NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Mary Basel

Membership Category: Associate

Title: Seating Business Development Specialist

Certification(s):

Company: Haworth

Company description: Haworth Inc. is a global leader in the design and manufacturing of organic workspaces, including raised floors, movable walls, systems furniture, seating, storage and wood casegoods. Family-owned and privately held, Haworth is headquartered in Holland, Michigan, and serves markets in more than 120 countries through a global network of more than 600 dealers.

Last book read: The World According to Garp

Last movie seen: The Godfather

My Favorite Vacation City/Country: Spain

Favorite Sport and Team: Green Bay Packers (cheesehead all the way)

What has been the most challenging part of your job recently? And, have you made any changes to try and solve some of those issues? After the reorganization and elimination of my position with my last company, I've been fortunate enough to have strong networking connections to help me to find the position I am in today at Haworth. Staying connected to people through organizations like IFMA have been a huge contributing factor of that success.

What have been the most important steps in your life (schools, jobs, etc.) that have led you to where you are today? I have always been someone who values continuous learning. Recently completing my MBA has helped me to realize that there are so many opportunities out there that need to be explored. The culture and values of Haworth are aligned with those that I feel are important in my life and hope to continually learn in this role.

Many people who work within the FM world have to act as ‘leaders’ in their jobs. What do you think makes a good leader, and have you done anything recently that has made you a leader? My involvement as a volunteer of the membership committee of IFMA has helped me to feel like a leader by providing support and encouragement to others. I hope to be a leader in my new role by providing solutions and acting as an advisor to others to fulfill their needs.

A year from now, what will you have hoped to accomplish, professionally or personally? I hope to continue to grow relationships through my involvement in organizations such as IFMA, and grow in my success at Haworth through staying true to the continuous leaning value as well as providing valued resources to others.