

# PRESIDENT'S MONTH IN REVIEW

*March 2008*

Another action packed month passes by... for me, 6 travel days, 2 sick days and a bereavement meant everything I could possibly do got compressed into some very long days. Hoping to catch up on sleep in April (hahahaha)!

Highlights of March include the first CFM Roundtable of 08. We finally got the workbook and study guide and have re-started our classes. For those of you interested in someday getting your CFM designation, the roundtables are held the first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 to 1:00 at Sprint Maitland. Always free to members and lunch is provided. Normally 2 CFM's present a chapter out of the study guide and work through sample exam questions with the group.

At the board meeting, the program and social events calendar was a hot topic. We will end the year having conducted more events than in any past year... so... thanks for your feedback as to events you like, don't like, or would like to see done differently.

I hear the March luncheon program had a great orientation, speaker, and the food was fine. I unfortunately missed due to stomach flu. I was planning to make it out for those 2 hours to shake hands and talk to everyone face to face, then my wife pointed out that would just make more people sick, why would you even think of doing such a thing?! So yeah I took my medicine and stayed home.

Our new webmaster completed her first update, and the site is looking much more professional (I won't mention who was doing it before). About April 16th the next update will be done, and from there the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will be web updates. New things to look for on the website in the next few – A member by category directory, making it easier to search and find people in a particular group or sector – A “History of IFMA Orlando” page, giving the timeline and milestones of the chapter” – and we are studying how to make it easier for members to communicate with other members.

We have 15 rooms booked for IFMA World Workplace in Dallas, write Renee at [IFMAorlando@ifmaorlando.org](mailto:IFMAorlando@ifmaorlando.org) and she'll let you know how to reserve in your name. I will definitely be there, and there may be others who are willing to share a room for those looking to keep cost down. It's an awesome professional development, networking, and keeping up to date with the profession event, and we'll all have a dinner together as we do every year.

Finally, you will see an all-member survey by the end of April, to get YOUR input about the chapter, programs, and what you'd like to see happening. This input will be used in our annual strategic plan session, in May or June.

As always, I could go on and on, but enough about me, I and the other board members would like to hear from you... so pick a name off the board or committee leader list and drop us a line!

Wishing the best for everyone,  
Geoff