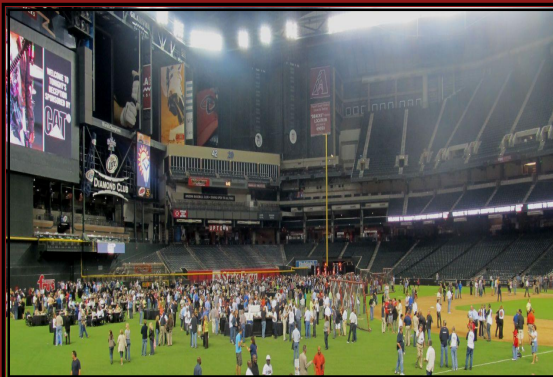
Legal Council at World Workplace 2011



World Workplace 2011 Welcome Reception at Chase Field.



Council president Holly Evers, Angela Chatham and new LIC members Ernie Casas & Carol Monzon (both from Irell & Manella) at World Workplace 2011 Welcome Reception at Chase Field Chase Field.



World Workplace 2011 Welcome Reception on Chase Field.



Mina Mourelatos, Holly Evers, Noel McNulty, Steve Rothmund, April Liggons, Pat (Donna Baker's sister), Harry Ludwig, Carol Monzon, Angela Chatham, Ernie Casas, Donna Baker, Barbara Adams at the LIC council dinner.



Education Track for Legal FM's at Facility Fusion 2012

From April 11th to 13th, IFMA will be holding Facility Fusion 2012 in Chicago. The Legal Industry Council is very excited about this event and has created a customized track specifically targeting the concerns of Facility Managers at law firms.

If you register by March 2, you will be eligible for a nearly 30% discount on the cost of the conference. The educational opportunities, along with the chance to network with your peers, will really make this a special event. Check out <http://www.ifmafacilityfusion.org> for more details.

Below is a preview of the special LIC Track:

Day 1:

- 10:00 – 11:00am – Contract Attorneys: How FM's in Different Industries are Answering Similar Challenges
- 1:30 – 2:30pm – Leadership & Management: Building your Professional Presence
- 2:45 – 4:00pm – Legal Industry Hot Topics (Part 1)

Day 2:

- 9:30 – 10:30am – Sustainability & Facility Management
- 2:15 – 3:15pm – The Future of the Law Firm Office
- 3:45 – 4:45pm – Best Processes & Quality: Building a Bridge (Change Management)

Day 3:

- 8:00 – 9:00am – Secrets for Developing Your First Strategic Plan
- 9:15 – 10:30am – Legal Industry Hot Topics (Part 2)
- Free Session

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Upcoming Events

Facility Fusion 2012

April 11-13, 2012

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
Chicago, IL

World Workplace Asia 2012

July 26-27, 2012

Singapore
Raffles Convention Centre

World Workplace 2012

October 31– November 2, 2012

San Antonio, TX

Please join us on LinkedIn!

The IFMA Legal Industries Council has launched a new LinkedIn group for Facility Managers at law firms. This group is open to professionals only, and is a good way to network with individuals who may be responsible for Facilities at law firms, but are not yet official members of the LIC.

Please go to the link below and join our group.

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4146485&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr



E-mail Joseph Geierman with any questions, thoughts or suggestions at
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There are 3 websites containing a wealth of information that is useful to Legal Industry Council members. Below is an outline of each.

Legal Industry Council - www.ifmalic.org. Member login for everyone is username **ifmalegal** and password **legal77**. This site provides information specific to the Legal Industry Council including:

- Member directory (allows you to look up members by name, organization or city)
- Minutes of Legal Industry Council board meetings
- Legal Industry Council Newsletters
- Listing and contact information for Legal Industry Council officers
- Treasurers reports for Legal Industry Council
- Resources (upcoming and past webinars, meetings, resources and publications)

We have recently been cleaning-up and organizing this website. If you notice anything to be changed or have suggestions for information to be added, please contact Charlene Fisher, cfisher@cgsh.com.

IFMA – www.ifma.org. This is the main website for IFMA members. This website allows you to see everything from IFMA, including education, resources, chapters and council information.

IFMA's On-Line Community – www.ifmacommunity.org. This is the site most commonly used to post messages to the LIC members (questions or seeking information).

Log-in Information for IFMA & the On-Line Community

IFMA members now have the ability to manage their own passwords at www.ifma.org/py. Your logon ID is most likely your 6-digit member ID number, which can be found on your membership dues renewal statement. To manage your password, click on "Forgot my password." You will then be asked to enter your user name (this is your member ID number). After you click "submit," you will receive an email containing a link that will allow you to reset your password.

Don't know your member ID number? No problem! Click on "Forgot my logon." You will be asked for your email address, name and postal code (the postal code/zipcode needs to match the code you used when you signed up for IFMA membership). You will then receive an email with your logon and user name. Use the logon sent to you and follow the instructions above to reset your password.

Each of these websites has great information for our members. If you have any questions about these websites, please contact Holly Evers, hevers@foleyhoag.com.



Legal Industry Council—Online Community

TIPS FOR NAVIGATING:

After your first login, you must subscribe yourself to the council postings to activate email deliverability to all council postings, similar to the listserv. You are not automatically subscribed to email delivery.



1. Log in to <http://www.ifmacommunity.org>
2. Click on **Forums** on the top left menu tab
3. Click on **Forum Subscriptions** (located on the left hand side of the page, under Shortcuts)
4. You can then change the default setting from not receiving subscriptions to receive postings via email. Click under the **Subscription to "YES"** (to receive postings by email similar to the listserv) or **"NO"** (which means you will need to login to the IFMA Online Community to view the discussions) The subscription's default setting is "NO" in order to change it to "YES" simply click on the "NO".

TIPS FOR POSTING & REPLYING TO QUESTIONS:

1. To **reply** to emails that you receive, you can post your responses (just like the listserv).
2. If you would like to **post a new message/question** to the Legal Industry Council Online Community without having to login to IFMA Online Community, just send your email to this email address for your specific council, lc.council@ifmacommunity.org. This will allow for you to post and reply by email, similar to the listserv tool we were using.

Legal Industry Council Web site

Click here: <http://www.ifmalic.org/>

Check out the LIC Web site for the latest information on conferences, officers contacts and much more!

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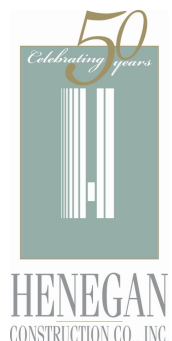
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