

## Invitation to Work with the IAEM S&P Committee

As result of a perceived need by Mike Selves, IAEM Past President, a committee was formed to assist IAEM with many requests the organization receives for participation in various standards and practices efforts across the nation. The committee, as envisioned, will hopefully serve the organization in two broad ways – 1) through awareness of the many efforts that exist or are underway, wisely help in the prioritization of IAEM's involvement, and 2) keep the IAEM membership informed of the progress and value of endeavors beneficial to the profession.

The Standards & Practices (S&P) Committee met during the 2008 Annual IAEM Conference in Kansas City. The group agreed the best way to move forward is to get a handle on who in IAEM is currently serving on some committee or work group that is developing or dealing with standards of any kind. The point was also made that the IAEM membership should be made aware of the various standards that impact them, and the IAEM Web site, newsletter and conference program could serve as mechanisms to educate and engage the IAEM membership in standards work and the importance of the outcomes. IAEM membership can benefit from regular reports from IAEM members who are serving in various capacities with organizations that are developing standards.

The S&P Committee officially recommended the following to the IAEM President and Board of Directors:

- 1) **Directory of Standards** – This listing would include all types of standards with links and other information that are kept up to date and residing on the IAEM Web site or other easily accessible site.
- 2) **Articles in the Bulletin** – The number of efforts underway suggests there is enough work being done that we could use the newsletter to regularly feature an article on standards.
- 3) **Composition/Membership of the Standards & Practices Committee** – IAEM members currently serving on various standards-related committees and groups will be asked to serve on the IAEM S&P Committee and assist in accomplishing the goals of the committee.

Russ Decker, IAEM President, asked Dean Larson, CEM®, CSP®, CPT®, and Avagene Moore, CEM®, to co-chair the S&P Committee for the coming year; Billy Zworsche, CEM®, will serve as S&P Vice Chair. IAEM members involved with various standards programs are asked to step forward but anyone wishing to work with this committee is welcome to join. Please contact Dean Larson [drlarson@jorsm.com](mailto:drlarson@jorsm.com) ,

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