

Fall 2023 Newsletter

Greetings to All IFMA Saskatchewan Affiliates!

THE PRESIDENT'S BOILER ROOM

Hello IFMA members, I would like to thank Jordi for taking on the role as our Communications Director and developing our inaugural issue of the Chapter Newsletter.

In September I was fortunate to attend IFMA's 2023 World Workplace convention in Denver. I am pleased to report out on a few items of interest. IFMA has seen a steady increase over the past couple of years, in particular those members with the FMP designation, this group has nearly doubled over the past 6 years. Also, those with the SFP and CFM designations had an increase over the last several years, so there are now over 24k members from 138 countries. There are several emerging trends to watch coming up, they are PropTech, AI & Generative AI, Climate Change, Circular Economy, ESG Reporting and Wellness & Wellbeing. Stay tuned for information on these items from IFMA. Research and Benchmarking is well underway and currently IFMA has 28 projects that are in the works. Some of them are 9 Reports, 11 Webinars, 6 FM Doctor Web Series, 22 Presentations and 5 Videos, so keep a lookout for updates on these projects.

I will end with a quote that was shared at World Workplace.....

AN IDEAL FACILITY MANAGER.....

"An ideal facility manager must have Aristotle's logic and Solomon's wisdom, a priest's discretion and a gambler's poker face, a lawyer's shrewdness and a marketing director's charm, a gladiator's guts, a marathon runner's perseverance and a sprinter's speed, a leatherneck's toughness and a dancer's agility, lots of good luck and 30 hours per day"

Craig Senick, President

We extend a warm welcome to our dedicated IFMA Saskatchewan members and friends. As we transition into the vibrant season of fall, time for sweater and bunny hug weather, we're excited to bring you the latest updates and activities from our chapter. In this edition, we'll cover key developments, introduce our 2023 board members, recognize outstanding volunteers, and highlight upcoming events that promise to enrich your experience within our community.

1. Introduction to IFMA Saskatchewan: Expanding Horizons

IFMA Saskatchewan is committed to bringing the essence of Facility Management closer to our local community, facilitating more significant engagement within the province. We're proud to

announce our recent name change from IFMA Regina to IFMA Saskatchewan, reflecting our broader representation of professionals across the entire province. Our current membership stands at 52 members, a slight decrease from 54 in June, but we're confident that our refreshed identity will attract even more dedicated individuals in the coming months.

This newsletter highlights the upcoming activities of this chapter to engage and motivate other members and organizations in our province and making them participant and spread the knowledge of the existence of this specific to Saskatchewan IFMA chapter to highlight the value that the FM sector provides to the Prairies communities.

2. Meet the Chapter's 2023-2025 Board Members

Join us in welcoming the dedicated individuals guiding our chapter:



- Craig Senick, President IFMA Saskatchewan

With over 15 years experience in the Facilities industry, Craig has worked in different roles since joining the City of Saskatoon in 2008, first as a Building Inspector then in 2010 joining the Facilities Department as the Superintendent of Offices eventually moving on to the role of Facilities Manager. Craig currently manages the maintenance and operations portfolios in the Offices and Program Sections, consisting of 67 sites totalling over 2.2M square feet. Along with the role of IFMA Saskatchewan President, other roles include the President of the City of Saskatoon Exempt Staff Association and Board Director of the Saskatoon City Employee's Credit Union



- Cindy Brown, Past President

Cindy is an interior designer with 40 years of experience in the Regina market and across Canada. Cindy is a Principal with the Buildings Group for Stantec and the Regina Office Leader. Her role as President of the Saskatchewan Chapter of IFMA has recently changed to Past President, as she welcomed Craig Senick to the President's role.

- Michael Zummack, Vice President

With over 20 years experience in the Facilities industry, Michael has performed many roles including Network Specialist, Occupational Health and Safety, planning and design, and maintenance and caretaking. Michael has been working in the education sector for over 15 years and is currently the Manager of Facilities, IT and Transportation Services.



- Roseanne Zaleschuk, Treasurer

Before Facility Management, Roseanne was a leader in Sales, Customer Service, and Support from previous positions in retail, insurance, and IT. In 2014, Roseanne went to school to pursue Power Engineering to utilize her interest in hands-on learning and troubleshooting skills. In 2016, she started her career with the City of Saskatoon, and soon moved up into roles of Resident Building Operator overseeing multiple buildings including Arenas for the municipality.

Roseanne's comprehensive skill set includes project management, operations oversight, and technical proficiency in areas such as equipment maintenance, safety protocols, and regulatory compliance. With a strong foundation in facility management, she transitioned to Training Coordinator to ensure the safety, functionality, and efficiency of facilities staff. In 2019, Roseanne completed her IFMA designation and is now Treasurer of her local Saskatchewan Chapter.

- Audrey Kuehn, Membership Chair/Regina Liaison



Audrey has been in the Property Management industry for over 23 years with McCOR and its predecessor companies since 2000, holding several positions within the organization. She is a registered Salesperson in Property Management with SREC, has attained an RPA designation with BOMI, and has been on the local IFMA Board for over 12 years. She has extensive experience in managing office, retail, and industrial properties throughout Saskatchewan. She has strong leadership and mentoring skill and manages over 750,000 square feet of the Saskatchewan portfolio.



- Blair Alderton, Saskatoon Liaison

For more than 40 years, Blair Alderton has worked diligently to reduce risk while creating opportunities in the built environment, mostly in portfolios with aging infrastructure. During this time, he has worked in both public and private sectors across Western Canada, learning, growing, and applying fundamental and innovative FM philosophies that have benefited many organizations. Blair is currently Executive Director, Technical Operations and Asset Management for Innovation Saskatchewan working with a team of dedicated subject matter experts to help grow the tech sector in the province.

- Danielle Wyshynski, Director



Danielle has 11 years' experience in the facilities industry. With a background in Power Engineering, Danielle has also spent time in the oil & gas sector, where she gained experience in project management and commissioning major projects. In her current employment, she has worked in building operations and maintenance scheduling/planning. Presently, she manages the operations of 10 facilities, consisting of roughly 970, 000 sq. ft. of space, with the City of Saskatoon. Danielle is a member of PEMAC and is a certified Maintenance Management Professional (MMP). She holds the Facilities Management Professional (FMP) certification with IFMA.

- Wilson Carcamo, Secretary



With 22 years of experience in the Facilities, Hospitality and Residential Property Management Industries, Wilson has a wealth of experience in many different types of organizations. He managed Residential Property in Saskatoon looking after over 900 doors; Executive Housekeeper with Saskatoon Inn; Executive Director of Facility Operations with Regina Lutheran Homes and is currently, since 2016, Director of Facilities Operations with Saskatoon Community Clinic. In his role at Saskatoon Community Clinic, he looks after 3 aging buildings; manages the Facilities Staff; hands on, on many projects; OHS Employer Chairperson. In his free time Wilson likes to spend time with his family, ride his bike, karaoke, go to the gym and gather with friends.

- Jordi Llargues, Communications Director



With 21 years experience in the Facilities industry CFM® and SFP®, Jordi has taken diverse roles from leading engineering operations and health and safety to workplace consulting, energy, and strategic FM in several sectors like hospitality and the healthcare industry. Managed maintenance portfolios of 25 hotels (business and leisure) in various countries in Europe and a 520.000 square foot office campus. BAYER employee since 2007 and member of the Admin. Executive team in Spain & Portugal for 10 years. Nowadays focused mainly on deploying and defining Corporate Real Estate ESG strategies. He works in BAYER Canada, resides in Saskatoon, and acts globally as Portfolio ESG Sustainability strategy coordinator, being part of a Global Corporate Real Estate team.

We are grateful for their commitment to the growth and success of IFMA Saskatchewan.

3. Recognizing Outstanding Volunteers

During our September 2023 AGM, we had the pleasure of recognizing the exceptional contributions of **Don Holmes and Stefanie Ewen**. Their dedicated time and volunteering efforts

have significantly promoted IFMA within our chapter and across the province. We express our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering support.

4. Upcoming and Past Events

4.1 IFMA World Workplace, Denver U.S

IFMA World Workplace event. This global gathering took place in Denver in late September and is a must-attend for facility management professionals. Six members from our province registered for this event. World Workplace offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers, learn from industry experts, and explore the latest trends in facility management.

4.2 In-Person Tours in Q4 2023

Join us for exciting in-person tours in the fourth quarter of 2023: [See details](#)

- **Regina:**
- **Co-operators Place:** The Co-operators will provide us a tour of their recently renovated head office.
- **Date and Address:** 1900 Albert Street in Regina on Oct. 19 at 3 PM
- **No cost**

- **Saskatoon:**
- **Saskatoon Water Treatment Plant:** Explore the expansion of this essential infrastructure, providing clean and safe drinking water to our city.
- **Date and Address:** Oct 26th at 2 PM, please provide ID details to facilitate your entry
- **Attending details:** PPE Required, check [IFMA Sask website](#)
- **No cost**

4.3 Virtual Conferences

Our IFMA Sask. community is open to the world and looks out of the province to engage other professionals keen to share their knowledge with us. Save the date for outstanding virtual and free of cost conferences ahead in late October and early November. [See details](#)

- **November 2nd 10 AM:** webinar with [Wayne Whitzell](#), FMP, SFP LEED®AP, BEP, GBO, How to Manage Narcissists, Naysayers and Know-it-alls. Hosted by the Toronto Chapter. [Register](#)
- **November 16th 12pm** The importance of problem-solving by [Grant Sommerfeld](#), **CST:** Join us for an insightful webinar by Grant Sommerfeld, <http://www.sommerfeld.ca/>, a recognized member of the IFMA Calgary board. He will discuss as a core deliverable in any FM strategy. [Register](#)
Problem-solving is at the heart of effective facility management, ensuring seamless operations and enhanced user experiences.

- **December 5th, 2pm CST [Henry Massey](#):** Learn from Henry Massey, **IFMA WE (Workplace Evolutionaries)** <https://we.ifma.org/> . Henry is an executive leader who will enlighten us about the digitalization state of the art in facility management and the transformative potential the **Metaverse** has in shaping user experiences in FM. Henry is a pioneer in the field, and his insights will be invaluable.

Understanding digitalization and the Metaverse is crucial for staying at the forefront of facility management and enhancing user satisfaction.

- **Early January - Date TBD: Reconciliation and Facility Management Indigenous Considerations in Buildings:** We are preparing for an upcoming virtual event in coordination with the Manitoba chapter. As is a key topic to us we want to do it well so **stay tuned for more details.**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) are essential aspects of facility management, ensuring equal opportunities and inclusivity for all.

In a hybrid and remote world, we want to make use of it and raise awareness of our networking with other IFMA Canadian chapters. If you have contacts interested in knowing what's going on in the vibrant and innovative Saskatchewan business ecosystem, which is far away than just flat ☺, let them know about our activities or virtual conferences or put them in contact with us.

Don't forget subscribing to our IFMA Saskatchewan chapter with your IFMA annual base membership.

Our **webinars** will be announced through other Canadian IFMA chapters too. So, spread the voice everybody. Members and non members are welcomed and **to join us or contact us for details of events.** The only way to grow this group is by including each other!

We look forward to your active participation in these enriching events and endeavors. Stay connected with IFMA Saskatchewan, and together, let's elevate the field of facility management in our province.

For more information and updates, please contact us at: ifmasask@gmail.com

Thank you for being a valued part of IFMA Saskatchewan!

Best regards and stay warm, winter is coming...

Jordi Llargues, Communications Director IFMA Saskatchewan Chapter

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