



William M. O'Neill, CFM Associate Director, Facilities Management University of Minnesota

William O'Neill, CFM has more than 20 years of experience in facilities. As an associate director at the University of Minnesota, he currently leads one of five University of Minnesota facility management districts that provide maintenance, custodial, construction, energy management and administration services throughout the university. O'Neill is also chair of the University of Minnesota civil service committee and was part of the core group that created the university's strategic plan (2014). He continues to participate in its implementation as a member of the strategic plan continuity group.

Previously, O'Neill held positions as associate director of facilities management central services, construction manager and facilities manager. As associate director of central services, he was responsible for directing construction, recycling, waste and reuse, as well as signs and graphics business units across 23 million square feet of facilities. As construction manager he created a design build model of in-house project delivery — integrating and collaborating with internal stakeholders and facility management organizations. As facilities manager, he led and managed operations of multi-use academic facilities within a large, urban university campus environment.

O'Neill's strategic orientation and operation experience provides him with expertise to work within complex, evolving work environments. He believes change is a constant, making it his mission as an IFMA board officer to use it to benefit IFMA's future. He was appointed to the IFMA Board of Directors from 2011-2014 where he served as the liaison for the sustainability committee, international government committee and the Health Care Institute (formerly known as the Health Care Council). He has also served as the president of the Academic Facilities Council of IFMA and is the current past president of the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Chapter of IFMA. O'Neill currently serves as chair of IFMA's international government affairs committee (IGAC) which monitors issues and advocates for the facility management profession in government within the United States, Europe and around the world.

O'Neill earned a Bachelor of Arts from William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, and an MBA certificate from the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. In 2008, he earned his Certified Facility Manager® credential.