



THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE...



Happy Fall Ya’!!

Yes, its officially the time of the year when all of our facilities require changes due to the weather, sprinkle in colds, flu, holidays and cheer — It’s fall in Virginia!

I’ll keep this brief as we have some excellent news I’d like to focus on..and that is that we have the opportunity for a “hard hat tour” of Virginia’s new General Assembly building where the construction is nearly finished. Gilbane is the General Contractor on the iconic project and they are hosting us for this exclusive tour just before the 14-story, 400,000 square foot building gets turned over to the State. The new building will incorporate the 1912 limestone

façade of the now-demolished General Assembly Building that previously occupied the same site on Richmond’s Capitol Square.

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This promises to be a very informative tour so please register early.

Secondly, a reminder that our chapter is fortunate enough to be GIVING AWAY 4 FREE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS for the 2023 calendar year. Please share this info as we continue to grow our membership, knowledge pool and benefits of being a part of IFMA. Reach out to any board member or on our LinkedIn site for the application form.

And finally, thank you to Danny Baldecchi with Atlantic Constructors for sponsoring our 40th anniversary celebration at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens last month.

Sunny

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November Board Meeting:
Date: Tuesday, November 1st
Time: 4:30pm
Place: Trolley House or Virtual

November Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 8th
Time: 5:00-7:00pm
Place: General Assembly Building
201 N. 9th St., Richmond, VA 23219
See page 5 for more info & required PPE

December Membership Holiday Party
Date: Tuesday, December 13th



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Mary Crawford—Membership

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Professional Member Spotlight



Gretchen Hemmer

Facilities Director, American Civil War Museum

How did you first become interested in Facility Management?

I was a homeschooling parent who had formerly been a plumber. Richmond Ballet had asked me to sit at their front desk as their receptionist. They soon learned that I was better at fixing toilets than answering the phone, and I learned that I was more interested in taking care of a whole building than just its plumbing. Facilities management offered me a chance to use more than just my plumbing skills, I could do something different every day.

What's one major challenge you've faced while working in FM and how did you overcome it?

Transitioning to a museum environment from a theater and performance environment required me to learn about managing building systems in an entirely new way. Previously, I had to be concerned with the comfort and safety of the dancers, the audience, and the children who took classes in my building. In a museum I quickly learned that I had to worry about multiple heating, cooling, and humidifying issues to ensure the preservation of the museum collections.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of your job?

This job allows me to interact and have close contact with historical artifacts from our country's history. Additionally, I get to learn how to preserve them for future generations. When I walk through the museum and I know that the humidity is right, the temperature is right, and the visitors are comfortable, I feel extremely lucky to be doing this job.

Are there any upcoming trends in FM that you are particularly interested in and why?

I am very interested in augmented reality tours that map the entire space and grounds of a museum to present information to visitors via their cell phones or tablets. This technology presents an opportunity to showcase my buildings in a new way to people who may not be able to access them.

What advice would you give to someone new to FM or looking to get into the field?

Keep yourself open to learning new skills. Versatility and flexibility are key factors to enjoying your job and being successful in this field.

From your perspective, what are the benefits of belonging to a professional community like IFMA?

IFMA has become my source for connecting to the people who have the knowledge and skills I require in order to succeed at my job. We develop a trust outside of the workplace, and because of this trust, I can recommend them to others who do what we do. Additionally, I have made some dear friends through my membership and attendance at meetings.



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP TOUR/HAPPY HOUR: New General Assembly Building Hard Hat Tour

WHEN: Tuesday, November 8th: Tour from 5:00pm-6:00pm, Happy Hour from 6:00pm-7:00pm

LOCATION: General Assembly Building: 201 N 9th St, Richmond, VA 23219

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Following the tour, we will walk/drive to Gather and Hem inside the Hilton Richmond Downtown for happy hour

If you’d like the opportunity to showcase your company during the event by becoming a Bronze meeting Sponsor, please reach out to Brian Workman at bworkman@moii.com

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

RSVP by: Thursday, November 3rd. **Registration and payment is required ahead of time.**

RSVP at ifmarva.com through the Events tab or on the main page!

Cost*:
Certified Members: \$15
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*Registrations are encouraged prior to event
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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP: SPECIAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY ADDITION

WHEN: October 11th at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens: Azalea Room

We had approximately 40 attend our special 40th anniversary event at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. We heard from founding chapter member, Ranny Robertson, as he talked about the 40 years our Richmond chapter has been operating. We also walked to see our other founding chapter member, Bud Vye's memorial bench in the gardens. A lot is going on at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens & we heard about their exciting upcoming plans.

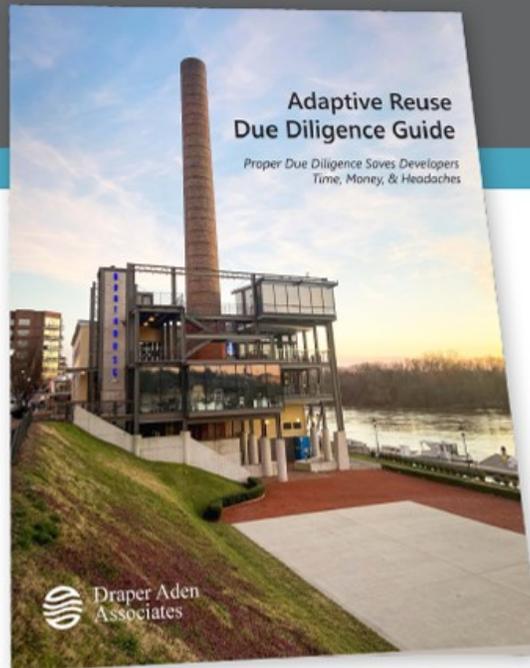
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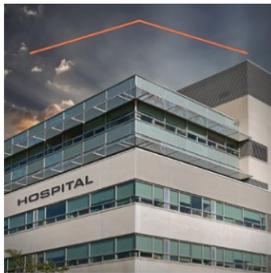
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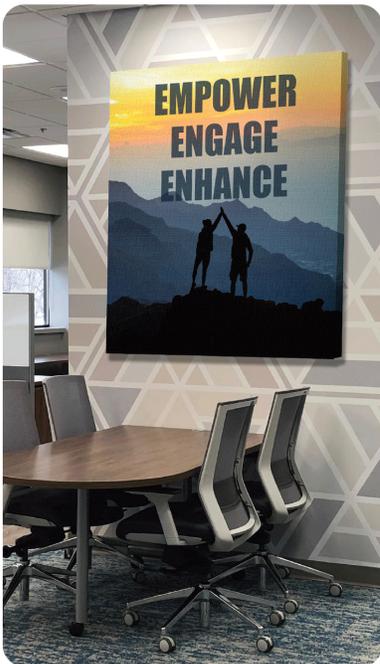
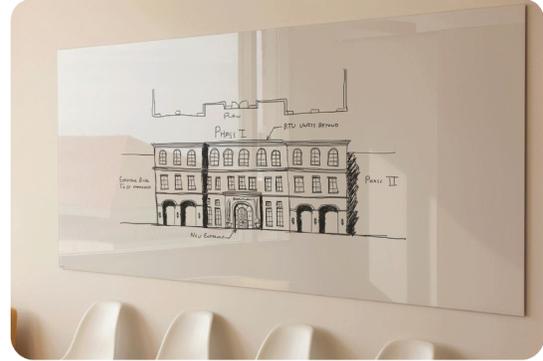
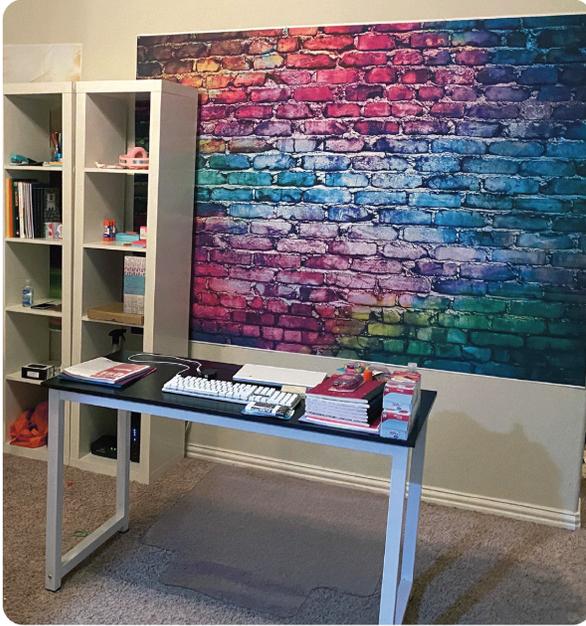
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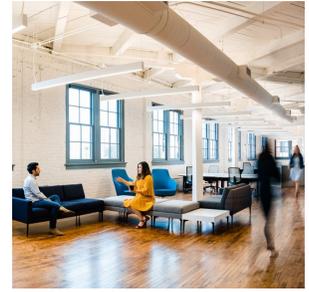
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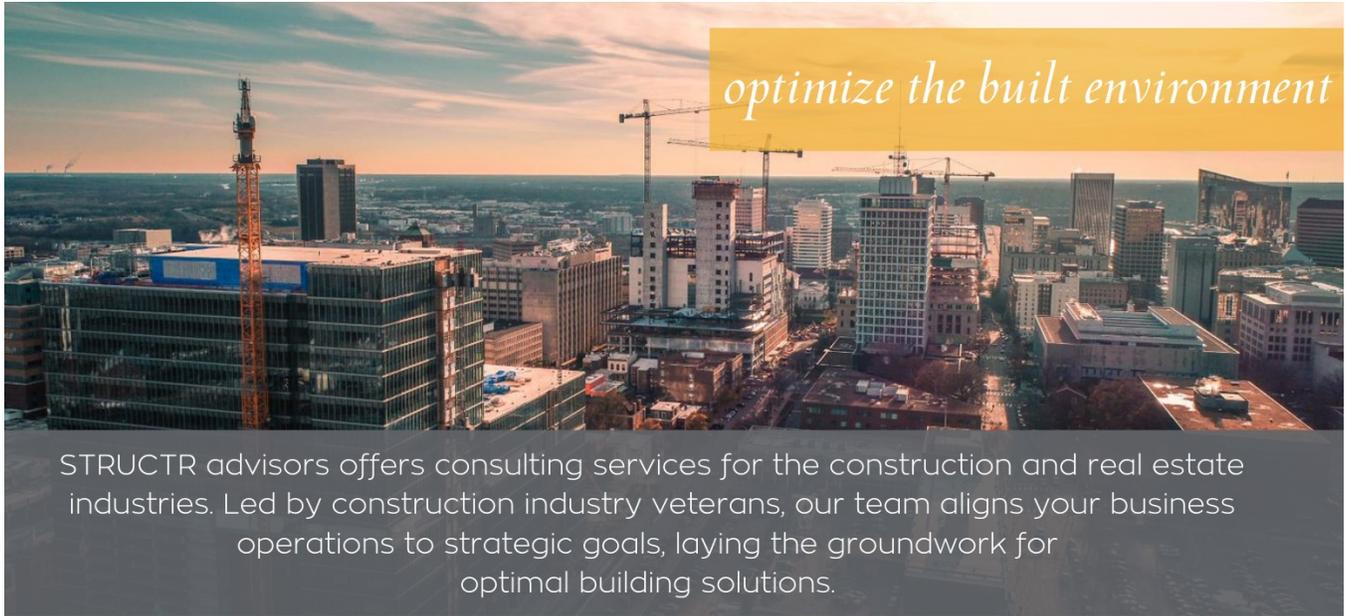
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