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ANNUAL

JULY 26-29

2023

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CONFERENCE

ST. PAUL, MN

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the
Facility Operations
Managers Association
Annual Conference!

In 2001, FOMA
initiated a gathering
of the best ice
makers in the world
to share information and best practices. FOMA has since
hosted events in St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs,
Calgary, Phoenix, Ft. Lauderdale, Columbus, Nashville,
Clearwater and Orlando.



The 2023 conference will provide members the chance to
participate in dedicated NHL Facility training courses. The
conference will also hold the traditional NHL information
sessions which have become the mainstay of this event.
This year we are inviting the NHL Affiliated Facilities to join
us for the 2023 Annual FOMA Conference to expand the
networking opportunities for NHL and NHL Affiliate facilities.

Join us this season and interact with your NHL Facility peers
to learn new techniques, share ideas and create relationships
that will help you in your professional career.

MISSION:

To advance the field of play and safety standards within
the National Hockey League : through continuing education
programs, and the transfer of knowledge for our members.

VISION:

FOMA will be the preeminent organization focused on
raising the standards by which all professional hockey
arenas will be held.



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>> 6TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

July 26, 1 pm

Cost: \$75/player

- Includes Golf & Lunch
- Must preregister, no drop-ins



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY | JULY 23

8:00am – 8:30am | BAR Course Check-In

8:30am – 5:00pm | BAR Course

MONDAY | JULY 24

8:00am – 8:30am | PIM Course Check-in

8:30am – 5:00pm | BAR Course

8:30am – 5:00pm | PIM Course

TUESDAY | JULY 25

8:30am – 5:00pm | BAR Course

8:30am – 5:00pm | PIM Course

WEDNESDAY | JULY 26

8:30am – 5:00pm | BAR Course

1:00pm – 7:00pm | Golf Outing

8:00pm – 10:00pm | NHL / Member Dinner

THURSDAY | JULY 27

7:30am – 9:00am | Breakfast

9:00am – 12:00pm | NHL Hockey Operations

12:00pm – 1:00pm | Lunch

1:00pm – 5:00pm | NHL Hockey Operations

7:00pm – 9:00pm | Welcome Reception

FRIDAY | JULY 28

7:30am – 9:00am | Breakfast

9:00am – 12:00pm | NHL Hockey Operations

12:00pm – 1:00pm | Lunch

1:00pm – 5:00pm | NHL Hockey Operations

5:30pm – 7:00pm | Member & Partner Social

SATURDAY | JULY 29

7:30am – 9:00am | Breakfast

9:00am – 12:00pm | Partner Presentations

12:00pm – 1:00pm | Lunch

1:00pm – 4:00pm | FOMA Annual Member Meeting

4:00pm – 6:00pm | Member & Partner Social

7:00pm – 9:00pm | Networking Reception

*** TBD Arena | Ice Plant Tour

HYBRID TRADE SHOW

Our experiment of a combined meal/trade show room
in 2022 was well received. We will continue to offer our
partners a table set up around the banquet room walls
to use for company displays. Breakfast, lunch, and socials
on Friday and Saturday are all included in "tradeshow"
schedule. This informal atmosphere made for better
interaction and more conversation than our traditional
tradeshows of the past.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

DONNIE MAC AWARD

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→ Each year the FOMA membership recognizes one of its own for their service as a professional facility operator that is worthy of the same respect that Donnie MacMillian earned as a Professional Ice Maker. Donnie the “Ice Man” MacMillian was known by Players, Coaches, Officials and Trainers as one of the NHL’s best Ice Makers. This Award helps keep Donnie’s spirit alive by recognizing a respected FOMA Member each year.



JOEL FRANCISCO AWARD



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→ Beginning in 2019, FOMA membership has recognized a member of the newer generation of professional facility operators with up to seven years of industry experience for their drive and commitment to help this industry continue to grow and succeed. This Outstanding New Talent award, named for Joel Francisco, allows us to honor the next generation and keep the memory of his dedication to the industry alive.

→ Send your nominations for both awards by June 1 to Brandon Radeke at bradeke@pittsburgpenguins.com

Σ EDUCATION Σ

Professional Ice Maker (PIM) Course - Presented by FOMA

→ The Professional Ice Maker (PIM) course is an exclusive continuing education opportunity for FOMA members who seek to improve their quality of work within the field of hockey and facility operations. Backed by the National Hockey League, this course has an advanced focus on making and maintaining hockey ice and the variables that affect it throughout the season.

In the first part of the course, participants will learn about practices most commonly used in larger facilities to maintain a quality sheet of ice and will then discuss SOPs for converting the building to non-hockey events. With focus around the importance of creating good working relationships, the instructors will discuss the role of a PIM and how it relates to working with each of the different groups within a building.

The second part will cover in detail the expectations set by the National Hockey League for each of its facilities and how each building is able to achieve those standards. Specifics in the Field of Play, Game Day Operations and In-Game Procedures are just a few of the topics that will be covered in the second part of the course. Once participants have completed the classroom portion of the course, they will be given an examination which they must pass in order to earn their PIM certificate.

Course held July 24-25.



Σ PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS Σ

→ Criteria for PIM Class and Professional Designation

To take FOMA Professional Ice Maker (PIM) Course:

- Current FOMA Member
- Employment at FOMA recognized facility

Application for FOMA Professional Ice Maker (PIM) Designation:

- Current FOMA Member
- FOMA PIM Class Completion
- Facility senior staff/supervisor sign off
- 5+ Seasons of experience in a FOMA recognized facility
- Completion of the following 3 courses conducted by either the ORFA or U.S. ICE RINK ASSOCIATION
 - Basic Arena Refrigeration (BAR)
 - Ice Making and Painting Technologies (IMPT)
 - Ice Maintenance and Equipment Operations (IMEO)

Maintenance of Professional Ice Maker (PIM) Designation:

- Maintain Annual FOMA Membership
- Continue to work in a FOMA recognized facility
- Completion of PIM class every 5 years

U.S. ARENA OPERATORS CONTACT:



USICERINKS.COM

CANADIAN ARENA OPERATORS CONTACT:



ORFA.COM

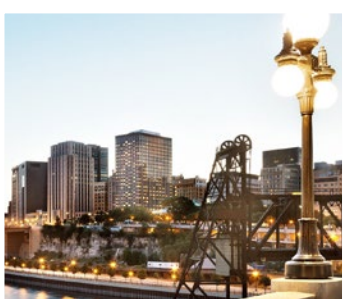
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On-site dining at Citizen Modern American Cuisine and Bar



RESERVE NOW!

FOMA ROOM BLOCK: July 22-29, 2023

RATE: \$144/night + tax

CUT-OFF DATE: June 25, 2023

PHONE BOOKING

(651) 292-1900

GROUP CODE: **2023 FOMA Conference**

Book online using the link at:
FOMASSOCIATION.COM

*No airport shuttle provided
by the hotel*

TAXI:

Approximately \$30-\$40 one-way
to/from airport

UBER / LYFT:

Approximately \$19-\$21 one-way
to/from airport

PARKING:

Self-Parking available lots 1 block to
North and 1 block to East of hotel

VALET PARKING:

\$32 per night + tax

AIRPORTS:

Minneapolis-Saint Paul
International Airport (MSP) -
7.3 miles to InterContinental





2023 CONFERENCE

REGISTER

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Facility Operations Managers Association
1775 Bob Johnson Dr.; Colorado Springs, CO 80906

FIRST NAME			LAST NAME			JOB TITLE		
ARENA/FACILITY			NHL CLUB AFFILIATION			T-SHIRT SIZE		
ADDRESS						P.O. BOX		
CITY/TOWN			STATE/PROVINCE			ZIP/POSTAL CODE		
PHONE NUMBER			FAX NUMBER			EMAIL		
YEARS WORKING IN A FOMA RECOGNIZED ARENA								

COURSE OPTIONS:

- ☐ **\$450** PIM Course & Conference: July 24- 29
- ☐ **\$350** PIM Course Only: July 24- 25
- ☐ **\$350** Conference Only: July 26- 29
- ☐ **\$75** 6th Annual Golf Outing: July 26
- ☐ **\$700** BAR Course & Conference: July 23- 29
- ☐ **\$350** BAR Course Only: July 23- 26

**Only current FOMA members may register for the conference and/or educational courses.*

***The BAR course is being conducted by the U.S. Ice Rink Association. For more information about the BAR course email: johnm@usicerinks.com*

Location of
PIM Course and
Conference:
**RIVER CENTRE
ST. PAUL**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Check/Money Order

NAME ON CARD		BILLING ADDRESS SAME AS ABOVE: <input type="checkbox"/>	
CARD #	CITY/TOWN	STATE/PROV.	ZIP/POSTAL CODE
EXP. DATE	SIGNATURE		

**Make checks payable to "FOMA"*

OR REGISTER ONLINE

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