

Presidents Letter

Bob Decker

We are running a bit behind schedule this month due to the change in the Secretary position. In case you have not heard, Tom Blount, our CASHE Board Secretary for the past year has moved on to a different employment opportunity that will, unfortunately, include travel that will prevent him from maintaining that role. Tom has improved the quality of our Newsletter over the last year and was in the middle of further tweaks as recommended by CASHE members when his employment changed taking him in a different direction. We would like to thank Tom for all his dedication and invested time in our organization and wish him the best as he moves on to new endeavors.

With that said, I would also like to thank George Pattee for stepping up and taking over the role of Secretary for us. George was already actively helping on committees such as the CASHE Seminar committee, and the Bull and Shrimp Roast Committee. Although new in this role, seems to be adjusting smoothly.

Our last general meeting was held at the UAW Hall on Oldham Street in Baltimore and the education presentation was sponsored by the AIA Health and Wellness Committee. The presentation on Operating Room ceilings and systems was extremely relevant to current healthcare needs. The CASHE November meeting will offer information on improving Indoor Air Quality not just in the OR but throughout the building and saving energy while doing so. If you are a LinkedIn or Facebook member please consider joining the CASHE LinkedIn group and the new Facebook page. Look us up on the web or follow the instructions given by Allison Ellis of Koffel, who is leading our technology revolution. You can also contact any Board member if you need assistance.

***Sincerely,
Bob***

Calendar of Events

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CASHE Monthly General Meeting

Date: 11/8/17
Location: Holiday Inn Columbia East-Jessup
7900 Washington Blvd, Catonsville, MD
Sponsor: Advanced Thermal Solutions
Topic: Air Filtration – An Energy Conservation Measure

GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

RSVP a week prior to the General Meeting.
USE THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE RSVP LINK.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cashe-maryland-october-general-meeting-tickets-37931593417?aff=eac2>

General Meeting Attendee Price:

- CASHE Healthcare Members – Free
- CASHE Associate Members - \$35.00
- CASHE Member Guests - \$50.00
- All guests will be charged a \$50.00 entrance fee at the front desk.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Don't miss-out on free tuition reimbursement.

The CASHE Board is pleased to announce that we have educational opportunities for our members and/or their staff. Healthcare members interested in learning new "Trades" skills and/or members who have staff interested in learning new "Trades" skills are encouraged to submit an application to the CASHE Board of Directors for review and consideration. Education opportunities are available in the areas of Plant Operations, HVAC, Controls, & Electricity.

Follow link to website and reimbursement form.

<http://www.cashe-md.org/education.php>

Contact CASHE.MD@gmail.com or any CASHE Board member for additional information or submit an application for education reimbursement.

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“Yes, I did hire a seven-year-old. He’s the only person I know who knows anything about social networking.”

Upcoming CASHE General Meetings and Events

General Meeting - 8 November 2017

- Location: Holiday Inn, 7900 Washington Blvd, Jessup, MD
- Sponsor: Advanced Thermal Solutions, Gus Karayinopolus
- Topic: Air Filtration – An Energy Conservation Measure

Christmas Party - 13 December 2017

- Location: MD Masonic Homes, 300 International Cir, Cockeysville, MD
- Sponsor: CASHE Board
- Topic: Christmas Party – Wednesday night

E2C to All CASHE Health Care

Many of CASHE Healthcare buildings have accepted the application to ASHE E2C Chapter Challenge. This enrolment will allow CASHE to compete for the Elite award status in 2018. If you haven’t already enrolled, it’s never too late! Contact our Chapter expert, Mohamad Jamal – mjamal@ajadam.com

September 30 was the most recent date for measurement of your buildings energy performance in E2C. If you haven’t submitted your information, please do so as soon as possible. [Log In To Your Dashboard Here](#)

Energy to Care Webinar:

When: October 31, 2017 at 11:00 am Eastern time

Topic: Best practices for the Energy to Care dashboard.

Summary: The webinar will include a demonstration on “How to Make the Most of What You Have” and “Take it to the Next Level”.

Please register at this [link](#).

Job Market

Holy Cross has open positions for an **Engineer Maryland Grade 1, Engineer Maryland Grade 5 and a Senior Electrician**. 301-557-2005.
rosetta.burks@holycrosshealth.org
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Upper Chesapeake Health is looking for a **replacement for Don Allik** who plans going part time Dec 2017. The plan is to bring someone on board now, to effect an orderly transition and to have Don on a part time basis to help with major construction and important operational issues  
Responsibilities involve both Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and Harford Memorial Hospital  
Contact Evan Combs, V.P. Operations 443-643-1348 or Don Allik 443-643- 1314  
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Adventist Healthcare is searching for a new Director of Facilities also Construction Manager.
Contact Dsmith@adventisthealthcare.com
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**If you have positions available or looking for a new position and would like to share among your CASHE Membership. Email to [CASHE.MD@gmail.com](mailto:CASHE.MD@gmail.com)**

**A Note From our Chapter Code Advocacy Representative:  
Lennon Peake – [lpeake@koffel.com](mailto:lpeake@koffel.com)**

For many years CMS and TJC have permitted smoke resistive corridor doors to be provided with an alternative means to keep the door closed in lieu of positive latching provided the door remains closed upon application of a 5 lb force to the latch edge of the door. Joint Commission recently has been citing facilities for not having positive latching hardware on doors located in smoke resistive corridors in health care occupancies. ASHE has been in discussions with CMS recently regarding the issue and new guidance is expected to be released in the near future.  
**Recommend waiting for CMS guidance prior to modifying any existing corridor doors using the 5 lb force provision. Also note the 5 lb force alternative requires a test to be performed and documented annually ensuring the door remains closed upon application of a 5 lb force.**

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### National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

Caring for Facilities. Caring for Patients. | October 22-28, 2017

ASHE Engineering Week. Take the time to recognize staff for all they do to optimize the health care physical environment during National Health Care Facilities & Engineering Week, October 22-28, 2017.

You and your staff are important members of the health care team – your department keeps your facility operational, safe, and efficient. Because of all you do, there is power; running water; and a clean, comfortable, and safe healing environment for all who walk through your doors. What you may think is ordinary is truly extraordinary.

## Upcoming ASHE Webinar [Register Here](#)

### Advanced Electrical Distribution: Improve System Resiliency, Performance, Energy Efficiency & Safety

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Time: Noon Central Time

**Overview:** Essential electrical systems in many health care buildings across America are rapidly reaching, or have already exceeded, their useful life expectancy; creating a crossroads for many health care facility managers. This critical aging infrastructure, such as electrical switchgear and associated emergency power systems, must be modernized to support patient capacity restraints, demands of advanced medical technologies, and compliance with the latest facility codes and standards. When upgrading these critical systems, the facility manager has options; such as leveraging advanced electrical equipment moderation techniques and methods that extend the useful life of the installed systems.

THIS WEBINAR IS SPONSORED BY:



This free, members-only webinar will take place during the [2017 National Health Care Facilities & Engineering Week](#), October 22-28.

**Registration:**

This webinar is **free** and members-only.

## ASHE Schedule

### International Summit & Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design & Construction (PDC Summit)

2018 PDC Summit: March 25-28, 2018, in Nashville, Tennessee

2019 PDC Summit: March 17-20, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona

### ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition

2017 Annual Conference: August 6-9, 2017, in Indianapolis, Indiana

2018 Annual Conference: July 15-18, 2018, in Seattle, Washington

2019 Annual Conference: July 14-17, 2019, in Baltimore, Maryland

**CASHE will be the HOST Chapter for this conference. Your active participation is needed to make this a success. Get involved now to show ASHE how great CASHE is!**

## SENIOR

### of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering

The SASHE designation is bestowed on those who have been ASHE members in good standing for at least five years and have supported ASHE in terms of education and leadership.

- Lennon A. Peake, SASHE, with Koffel Associates in Columbia, Maryland

### Regional Leader Award of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering

The Emerging Regional Leader award recognizes people for their contributions to the fields of healthcare engineering and facilities management; planning, design, and construction; safety; clinical and biomedical engineering; and technical management.

- Region 2: Robert Decker, CHC, CHFM, CBRE/Medstar Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, MD