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Wayne Whitzell Honored as IFMA Fellow
Whitzell Recognized for Outstanding Contributions, Leadership
and Service to IFMA and the Facility Management Profession

HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA – (Sept. 2, 2024) – The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) is pleased to announce that Wayne Whitzell, CFM, FMP, SFP, LEED AP, BEP, GBO has been distinguished as an IFMA Fellow. He is one of three IFMA members who have been recognized this year with the association’s highest honor.

Whitzell joins an elite corps of leaders who serve as IFMA advisors and ambassadors, furthering the interests and influence of the association and the facility management (FM) profession. IFMA’s Fellows program was established in 1992 to honor members who have enriched both the association and the profession through substantial and sustained contributions and achievements. Only 0.5 percent of IFMA membership may hold the title.

“IFMA Fellows appreciate the responsibility that comes with this prestigious title and are committed to giving back to the association that has given so much to them,” said IFMA’s Global Board of Directors Chair Lynn Baez, FMP, SFP, IFMA Fellow. “Wayne has had a direct impact on expanded opportunities for FM professionals and in elevating IFMA’s reputation as a global leader. His contributions are vast, and his continued counsel will be indispensable to our progress.”



Wayne Whitzell, CFM, FMP, SFP, LEED AP, BEP, GBO, IFMA Fellow has had a positive impact on the association and its members through multifaceted support. He has mentored peers in pursuit of professional credentials, coached individuals up the corporate ladder, championed chapter/council partnerships, and advocated for councils to operate in alignment with IFMA organizational strategies.

Whitzell has developed and delivered a diverse body of educational and informational material, including award-winning articles and presentations, and higher education facility management curriculum development and instruction, including the Green Business Operations Certificate Program for Sacramento State University. He is a prolific content creator, awarded twice with IFMA’s

Distinguished Author for Web-based/Social Media Content award. He was honored as IFMA's 2018 Distinguished Member and 2015 Associate Member.

In leadership roles with IFMA's Corporate Facilities Council, including council president, he created two international outreach arms in Canada and Mexico to help FMs navigate their careers and connect them to IFMA's ecosystem of local chapters and conferences. With a lifetime of dedication to engaging and enriching FMs, Whitzell will be an informative, future-focused advisor for both the profession and association.

The 2024 Class of IFMA Fellows will be officially inducted on Oct. 9, 2024, at the opening session of IFMA's World Workplace® 2024 Conference and Expo in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

About IFMA

Founded in 1980, the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) is the world's largest, most widely recognized association for facility management (FM) professionals. Supporting more than 24,000 members in over 130 countries, IFMA is a key contributor to the development of international FM standards and works with decision makers to inform FM-related policy. IFMA provides career resources and continuing education, offers three industry-respected credentials, maintains the largest repository of FM-related content on the web and hosts year-round global events. With a vision to lead the future of the built environment to make the world a better place, IFMA believes in the benefit of global diversity, inclusion and social equity, and recognizes that sustainability, resilience and responsible environmental stewardship are paramount. For more information, visit ifma.org and our [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Threads](#), [X](#) and [Flickr](#) pages. Follow IFMA's Connected FM [podcast](#) and [blog](#) for expert insights on trending industry topics.