2020 WSSHE Virtual Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition

“Managing Health Care Facilities in Extraordinary Times”

October 21 – 23, 2020
Virtual Conference

Conference Agenda

**Wednesday, October 21:**

10:00 – 11:00AM  **WSSHE Board of Directors Meeting**

10:00 – 4:00PM  **“Pop – In” Technical Exhibition**

12:30 – 1:00PM  **Opening Ceremony & President’s Welcome**

Clay Ciolek, WSSHE 2020 President

Clay will open the Conference and will provide us with a “State of our Union” for WSSHE in 2020 – a most extraordinary year.

1:00 – 2:00PM  **Keynote Presentation: Case Studies from the Field – How Washington State Health Care Facility Managers are Responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Kevin Kajita – Director of Support Services, Evergreen Health – Kirkland, Washington

Peter Smeltz – Facility Manager, Providence Everett Medical Center – Everett, Washington

Glenn Faulkner – Director of Facilities Management, Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital, Yakima Washington

These three facility management leaders were at the epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic as it impacted hospitals. Learn from their experience how they are responding to provide a safe, supportive environment for patients and staff during this extraordinary time.

Session Moderator: Phil Kercher

2:00 – 2:10PM  **Conference Break**

2:10 – 3:00PM  **Health Facilities Regulatory Update – from both the State and National Perspective**

John Williams, Manager Construction Review Services – Washington State Department of Health, Olympia, Washington
John will provide us with an overview on how the Washington State Department of Health Construction Review Unit is responding to the times.

Session Moderator:  Melissa Wilson

3:00 – 3:10 PM  
*Conference Break*

3:00 – 4:00 PM  
**The Future of Health Care Design in a Post Covid World**

Michael Moran – President, Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck, NJ

Session Moderator:  Clay Ciolek

4:00 – 5:30 PM  
**Technical Exhibition & Social**

**Thursday, October 22:**

10:00AM – 4:30PM  
“*Pop In*” Technical Exhibition and Exhibitor Door Prize Giveaway

**1:00 – 2:00PM**  
**Navigating Washington State’s New Clean Buildings Legislation (part 2)**


Last summer Geoff & Jonathan provided an introduction for WSSHE members of the Clean Buildings bill and its anticipated impact on health care facilities and their operation in Washington State. Since this time the final rules have been published. This session will take a deeper dive into this legislation and provide insights to how healthcare facility managers can prepare to address this transformational legislation.

Session Moderator:  Geoff Glass

**1:00 – 2:00PM**  
**The Future of Digital Controls in the Health Care Environment**

Speaker:  Peter Segall, Energy Services Manager – ATS Automation, Renton, WA

This session brings together two leading local smart service providers and two facility directors who teamed together to bring smart solutions to their buildings. Designing for optimal performance is no guarantee that it will happen. The ability to acquire system performance data is no guarantee that the data will trigger operational improvements. In these two case studies, buildings that should have been “top of their game” needed a new approach. Attendees will hear how ATS Automation and DB Engineering helped facility directors collect
relevant data from installed building systems, use analytical tools to provide insights into performance problems, and then – most importantly – help those facilities act. The results speak for themselves - improved energy performance that is persisting over time.

Session Moderator: Scott Clinton

2:00 – 2:10PM  
Conference Break

2:10 – 3:00PM  
Management of Medical Gas Systems

Speaker: Tim Richards, Technical Director / Corporate Trainer - Compliant Healthcare Technologies, LLC, Middleberg Heights, OH

Covid-19 and the ever-changing regulatory requirements have brought a renewed focus to medical gas systems. This session will focus on how our new reality shapes how we manage medical gas systems, the correct application of NFPA 99, and upcoming changes we see within the industry.

Session Moderator: Arlys Kruse

2:10 – 3:00PM  
The Unique Challenges of Rural Facility Management

Renee Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, Jensen2 Solutions, Monroe, Washington

Renee will help us better understand what makes rural healthcare unique and will help you find more creative solutions, be a successful business partner, and fall in love with the challenge of it all!

Session Moderator: Danny Scott

3:00 – 3:10PM  
Conference Break

3:10 – 4:00 PM  
HVAC System Issues and Responses to the Pandemic

Darren M. Schwend, PE, LEED AP BD+C, Principal – Notkin, a P2S Company, Seattle, Washington

Darren and his firm were involved with the design of the unit that treated some of the first Covid-19 patients in the Pacific Northwest. He will provide recommendations, research and best practices for reducing risks from airborne contaminants inside healthcare buildings.

Session Moderator: Dan Clark

3:10 – 4:00 PM  
Management of Health Care Electrical Systems

Travis Ackerman – Senior Project Manager, VECA Electric and Technologies, Seattle, Washington

Session Moderator: Mike Chitwood

5:00 – 6:30 PM Virtual Mixer (Hosted by WSSHE NOT on platform)
Friday, October 23:

1:00 – 2:00PM  
**Career Path Builder: Finding your Nitch**

Dr. Steve Call – Assistant Professor, Washington State University School of Design and Construction, Pullman, Washington

Recruiting, developing, and retaining qualified facility professionals has never been more important for healthcare organizations. This session will review the current facility manager attrition challenge in healthcare and explore the current and future pathways into the profession to aid in recruitment efforts. Roadblocks to recruitment and retention of facility professionals will also be explored to support career development and succession planning in healthcare facility management.

Session Moderator: Craig Greathouse

2:00 – 2:10PM  
**Conference Break**

2:10 – 3:00PM  
**The Hospital Without Us: Celebrating our Essential Workers**

Alan Weisman – Senior Editor, Homelands Productions, Cummington, Massachusetts

Jonathan Lewis – Director of Support Services, Klickitat Valley Health, Goldendale, Washington

In his book - The World Without Us, the author (Alan Weisman) imagines our world without the service of workers to keep this network of buildings and public works infrastructure running reliably. This has become the inspiration for the question, "what if the health care facility services staff became unavailable for this critical service?". Alan and Jonathan will explore this scenario in such a manner as to celebrate and recognize the vital services of these staff members in support of health care for our local communities.

3:00 – 3:10 PM  
**Conference Break**

3:10 – 3:40PM  
**Annual Membership Meeting & Installation of 2021 State Officers**

Clay Ciolek will recap a wild 2020 for WSSHE and pass the baton to the incoming WSSHE 2021 State President - Elect, Jonathan Lewis.

3:40 – 4:30 PM  
**Door Prize Giveaway**

Phil “Red Shoes” Kercher does his virtual door prize dance!

4:30 PM  
**Conference Adjourns**