

President's Message Spring 2004

My Fellow Members,

It has been an exciting year for the Orange County Chapter!! It comes with no surprise that the "teamwork" and the "timeless efforts" of your committee chairs and their members have put forth. We have developed a team that you can be very proud of. Your current executive board and committee members have worked diligently to bring you a new and improved Orange County chapter. Working in conjunction with our strategic plan we have laid the groundwork to accomplish our new mission statement. "To guide and advance the professional development of our members throughout their careers with support in certification, networking, education and research."

My thanks to our executive board: Vice President, Trish Secor Archetype International, Treasurer, Herb Chatterton Physicians Weblink, Secretary, Dave Dewese Cox Communications and our Immediate Past President, Anita Ciminesi CFM2 for keeping us on track and for the first time in our chapters history we increased the financial health of our organization by raising over \$20,000 in additional dollars for our general funds.

Our committee chairs were totally responsible for ensuring that we offer the "best for our members" and lead a major part of the many fund raising events and educational programs that have contributed to this accomplishment throughout this past year. (Please see: www.ifmaoc.org Committee Chairs) *It's worth your time to see who has been leading the success of this chapter.* "My hats off to all of you" for making this an exciting, enthusiastic and fun year. As a result of the combined, tireless efforts of the entire group, I am sure you will agree that we have accomplished the goal of fulfilling the Vision Statement for 2003, and will continue to improve and build on our groundwork in 2004.

Special thanks and appreciate also goes out to Jean Gardner IFMA Orange County Chapter Administrator, she has been the catalyst for all of the members of this chapter. She has been a great support (always helpful and encouraging), kept me on track, has be responsive to membership marketing, kept our members informed and has been the "go to person" to ensure that the many programs, educational sessions and special events have been implemented and carried through with the fulfillment and results of success.

"Our chapter will strive to be the Premier Association in the Southern California area for the advancement of all work place professionals."

I would also like to thank all of our Sponsors for their continued support (*without them... we would not be able to provide the quality of our educational programs and events*) and I encourage any of you that would like to become an annual sponsor to check out our website.

A very special thanks to: Our **Platinum** Sponsors – Herman Miller, Inc. and RMC Facilities Services, Inc. our **Gold** Sponsors – AllSteel, DMS Services, New Century Mortgage, Tierra Verde Landscape and our **Silver** Sponsors – Allied Security, Inc., Archoustics West, CCS-Commercial Construction Services, Compass Group Foodservice Management, Cox Communications, Inc., Gensler, Humanscale, Leiner Health Products, Pacific Building Care, Inc., Pegasus Building Services Company, Seal Furniture & Systems, Inc., Shaw Contract Flooring, Spectra Contract Flooring, Telogic Communications, TRL Systems, Inc., and Universal Protection Services.

Strategic Partners (Associates), if you are thinking about considering becoming an annual sponsor, or sponsor an event. Continue to support your chapter by helping us help you!

Professional Members (Facility Managers), reach out to our sponsors and members, give them the opportunity to be a part of your organization to answer your RFP (put them on your bidders list). Our members are your key to success!!

We are not at the end our 2003-2004 term year. It is time for celebration and to recognize those individual that have contributed to the success of your chapter.

Karen Copeland, Director of Facilities AmerisourceBergen and her awards committee have worked hard to bring together our 2004 Awards Banquet and Recognition celebration on June 24th at the Newport Dunes with this year's theme of "Aloha in the Polynesian atmosphere." An evening filled with fun and special surprises. To date, we have over 145 members, friends and family that will gather to enjoy and honor each of the volunteers that have worked so hard for you... the members of our Orange County Chapter.

I am glad to have served you by leading and being a part of great organization.

Aloha! And thank you.

Tony A.O. Soriano, President Orange County Chapter IFMA

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