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A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SAMMY BLEDSOE

Welcome to 2018!

As your new President, I first want to thank John Ware for his commitment and time as our past President. John was an asset to our organization and a valuable member of our Board. What a great meeting we had in March to start off the year!

We had over 60 engineers and 90 business partners represented at the Annual Tradeshow and Conference! The weather was perfect, great networking opportunities and invaluable education programs were presented! We couldn't have done or continue to do what we do if it wasn't for our Business Partners. I want to thank our Diamond, Platinum Elite and Platinum Sponsors: Yancey Power Systems, Mingledorffs, STARC Systems, ATG, a JLL Company, Parker Young, Tremco Roofing, DPR Construction, Brasfield & Gorrie, Electronic Systems & Designs, Steam Power Equipment, ACE Technologies, Titan Electric, Johnson Controls and EMGS; as well as, all our Tradeshow exhibitors. Everyone did a fantastic job!

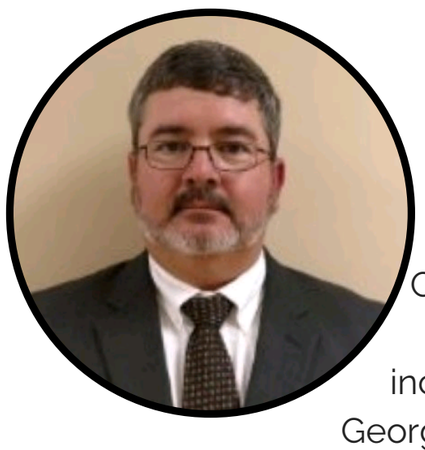
As we prepare for the June Meeting, I'd like to encourage each of you to reach out to engineering co-workers, or other hospital engineers you know who do not attend GASHE and introduce them to our Society, invite them to attend a meeting and see what we are all about as an organization. The hope of the Board is that we can increase our engineer's attendance and continue to grow as a group. The newer, younger staff members are the future/leaders of our organization and it's important to get them familiar with the benefits of GASHE, and to absorb the knowledge of our leaders. As that song says, "I've taught you everything you know, but not everything I know."

We are working on an incentive program to help boost new engineer attendance. More details about that program in the coming months. I hope everyone will come out to the June Meeting (June 7th & 8th). The agenda for the meeting is below, and registration links have been sent out and are on the website. I know you will learn from the classes offered and build relationships with current friends and new acquaintances. I'm super excited about being your President this year and looking forward to taking GASHE to the next level! If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns about our group, please know I am only a phone call away.

See you next week!
Sammy

GASHE GOSSIP

On May 31st, 2018 **Robert (Bob) Brandvold** with Premier Water & Energy Technology passed away. Bob was an active member of GASHE for many years. He was always smiling and was great at making others smile too. He will be truly missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



The Board is excited to announce that **Shawn Crosby** has agreed to step into the role of Treasurer. Shawn is a 16 year team member and the Environment of Care Manager for Southeast Georgia Health System, where he manages all the Joint Commission and CMS documentation for the system, including 2 hospital and 2 senior care centers. Shawn holds a Georgia State Plumbers license, 6010 Medical Gas license, CHC (certified healthcare constructor) from the American Society for Healthcare Engineering and Georgia Healthcare Association Management certificate. He has been a member of Local 177 Pipefitters for the last 24 years and a member of Georgia Society for Healthcare Engineers for the last 8 years. With his knowledge and expertise, we know he will be great as our new Treasurer, and congratulate him on his new GASHE role!

Once again GASHE has been awarded the ASHE Platinum Elite Status! Thanks to the hard work of **Kelly Wilson**, TWIINS Relocation and **Cherrie Carney**, Rolyn Companies and all the Board members for pulling together the information to obtain this designation. Sammy Bledsoe will receive the award on behalf of GASHE at the July ASHE National Meeting

June Agenda

Thursday, June 7th

12:00-5:00pm	Golf
5:00PM	CrossTalk (Topic: Accreditation)
6:30pm	Dinner & Networking (Group Shelter)
8:00-11:30pm	Cypress Grill – Karaoke Hosted by Yancey Brothers

Friday, June 8th

6:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast (Group Shelter)
8:00am – 9:30am	Andrew Flippen -Sherwin Williams (Ballroom A)

This presentation is about new developments in coating technology for healthcare. How coatings can help reduce the spread if bacteria, inhibit the growth of mold and mildew, reduce odors in the air and improve air quality.

9:30am-12:30pm	Vickie Evans – Victory Fire Door Inspections (Ballroom A)

Attendees will learn how to properly assess and functionally test the condition of fire doors. Session will include discussion on performance of ongoing maintenance and code compliant repairs for non-compliant doors.

12:00pm Lunch Provided by Chapter (Group Shelter)

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Board Members At Large

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Floyd Medical Center

Tim Sizemore
Colquitt Regional

If you are interested in being Board Member at Large, please contact Sammy Bledsoe.

Engineer of the Year!

My name is Ken Ozment, and I am the Director of Plant Facilities for Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia. I have been employed with FMC since 2011, with five years as Director of Plant Facilities.

My previous work experiences include being a licensed electrician, Safety/Health/Environmental Manager, Production Manager, Quality Manager, and Process Improvement Manager for several local manufacturing sites. Floyd Medical Center is my first venture into healthcare.

Floyd Medical Center is a not-for-profit, 304-bed acute care hospital and regional referral center covering over 40 medical specialties, including three Destination Centers and five Joint Commission-certified disease-specific programs. The Floyd family of services also includes Polk Medical Center, Floyd Behavioral Health Center, the Floyd Primary Care Network, Heyman HospiceCare, Floyd Outpatient Surgery Center, Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab, and the Floyd Family Medicine Residency Program. Floyd is the region's largest employer, with more than 2,500 employees who work alongside a medical staff of over 300 physician specialists and a volunteer force of more than 250.

I joined GASHE in 2012, and quickly found that belonging to GASHE provides invaluable information through contact with facilities engineers from many hospitals in Georgia who all fight the same battles every day. Being able to participate in engineers "Cross Talks", business partner-provided sessions, and individual networking with other engineers has been very beneficial. Hearing all the shared experiences of other engineers helps me to be better prepared for when I experience similar issues.

GASHE provides a means of continuing my healthcare facilities education while enjoying time with other healthcare engineers, sharing our "war stories", while we all strive to provide the best facilities possible for our patients, visitors, and staff.

I presently serve as GASHE Sustainability Liaison and participate in the ASHE Energy to Care and EPA Energy Star educational programs.

On October 14, 2016, I accepted an invitation to become a GASHE Board member, and continue to work with the GASHE Board as we strive toward building our association's knowledge and future as healthcare professionals.

Business Partner of the Year!

It's never happened before that one company is highlighted in back to back Newsletters! There is a first time for everything! Sonny Connor has been a long time supportive member of GASHE and we are thrilled that he is our Business Partner of the Year!

I am honored to be selected as the GASHE 2017 business partner of the year!

C I C, Inc. is proud to be celebrating its thirty-second year in business. As a second generation owner/operator I have spent 22 of those years full-time with our family business.

C I C, Inc. is on the upward move and excited about our future as we continue to grow our business in the healthcare and hospital industry and enter our second decade of relationship with the GASHE family.

In the fall of 2017 we moved into a spacious and comfortable commercial building providing us with more office and warehouse space (thank you Twins Relocation for your assistance with the move). In November, C I C, Inc. (Sonny) joined ASHE as a Business Associate to further establish our company in the hospital and healthcare Industry. Just recently C I C, Inc. added a new line of products that are environmentally friendly, cost effective, meet the ever changing regulations and fit the time constraints of hospital and health care facilities.

Most important with the ASHE membership Sonny has dedicated himself to achieving the distinction of CHC (Certified Healthcare Constructor) to further demonstrate our dedication and commitment to the Hospital and Healthcare Industry.

C I C, Inc. is the future in Hospital and Healthcare floor and wall covering systems. We wish everyone happiness, health and success.

Interested In Becoming a Member?

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Just a few snapshots of the GASHE Family at our Annual Conference and Tradeshow in March!