

Nov. 11, 2009

Dear IFMA member:

On behalf of the IFMA executive committee, board of directors and the CEO search committee, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Anthony "Tony" J. Keane, CAE, to the position of IFMA president and chief executive officer. Keane's first day on the job will be Jan. 18, 2010, and he will work closely with retiring IFMA President and CEO David J. Brady until Brady's last day on the IFMA staff at the end of February 2010. Beginning with Brady's announcement of retirement nearly two years ago, we've diligently worked to make sure the appropriate successor was brought onboard with enough time to facilitate a smooth transition between leadership.

Keane comes to us with a wealth of professional association experience, organizational growth accomplishments, and member-centric program development successes. He is a Certified Association Executive and most recently served as CEO and executive director of NACE International, the association for corrosion engineers, also based in Houston. During a four-year tenure at NACE in which he oversaw a staff of 100, Keane led strategic initiatives to grow the organization from US\$10.9 million to US\$22 million in revenues, expanded membership from 15,000 to 21,500 and increased the association's international presence.

Previous to NACE, Keane served as chief operating officer of the Optical Society of America in Washington, D.C. From 1995 to 2003, he served as director of resource management, interim executive director and deputy executive director for the Construction Specifications Institute, also in Washington. He is quite familiar with facility management and the built environment.

Keane holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and management from the University of Cincinnati and was a certified public accountant in the state of Ohio. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and is on the board of directors for the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives. For more about Keane's background and qualifications, please see the FM Today story and corresponding press release on the IFMA Web site (www.ifma.org).

The transitioning of leadership is a critical activity for any organization, especially one that is member-driven such as IFMA. I would like to thank the CEO search committee for their months of dedication in this detailed process. Joining me on the search committee were: Search Committee Chair and IFMA Second Vice Chair William A. "Bill" Rodgers Jr.; First Vice Chair Francis J. Kuhn, CFM, CFMJ; Immediate Past Chair John McGee; Past Chair Gary P. Broersma, CFM; Past Chair Richard D. Pierce, CFM, IFMA Fellow; President and CEO David J. Brady; and IFMA Foundation Chair Patricia W. Turnbull, MA, LEED AP.

Please join me in welcoming Tony Keane to the IFMA family. I know everyone is looking forward to making his acquaintance in the near future.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Mitchell, Jr., CFM, CFMJ
Chairman, 2009-2010 Board of Directors