

# NI In the News

## January 6, 2015—Axis Communications

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### About our presentation:

Dan Stanish will be doing an introduction to Axis Communications and some of its solutions. Additionally he will briefly touch on the benefits of migrating to/ selecting an IP based solution and the additional benefits that are now available in doing so.

### About our Speaker:

Dan Stanish graduated from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois in 2007 with Degrees in History and Social Science. He started in the surveillance solutions industry eight years ago working as a manufacturer's representative until accepting his current position at Axis Communication two years ago where he manages Illinois and Northwest Indiana. His primary responsibility at Axis is to ensure that Axis partners have the tools and knowledge they need to successfully bid and deploy Axis equipment on site and generally assist in the process any way he can.

### About our Site:

The Chicago Axis Experience Center opened in August 2014. The AEC is part of Axis' overall expansion plan and is the first of 6 remote offices to open across the United States. The AEC's main purpose is to exhibit our products and solutions to our partner network along with end user audience. We have 2 conference rooms and 1 large training room, that can be utilized not only by Axis employees but by external partners as well.

The AEC is also equipped with 4 vertical segments that include; ATM/Banking, Retail, Education, and Restaurant/Coffee Shop. The main purpose of the vertical segment areas, is to provide the end user with the most realistic demonstration of the Axis products and solutions in their specific market.

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# From the President....



Happy New Year, IFMA NI!!!!!!

*It's that time of year that we resolve to change in the new year. Some resolve to lose weight. Some vow to be a better person or to stick to a budget. I have the best resolution in the new year....become more involved in your career. This can mean getting more involved in the chapter! We have lots of committees that need help! Can't commit a lot of time? Write an article for the newsletter. Not sure what to write about? Write about something great that you did at your workplace. We all have stories of great things that we have done at our facilities....toot your own horn!!!*

*See you in January at Axis Communications!*

*"Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world." - **Ann Landers***

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## Career Services Resolution

New Year's resolutions. Even the term can bring back memories of a few that got away from you over the years. For 2015, I propose you set a strategic goal instead: make 2015 the year you ramp up your career skills. Begin where you are.

Employed? Review your situation. What do you like about your position, company, opportunities? What would you change to make it better? What did you accomplish in 2014 and does it appear in your resume?

Unemployed? How's the search going? Where are you looking and networking? Can you widen your focus to increase the odds of finding your next great opportunity? Have you had a few interviews or mock interviews to learn from? Does your resume show you in the best light?

Speaking of which: do you have a resume? Does it need updating? Put that into your strategic goal list, too.

If you want to talk through your career questions, you can reach out to Dianna and George from the Career Services committee. Bounce your ideas off of us. Use us for resume reviews and editing suggestions. We are here for you.

Other resources are out there, too. As an IFMA member, you can access the IFMA Career Center online, post your resume, set up job alerts, and review openings nationwide. Don't overlook the career center at your old college – or even your high school. Many have strong alumni networks and good leads. Certainly you will network through the Northern Illinois chapter meetings, but add a LinkedIn presence as well.

Here are a few online resources to help you plan your strategy. Most offer articles, links, interviewing tips, and other information beyond their job listings.

[www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org) [www.boma.org](http://www.boma.org) [www.irem.org](http://www.irem.org) [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

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<http://www.dummies.com/search.html?query=Job+search> [www.talentr.com](http://www.talentr.com)

<http://www.ifma.org/professional-development/career-center> [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

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If you find other sites of value, email the links to Kathy at [chapteradministrator@ifmani.com](mailto:chapteradministrator@ifmani.com). She will pass them along to include in a future career services article.

Best wishes for success in achieving your 2015 strategic goals.

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## Finding Corrosion and Fixing It

Submitted by Kevin Padera with ENECON Corporation  
Written by Warren Brand with Chicago Coatings Group

The inevitable forces of winter bring with it a fresh set of challenges to those tasked with the upkeep of all structures. Corrosion can be severely damaging and have lasting negative effects. Because of this, it is crucial that everyone from building owners to engineers be able to accurately recognize and effectively mitigate the corrosion of a building or other substance.

*“When it comes to corrosion, we see it as the good, the bad and the ugly,” says Warren Brand, the Principal of [Chicago Coatings Group](#). “The good news about most corrosion is that you can see it. The bad news is that if you see it, something is corroding. And the uglier it looks, likely the worse it is.”*

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### Identification

Corrosion, in most cases, is pretty obvious. Since most things that corrode are made of steel (iron) the corrosive product (as we call it in the business) is iron oxide, bright, red rust. When steel rusts, it expands at an incredible rate. Because of this, there are three main ways in which identifying the corrosion becomes possible:

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#### Article Guidelines:

**Article length between ½ page and 2 pages-can include pictures.**

**Written in Word format-no PDF.**

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**Submission due by the 20<sup>th</sup> BEFORE the month the newsletter is printed. For example, March newsletter needs articles by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, we will hold for following month.**

**Any ???Please contact Jan Wemple, Newsletter coordinator at:**

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## Finding Corrosion...

1. See the rust.
2. See the results of the rust in terms of streaking or staining from rust, like on the side of a building, under a gutter or at bridges.
3. See the results of hidden rust.

The first two observations can be made by the untrained eye fairly simply, since most of us know what rust or streaking of rust looks like. However, hidden rust can be challenging to point out.

This is generally seen in concrete, where rebar has started to rust and begins to push away the concrete. Rust expands very powerfully and once the rebar starts rusting, even up to six inches into solid concrete, it will eventually push and damage the concrete. The key here is, if there is staining or bulging of concrete for no apparent reason, then there is a reasonable expectation of hidden rust.

Aside from concrete, aluminum is one other source where corrosion can prove much more difficult to observe. Aluminum, in general, performs very well against corrosion. However when it corrodes, its byproduct is aluminum oxide, which is white and powdery.

**Personal Example about Hidden Rusting:** *I have 6 iron chairs in my backyard that are about 12 years old. They are powdered coated (a type of paint system) but where the water collects at the edges of the seats, the chairs began to rust. I couldn't see the rust because it was hidden beneath a lip of the chair. I only found this out after one of the chair bases broke. I immediately turned all of the other chairs over and checked them, and sure enough, they were all rusted.*

### Stop-Gap

Properly painting a substance that is obviously rusting is the ideal situation. However, there are times where it is too cold, time is short or it is impossible to prepare the surface properly. In these moments, there are a few options to buy time until the job can be addressed properly.

Before diving into choosing a “stop-gap”, make sure that whatever the corrosion issue is, it is not critical or immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH). It is not an appropriate option to use a stop-gap measure in certain circumstances, such as a leaking and rusted gas tank or supporting structure. Find a way to do that job completely and correctly, without putting it off.

If it is not a situation that is IDLH, then there are many products on the market that will do a surprisingly effective job of preventing rust. The best of the bunch is WD 40, which most are unaware stands for Water Displacement. WD 40 is a viable alternative for “cleaning” a surface as long as all safety precautions are followed. After applying WD 40 to help prepare the surface, there are a few materials that can be used to bid time for the rusting area:

- **Vaseline and Mineral Oil** - These may be hard to cleanly remove later once properly applying paint, but can do the job for now.
- **Caulk** – Find a cold-cure caulk, squeeze it out on the surface and use a gloved hand or firm brush to work it into the rusted areas.
- **Olive/Vegetable Oil** – These can be used in a pinch, not best case scenario, but effective nonetheless.
- **Grease** – Any type of grease can work, with Calcium Sulfonate grease being the best. This option can have similar removal issues as vaseline and mineral oil do.
- **Candle Wax**—DO NOT use where fire may be an issue. In other circumstances though, paraffin does a nice job mitigating rust issues.

Hopefully these suggestions can buy you time in the short term and come up with a solution for the long term. See you all at the next IFMA meeting!

Kevin Padera—ENECON Corp

## 20 Questions with Kevin Tiernan

**Company:** Rose Paving

**Position:** Account Executive

**How long with IFMA:** 6 yrs.

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

Golf and fishing.

**What is your favorite book?**

Good to Great by Jim Collins

**What are you currently reading?**

Little Red Book of Selling by Jeffery Gitomer

**What is your favorite food/cuisine?**

Italian

**Favorite restaurant?**

Davanti Enoteca

**Describe your family growing up and now:**

Growing up- Loving and loud!

Now- We all have kids so more loving and lots more LOUDNESS!

**Hometown:** Western Springs

**Current residence:** Western Springs

**What is your favorite sport to play or watch?**

Golf without question.

**Favorite team?**

Blackhawks and Cubs

**Cubs or Sox?** Cubs (This is our year!)

**Are you a morning or night person?**

Night unless a facility manager needs something first thing. Love those facility managers.

**What would you do if you won the lottery?**

Disappear!

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?**

Loyal, happy and competitive.

**What is your favorite movie?**

Shawshank Redemption

**TV show?** Happy Days- Seinfeld

**What is one thing that no one in IFMA knows about you?**

I traded Euro Dollar Interest Rate Futures at the CME for 10 years prior to joining Rose Paving.

**What is one goal that you would like to accomplish during your lifetime?**

Celebrate a Cubs World Championship! And peace for all mankind.

**Who is your hero (or an influential person in your life)?**

My parents without question. Greatest people on earth!

**What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?** Golf, fish and vacation with my family.

**If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be & why?**

Ireland. It is where both sets of my grandparents are from and I would love to visit. And I hear they may have a few pubs.

**What is your favorite city to visit?**

Galena- Very historic downtown and nice golf courses.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Anywhere warm!

**If you could be anyone besides yourself, who would it be?**

Bill Gates for a month. Cha-Ching!

**What songs(artists) are on your iPod/phone?** 80's hard rock.

**If you had access to a time machine, where & when would you travel to?**

1980's. Great friends, great music, great memories and nooooooo stress.....

**What are your pet peeves?**

Liars and White Sox fans....just kidding about liars! :)





## Energy Corner

For many facility managers, purchasing natural gas and power for your facility is just one of your many duties. But understanding the energy market and its many complexities can sometimes amount to herding cats. This article will hopefully provide you with a general understanding of what the energy market did in 2014 along with some thoughts on where market rates may go from here...

This year has been a wild ride for the natural gas and electricity markets. Prior to 2014, we saw year-after-year of falling energy rates due to the lack of demand for energy (see the recession) along with an increase in our nation's energy supply (natural gas fracking). However, the polar vortex earlier this year created unprecedented demand for energy for heating needs, resulting in skyrocketing rates for natural gas and power. Fixed rates for natural gas went up by almost 40% and for power by almost 20% in the first few months of 2014.

This summer's mild temperatures helped energy rates decrease throughout the year, as the demand for energy for air conditioning that we see in a normal summer never materialized. Although we certainly didn't return to the extremely low rates for gas and power that we saw in years leading up to 2014, energy rates did come off their highs of earlier this year as we inched closer to fall.

Enter November and Super-Typhoon Nuri. This Pacific Ocean typhoon impacted global jet streams, resulting in the Midwest having the 4<sup>th</sup>-coldest November on record. As a nation, we saw increased demand for energy for heating needs in the month of November that were atypical for this time of year, which sent rates for power and gas up by about 5% each.

As we stand here in December, rates for natural gas and electricity have subsided—temperatures this month have been mild and demand for energy has been slack. Updated weather forecasts are calling for continued mild weather throughout January and energy rates have responded by falling due to anticipated lack of energy demand for heating needs.

So where do we go from here? If this winter does turn out to be mild, we should see a bottoming-out of rates next January or February. But buyer beware! It is always risky to base your energy buying strategy on weather, something we definitely learned this year. Regarding the long-term projection of rates, 2015 brings new proposed EPA emissions standards and some looming court cases challenging current such standards. If new regulations are implemented and if these court case rulings are decided in favor of the EPA, we should see an acceleration of the closing of coal power plants in 2015 and a resulting rise in both power and natural gas rates.

This year was definitely a wild ride for energy prices and it looks like 2015 will provide more of the same. For facility managers that are charged with purchasing energy, it is best to have an energy purchasing strategy in place NOW so that when market opportunities do arise, you are able to act quickly and take advantage. If you need help in developing this strategy or have general market questions, please feel free to contact me.

By: Michael L. DeCaluwe

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## 20 Questions with Brett Ratajczak

**Company:** Awana

**Position:** Facility Engineer

**How long with IFMA:** 2 years

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

Spending time with family and kids,  
Antiquing/Repurposing, Home renovations

**What is your favorite book?**

Bible

**What are you currently reading?**

The Grainger Catalog!

**What is your favorite food/cuisine?**

BBQ /Fish Tacos / I am always looking to try something new/different.

**Favorite restaurant?**

Dukes Ale House (Crystal Lake)

**Describe your family growing up and now:**

Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL I have two brothers one older and one younger leaving me in the middle!

Current residence: Algonquin, IL I am married to my wife Carrie for 14 years and have 4 children Evan (12), Logan (10), Lilee (8), Trey (2)

**What is your favorite sport to play or watch?**

I like to watch Football or Hockey

**Favorite team?** Blackhawks

**Cubs or Sox?**

I will root for them both, but probably more of a Cubs fan.

**Are you a morning or night person?**

Morning

**What would you do if you won the lottery?**

Pay off our mortgage, Set aside some for my kids' education/future, Travel/Vacation

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?**

Honest, Trustworthy, Loyal.

**What is your favorite movie?**

National Lampoons "Christmas Vacation"

**TV show?** Salvage Dawgs(DIY Network)

**What is one thing that no one in IFMA knows about you?**

I would love to have an antique car

**What is one goal that you would like to accomplish during your lifetime?**

See all 50 states

**Who is your hero (or an influential person in your life)?**

Jesus

**What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?**

Just being outside, soaking up as much of the short summer we have! Relax at the lake and the boat!

**If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be & why?**

Israel...to see historical biblical places

**What is your favorite city to visit?**

Charleston, SC

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

West Palm Beach, Florida

**If you could be anyone besides yourself, who would it be?**

My Grandfather

**What songs(artists) are on your iPod/phone?**

Country (Billy Currington, Joe Nichols, Easton Corbin) Diana Krall, Andrew Peterson.

**If you had access to a time machine, where & when would you travel to?**

Early 1900's, Chicago area to see the changes / building of the area

**What are your pet peeves?**

Drivers who go slower than the speed limit.



## Happy New FM Educational Opportunities!

submitted by Cecilia Herdegen CFM  
IFMA/NI Education Committee

Here are some exciting FM educational opportunities in the New Year! Why not upgrade your FM skills via a new BIM course, or new "Build Your FM Brand" dates for local IFMA courses?

### **College of DuPage – Glen Ellyn, IL \*\* New course January 2015\*\*** Building Information Modeling (BIM)-Revit ARCH-2413-001

This new course is an introduction to BIM applications, using BIM software to construct a coordination model, collaborate online, manage the BIM process, manage changes, etc.  
Mondays, 6:00-10:05 p.m. from January 26 – May 11 **3 credit hour, 16 week course**

Go to [http://www.cod.edu/programs/architecture/construction\\_management.aspx](http://www.cod.edu/programs/architecture/construction_management.aspx) for more information about this BIM and FM courses at COD, or contact Jane Ostergaard at (630) 942-2331 or [osterg@cod.edu](mailto:osterg@cod.edu)

### **Northern Illinois University – Naperville Regional Center – Spring 2015**

Northern Illinois University Outreach is a licensed provider of IFMA based courses. IFMA's programs assist candidates with introductory coursework or as they prepare to earn CFM, FMP and SFP professional accreditations. IFMA's FMP and SFP programs award IFMA-issued continuing education units (CEUs) and LEED Credential Maintenance general CE hours.

The **CFM Exam Prep Workshop** will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. January 23-24 or June 26-27, both at **NIU's Naperville Regional Center**.

Four **CFM/FMP** core competency courses are scheduled as noted below. Did you know the FMP and SFP programs has been approved by GBCI for LEED credential maintenance general CE hours? Check [www.fm.niu.edu](http://www.fm.niu.edu) for updates and special FMP course package pricing.

#### **\* Operations and Maintenance [NIU Naperville Regional Center]**

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **(February 27-28)**

#### **\* Project Management [NIU Naperville Regional Center]**

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **(March 13-14)**

#### **\* Leadership and Strategy [NIU Naperville Regional Center]**

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **(March 27-28)**

#### **\* Finance and Business [NIU Naperville Regional Center]**

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **(April 10-11)**

**Sustainability Facility Professional [SFP] Credential Certification Program** courses also will be held this Spring at **NIU's Naperville Regional Center**:

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## Happy New FM Educational Opportunities!

**Focus Area 1:** Strategy and Alignment for Sustainable Facility Management is being offered May 8-9

**Focus Area 2:** Managing Sustainable Facilities is offered May 29-30

**Focus Area 3:** Operating Sustainable Facilities is offered June 19-20

Finally, **IFMA's Essentials of Facility Management** will be offered at four locations:

**March 18-20**

University Center at Grayslake  
1200 University Center Drive  
Grayslake, IL

**February 11-13**

Waubonsee Community College  
18 S River Street  
Aurora, IL

**March 30-April 1**

Kishwaukee College  
Malta, IL

**May 5-7**

Prairie State College  
Chicago Heights, IL

The course meets from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at all locations.

Go to [http://www.fm.niu.edu/non-credit/facilities\\_management/index.shtml](http://www.fm.niu.edu/non-credit/facilities_management/index.shtml) for information about these courses, or contact Donna Mann at [dmann@niu.edu](mailto:dmann@niu.edu) or call (815) 732-6249 for assistance.

## March Meeting Preview

### March Meeting Preview—Catamaran

As a result of various acquisitions in recent years, Catamaran doubled in size and engaged Whitney Architects to provide full scope interior design services for a space to house their expanded and growing local staff of 1,200 employees. The chosen 300,000SF building in Schaumburg allowed Catamaran to occupy the entire building. This gave them room for future growth, and allowed them to control a full campus of amenities to enrich the staff's working environment.

The move also presented an opportunity to rebrand the image of the new Catamaran. The name 'Catamaran' was chosen to signify a sturdy vessel that can help its clients navigate the rough seas of health-care. The executive leadership team wanted a general office space that was open, full of light, and had an understated elegance for its employees. Through the use of lower panel heights, lighter colored finishes, and open spans of glass, their vision was achieved.

As a healthcare company, health and well-being were key success factors to Catamaran, supported by onsite food service and fitness center consultants. In addition to the other amenity type spaces, there is an entire floor of conferencing available to onsite staff, as well as guests and traveling employees. This floor features divisible training rooms, touchdown booths, a custom telepresence conference room, concierge, waiting area, and catering kitchen. One of the main features of the design was to renovate the dated existing building lobby, creating an impact with a subtle tribute to water, air, light, and the company name. Whitney worked with consultants to develop a two-story mesh water feature and state-of-the-art OLED living light sculpture. The OLED, the first of its kind in the US, is equipped with custom animation capabilities.

This project went from initial property search to completion in just over 12 months. Whitney dedicated an experienced client-focused team to the project and embraced the client driven team dynamic, which was crucial to the project's success. Through meticulous project management, design and construction documents were executed and updated simultaneously in a 6 week timeframe. During construction there were upwards of 200 people on site who Whitney partnered with daily to review submittals, change orders, and RFIs to keep construction moving. A new brand has been established and continues to be implemented across Catamaran's vast real estate portfolio.

This year, Northern Illinois IFMA will be holding their March Monthly Meeting at the Catamaran Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL, which will include a tour of the new, innovative facility. Mark your calendar for March 3rd.

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## Schedule of Events

- January 6—Axis
- February 3—Fellowes
- March 3—Catamaran

### Directions to Axis:

#### From Chicago

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