



FROM THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT



Where did the year go? It felt like just a short while ago that I took the reins in San Antonio as president of our chapter. A lot has gone on in the past year though as one with high expectations, not as much as I would have liked to see. That said, it has been a very good year for me, our chapter and I hope you.

Annual Conference – We had a great team lead by Rob Pillar who put together our chapter conference in Pittsburgh. By all accounts, it was a tremendous success: great speakers, presentations, school tours, a private tour of Fallingwater with symposium and most of all, sharing of ideas, camaraderie and fun. Thanks to all who planned and participated in it. For those who didn't have that opportunity to participate, we are putting the presentation slides on our Northeast website. I want to once again thank our sponsors who helped make the conference a financial success.

NY Chapter – Our region has its first Chapter. New York State has just been through a grass roots effort in its chapter creation. A major initiative of the chapter will be to get more educators involved in the organization. This is a goal of International and our region but the New York Chapter is doing something about it. Look for more details on their upcoming meeting. If you are interested in organizing a chapter in your state, city or local region, please reach out to a region board member or our NY State Chapter officers to understand what is involved. It is not complicated.

Baltimore Conference – Read on to hear more about our 2014 annual conference to be held in Baltimore. I encourage you to get involved in the planning of the conference. Although you will read a lot about the conference plans, there is still plenty of opportunity to assist in making it a success. Also be thinking about submitting as a speaker and entering the awards program.

Goal – One of the goals of our International organization is to improve relationships and interactions with allied organizations. In late July, CEFPI Northeast did just that by being a sponsor of the AIA/CAE, (Committee on Architecture for Education) Summer Conference held in Boston. The two organizations have many members in common. As one might expect, there were a number of Northeast members there as both attendees and speakers. The AIA will be posting the presentations and a symposium video on their web site. As soon as it becomes available we will hot link to that content on our Northeast web page.

Regrets – One of my goals was to have conference speakers (either international or regional), repeat their presentations in local area meeting in an effort to get more content to our membership. That didn't happen this year. I will continue that effort in the coming year.

Elections – We are about to elect a new vice president who will serve the chapter for the next four years as: vice president, president elect, president and past president. Robert Hendricks and Ronald Lamarre have both been involved in CEFPI activities in various capacities. Please read their bio's and position statements and take the time to vote. The voting will be on-line so it will take just a minute.

State of the Profession – I know that business side of school planning and design has not been great for many members over the past number of years. What I am encouraged by is, for many of those projects that are proceeding, the quality of the planning process and resulting school designs are responding to 21st Century Teaching and Learning needs in creative ways that will serve students well into the future. School tours; planning and design award submissions; conference presentations; CEFPI and allied organization websites and many publications are giving us access to great projects and ideas. Let's hope the economy continues to improve, giving you more opportunities to improve learning environments for children.

Finally – I hope to see many of you at the International Conference in Indianapolis in September. This will be another great opportunity to share, grow and have a great time with old and new friends.

Philip Poinelli, FAIA, CEFPI
Northeast Region President, 2012 - 2013

2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Plans are taking shape for the CEFPI Northeast regional conference to be held Thursday, April 10 through Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Royal Sonesta Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. Baltimore is a wonderful location for our conference and the Inner Harbor area is beautiful with many options and attractions for participants! Additionally, there are many notable school projects in the area that will make for excellent opportunities for learning tours.



Baltimore Skyline

The theme of the 2014 conference will be, "Crossroads & Grassroots: The Intersection of Architecture and Engineering in Planning and Design." Educational facility planning and design has always stood at the Crossroads of responding to challenges that include demands for higher standards with greater accountability while at the same time confronting the need to build new schools and renovate aging facilities within a practical boundary of affordability. Too often, the participants in the educational facility planning process miss each other at this Crossroads.

From the educational mission of the school and the condition and size of learning spaces to how they are used and organized, the built environment and physical dimensions of learning environments are critical and worthy of discussion. A Grassroots planning movement including educators, facility

planners, architects and engineers can lead to a better understanding of why they matter and how the design of learning spaces can be improved to accommodate students with different learning needs.

Schools are more effective and caring places when they provide an inviting, comfortable, technology rich, and safe environment to the learner; recognizing that the learning environment has no boundaries. This collaborative educational planning approach at the intersection of architecture and engineering with learners, educators, and planners contributes to enhanced academic performance, fewer discipline problems, higher staff morale, and improved use of resources.

The three days of the conference will be packed with valuable activities for conference attendees. After a morning Opening Session on Thursday, there will be morning and afternoon, multi-track learning sessions with a noontime awards luncheon. The exhibitor reception will be Thursday evening. Friday's Opening Session will be followed by school tours and an evening off-site networking event with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Finally, Saturday morning will offer a full morning learning session and be concluded with lunch for all participants. Candidates for Certified Educational Facility Planner (CEFP) will additionally appreciate the opportunity to sit for this exam during the conference.

Please mark April 10-12 on your calendars and join us for an enjoyable and information-filled conference!



Jim Hutchison, P.Eng.
Northeast Region Vice President

2013 PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE REPORT

As I reflect back upon this year's Northeast Regional conference I can't help but feel pride that stems from the level of content and expertise of our regional membership. The plenary sessions, seminars, school tours and opportunities for collaboration with colleagues in our Pittsburgh conference energized me, and helped me to grow professionally.

The conference kicked off Thursday morning with our plenary session highlighted by keynote speakers Tim Murphy, former Mayor of Pittsburgh, and Bob Cranmer, former Commissioner of Allegheny County. They spoke about overcoming political differences to jointly lead the City of Pittsburgh through their vision of Renaissance and re-imagine the city as a center for education, technology and healthcare. Following that, the rest of the day was filled with 8 engaging seminars focusing on subjects such as: Improving the Educational Environment without raising taxes in a challenging economy, Modernizing Early 20th Century Buildings for 21st Century STEM Education. In addition to

the normal conference sessions, our region was honored to host the School of the Future Student competition. This program gives middle school students an opportunity to use design thinking to develop a school supporting sustainability and 21st century skills. Walking away with top honors, Eastview Middle School, Red Deer, Alberta Canada, received the Award of Excellence. Capturing the Award of Distinction was the engaging Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School team from Blackburn, United Kingdom. The enthusiastic girls from Oakwood Junior High, Dayton, Ohio took the Award of Merit.

At Thursday evening's industry partners reception and design awards ceremony this year's Edward Kirkbride award was presented to Perkins Eastman for the Falk Laboratory School.

Marcus Orlavsky delivered Friday's keynote in his signature style using humor and wit to challenge us to re-think educational environments. Following that our school tours offered an opportunity to experience some of Pittsburgh's finest educational environments. We started with this year's Kirkbride award winning Falk Laboratory School, followed by last year's Kirkbride award winner The Neighborhood Academy. Pittsburgh Public School's CAPA School for the performing arts was our final tour for the day. After a full day of school tours, those who braved the unusual cold weather were treated to witness the Pittsburgh Pirates shut out the Atlanta Braves 6-0.

Our Post conference workshop included a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling water, followed by a workshop conducted by Marcus Orlavski. This year the Northeast Region also hosted the CEFPI International board, as well as members from other regions who participated in the development of the CEFPI strategic planning session. It was a lot of fun to spend time with them as they participated in the conference!

Planning our regional conference is a big task. It provides an opportunity for local members to engage in regional leadership. I would like to thank those members from the Pittsburgh area that contributed to the success of this conference and encourage them to continue to contribute to the region.

Mark your Calendar for our 2014 conference to be held in Baltimore, April 10-12. President Elect, Jim Hutchison is heading the conference planning and is looking for members who would be interested in working on the planning committee.



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- 9/20/13 CEFPI Annual Conference
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- 9/25/13 EPA Webinar Series #5:
Cleaning and
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Steps for Creating
Healthier School
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- 9/26/13 CEFPI Webinar: Acoustical
Guidance for Educational
Facilities
- 10/17/13 CEFPI Webinar: The iLab -
a new model for learning
spaces
- 10/22/13 EPA Webinar Series #6:
Sensible Steps for Energy
Efficiency and Waste
Reduction in Schools
- 10/29/13 CEFPI Webinar: Utilizing
Geothermal Heat Pump
Systems as an Energy
Efficiency Measure for
Schools
- 11/7/13 New York Chapter
Meeting
- 11/12/13 CEFPI Webinar:
Educational Index - Linking
Academic Instruction to
Capital Planning
- 11/19/13 EPA Webinar Series #7:
Sensible Steps for Mold
and Moisture Control In
Schools
- 12/3/13 CEFPI Safety and Security
in the Education

Candidates for President-Elect



Robert Hendriks is the executive director of the Educational Legacy Planning Group, a division of e-Research & Management Inc. He works as a research, planning and leadership consultant to school districts, boards of education and superintendents. [Read more >](#)



Ron Lamarre's dedication to the advancement of K-12 and higher education design is evident in his approach to his profession. Ron is a registered architect, certified educational facility planner, and design principal at Lavallee Brensinger Architects. [Read more >](#)

Ballots must be submitted by 11:59 PM Eastern Time **September, 13 2013**

Welcome CEFPI's Newest Chapter: New York

Approved August 2013, New York is the Region's first chapter! Check out the new Chapter webpage. Officers are busy planning a November 7th event in Albany, New York. Details to come soon!

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Environment Symposium

- 12/4/13 EdSpaces: The Marketplace for Innovative Learning Environments
- 12/10/13 CEFPI Webinar: Innovation in Multipurpose Flooring
- 12/17/13 EPA Webinar Series #8: Renovate Right: EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program at Schools
- 4/10/14 2014 Northeast Regional Conference

[Event Calendar](#)

INTERNATIONAL BOARD REPORT

Well, another International Conference is soon upon us and the International Board Members are hard at work with CEFPI Staff preparing for the event. Indianapolis is sure to be an exciting conference with much to be explored and learned. We look forward to seeing you there. While you are there, make sure you become part of the Northeast Region action by attending the Northeast Region Meeting. Your representation is important to you and to us.

The Board has been very busy with a number of initiatives this year. Since the CEFPI International Strategic Planning Session was held in Pittsburgh at our Northeast Region conference I'm sure you had the chance to bump into many of our International Board Members. During the strategic planning session three great initiatives were hatched. Task Forces have been and will be

Western NY: Paul Johnston

Volunteers Needed for Baltimore Conference

If you are interested in participating on a committee to help plan the Baltimore NE Region Conference next April, please let us know. The following committees have been established. Please contact the Chair if you are interested in participating:

- Budget [Dick Moretti](#)
- School Tours [Bill Richardson](#)
- Architectural Exhibit/Awards [Philip Conte](#)
- Keynote Speakers [Need Chair](#)
- Presentations [Cynthia Smith](#)
- Post Conference Workshop Site [Peter Winebrenner](#)

Regional Director/Assistant

As an effort to serve Regions more effectively, CEFPI staff members have been fully dedicated to providing support to the leaders and individual members of each region. Please contact [Janell Weihs](#), Regional Director, for article submissions and regional events and activities. [Edi Francesconi](#) provides administrative support.



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developed around those three initiatives including; Branding, Membership and Internal Structure Support. I'm sure you can see where these three powerful initiatives will drive our organization in the future. Stay tuned for what comes out of these task forces as they will all have a strong impact on you as a member.

Of the current committees, many great ideas are taking shape. I can speak specifically to the membership committee. All of you will benefit from the incredible competitions we have created to attract new members. Already revealed to you are the variety of membership recruiting initiatives that will be occurring at the individual member level as well as the regional level . You personally will benefit as will the region if that colleague that you've been meaning to attract can finally be snagged to become a member with you. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the Northeast Region Board member to further understand how these initiatives might further benefit you.

You may or may not be aware that we currently have test areas underway encouraging School District membership recruitment. We recognize that folks from the public education sector are incredibly important to the growth of the organization. This year at the International conference the Membership Committee will be attempting to match that enhanced School District member recruiting with some type of recruiting incentives for private sector

companies. So, if your company has a number of people interested in attending events or in partaking in the organization that are not currently involved there may just be some sort of incentive available after we have a chance to discuss it further at this year's conference in Indianapolis.

Lastly, I was very proud to deliver the news of our newest Chapter in the International Organization recently. We truly welcome the New York Chapter and look forward to many more chapters being developed in the model established by this brave group.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns on the International Board level. It is my true pleasure to represent you to the International Board and I look forward to more interaction!

Keep in touch.



David Schrader
Northeast Region Representative to
the International Board of CEFPI