

Dear IFMA St. Louis Members,

I want to thank outgoing Chapter President, Renee Bruyere, for her vision and leadership this past year. She has done a tremendous job at strengthening our membership foundation and I now look forward to carrying the baton forward for the next twelve months as your Chapter President.

I remember reading a great IFMA article where one of the main takeaways was that Facility Managers (FM) don't simply manage equipment and buildings; we are in the business of People. We are communicators, collaborators, creators, problem-solvers, etc. The list of people-centric skills of our daily charge is endless. We are not successful unless we're able to effectively support our fellow colleagues. Similarly, we will not be successful in executing our IFMA Chapter mission unless we create and maintain deep connections and valued relationships with our members.

As we approach this next year of service and support of our FM profession, I want to continue our efforts at engagement with our existing St. Louis Chapter members and work towards other meaningful ways to create value and develop relationships with new members. Areas of focus will be education and credentialing opportunities.

In closing I want to remind everyone of a few of the exciting upcoming events we have planned:

- July 14: Summer Social, World Wide Technology Raceway
- September 11: Annual Golf Outing, Tapawingo National Golf Club
- September 18-20: World Workplace, Anaheim, CA
- April 27-29, 2027: Facility Fusion, New Orleans, LA

Don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other Board Members with any questions or suggestions. Happy to collaborate on ideas or improvements.

Sincerely,

Deniz Piskin

2026-2027 IFMA St. Louis Chapter President