In one long night, workers deck the terminals of Bush Intercontinental Airport to lift spirits of harried travelers

If Santa Claus and his nine reindeer (counting Rudolph) can do it in one night, so can a team of 65 contract and airport workers decorating Bush Intercontinental Airport. It took them 14 1/2 hours. Article

CALL FOR PAPERS

The value of the AIRFC is our ability to learn from each other, share ideas and spark debate.

- Are you working on a unique or challenging project that you would like to share with your peers?
- Are you developing or have recently developed a new technology, theory, or practice that would be helpful managing and maintaining airport constructed assets?
- Are you planning a new and/or innovative development at your own airport that you would like to share?
- Do you have views on a current or emerging issue affecting our industry, which you would like to discuss?
- Are you involved in a project that has brought beneficial results that others can learn from?

Please complete the Call for Presentations Form (Link Below) and submit to ellen.crews@woolpert.com by January 15, 2020

SUBMISSION FORM
Greetings Fellow Facility Managers:

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to Work! I’m sure everyone is off to a fast start planning your projects, protecting your airfield and preparing for those upcoming FAA inspections. Life is pretty hectic here as well but I’d be remiss if I didn’t take a moment out to review the successes of 2019!

It was a heck of a year. 2019 ended with us having 191 Members! Among them were 41 members (21%) that call places other than the United States home, 73 of our members (39%) have obtained some kind of facilities professional designation (CFM, FMP, SFP) that’s twice the typical IFMA average which comes close to 18% of membership being certified. This statistic is especially reassuring since I know how complex airports are as a place to work, we need every advantage when it comes to training to enable us to succeed in solving the onslaught of issues that are common occurrence in operating an airport.

You should also be aware that our industry as a whole is doing terrific! Passenger enplanements for the third quarter of 2019 were up again by a solid 4.5% in the U.S. driving a hefty 21.5% increase in profits over the previous year. In fact, this translates to $4.6 Billion in increased profits for U.S. Airline passenger travel for third quarter alone, if you annualize that number for profit growth you can see pretty quickly the year wasn’t too bad.

That being said, the year wasn’t without its challenges, the increases sought for Passenger Facility Charge (PFC’s) didn’t get fully funded. But don’t cry in your beer just yet the FAA did approve over $3.35 Billion 2020 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds; so we won’t run out of money for your facility projects anytime soon. Other challenges for 2019 included new legislation prohibiting the use of our #1 firefighting agent AFFF (Aqueous Film Foaming Agent) by October 2021. This means our ARFF teams have to adopt an alternative that’s equally effective at smothering fires for a similar price point (easier said than done). And then everyone knows of the highly unfortunate situation with Boeing and I’m sure we all pray for the families and a solution to those issues. Another area that Airport Facility Managers will undoubtedly grapple with in 2020 includes the installation of Biometric units which have been so helpful in speeding up security check point processing but it now appears Congress has introduced legislation that would restrict its use due to concerns from customs and border patrol.
Building efficiency had a great year, in fact Congress passed the “Building Efficiency Act of 2019” authored by Congressman Jim Longevin which delivers tax incentives of 3.3% of the total construction cost for projects that design into them energy efficiency measures that save 40% or more. Statistics have also been published showing that buildings with higher efficiency systems rent and sell for 30% more than non-efficient structures. IFMA was instrumental in getting this law passed and introducing the world to ISO 41000. This new world standard provides guidance for establishing and measuring the effectiveness for facility management organizations worldwide.

Climate change has become an important topic internationally and one of our own IFMA Fellows, Kathy Roper (who literally wrote the book on “Facilities Management”) has authored a new book: “Climate Change” which attempts to assist FMs in navigating the risk and rewards of mitigating the effect of changes in our climate cycles on buildings and showing us how to better design and maintain buildings for the trends being seen.

World Workplace was a big success in 2019, attracting over 4,500 attendees and 280 vendors and business partners. The weather was terrific and getting to spend quality time with our colleagues was fantastic. By the way, our very good friend and former IFMA Council President Mike Riseborough was crowned “IFMA Fellow” at Workplace; wow, how cool is that!

I’m looking forward to another great year. Spring Conference has been scheduled for March 4th-6th so mark your calendars to meet us in Houston, Texas and ride the mechanical bull (smile). Houston’s a beautiful city with great food, tons of history and whole lot of western charm... you don’t want to miss it.

So let’s make it a date, I’ll see you in a couple of months, meanwhile enjoy your 2020 and I wish you much success throughout the year.

Happy Problem Solving!

John
John Means, CFM
IFMA Airport Council President
From: Council Vice President  
Troy Donahue  
City of Houston – Houston Airport System  
Houston, TX

Date: January 2020

Re: Airport Facilities Council Spring Symposium 2020 – March 4-6.

I realized our annual spring conference is just around the corner. In fact, it’s only 52 days away. The conference will bring together people from all different geographical areas who share a common discipline or field and is a great way to meet new people in your field. As you build your professional network, you will be in a good place for meeting people in your field that you haven’t connected with in a while.

You will hear a lot about things in your field that will be new to you or renew best practices. These could be new techniques, new types of equipment, unpublished data, or learn from thought-leaders or vendors that you may not have previously heard of.

We will also have round table discussion, talking about what you do with a variety of people from similar, related and/or completely different areas of study gaining knowledge or different angles of tackling common situations.

Join us this coming March; you will get a chance to meet one of the founding Airport Council members, hear his and senior HAS leadership initiatives for HAS future, tour some of Houston Airports areas. We have a special surprise for our night out on the town. We have limited seating for the event so sign up early!

The Houston Airport System and the Airport Facilities Council of IFMA welcomes you

Troy Donahue
Spring 2020 AIRFC Council Meeting
March 4th - 6th

Host Airport: Houston’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport

Registration: Airport Council Spring Registration 2020
Cost: $275.00

- Hotel: newly remodeled Holiday Inn Houston Intercontinental Airport, room block rate $85.00 per night
- Link to Reservations please note **booking code is IFM*** or if you call the front desk you may tell them you want to book under the IFMA Conference

What will you get out of the meeting:

- Networking with Airport FM’s from around the world
- Town Hall – where you can bring questions and issues you face to the floor to be answered by your peers
- Educational Sessions – topics that are focused on airports
- Facility Tour

Spring Registration Form
2019 Annual IFMA Credential/Educational Support Award

GENE FRAZIER

The Airport Council awarded its first such reimbursement in 2019 to Gene Frazier, Superintendent of Airport Facilities Management at Tallahassee International Airport. Gene is working toward his SFP, the Sustainability Facility Professional credential, via IFMA’s self-study program.

2020 Annual IFMA Credential/Educational Support

The Airport Facilities Council’s IFMA credential/educational support program is intended to promote participation by and support for Council members who desire to further their careers through IFMA-provided credential education programs. The IFMA website (www.fm.training) lists numerous opportunities for classroom, online, and self-study courses. The Council is offering its membership the opportunity to improve their facilities management skills by providing reimbursement funds to support those pursuing one of IFMA’s credentials making them stronger contributors to their respective organizations.

The IFMA credentials – FMP, SFP, and CFM – are intended to help individuals advance their careers; stand out from the competition; provide recognition for such achievements; and of course, the coursework leading up to will help individuals gain valuable professional knowledge.

Eligibility Requirements for FY2020:

• Must be an Airport Facilities Council member for the preceding year;
• Must submit proof of enrollment (IFMA receipt) in at least one of the IFMA-provided preparatory education programs, whether provided via online, at a face-to-face formally organized classroom offering, or self-study. There are fees associated with each credential prep program and these fees vary.
• Must submit proof of education course completion or successful passing of the certification exam (credential award).
• Must comply with the Council’s guidelines.

Email Deadline is Midnight of 31 March 2020. Email to shantel.woods@houstontx.gov

Tuition Reimbursement Form
Autonomous Vacuum Sweeps CVG

"At CVG, innovation is not a buzzword; it's a way of doing business the new normal of advancing talent and technology deployments," said Brian Cobb, Chief Innovation Officer of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG).
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