A Sampling of APPA FIRSTS

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First Organization Name
Association of Superintendents of Buildings and Grounds of the Central Western Colleges & Universities

First K-12 to Attend an APPA Meeting
Indianapolis (IN) Public Schools, 1916

First APPA President – James H. Marks, University of Michigan, 1915

First APPA President to Serve Two Separate Terms – Albert W. McConnell, University of Wisconsin, 1916 & 1918

First (Interim) Association Executive Director – Gerald Hawk, Eastern New Mexico University, 1970-1972

First (Permanent) Association Executive Director – Paul T. Knapp, 1972-1985

First Senior Facilities Officer Summit
2007, Baltimore, Maryland

First Emerging Professionals Summit
2013, Minneapolis, Minnesota

First APPA Fellows
Jack Hug, Doug Christensen, and Bill Daigneau (2004)

First Meritorious Service Awards
Sam Brewster, Brigham Young University; Paul Elleman, Ohio State University; and Al Gallistel, University of Wisconsin Madison (1958)
2 First Female APPA President – Diane Kerby, Berea College, 1993

3 First African American Member Elected to APPA Office – William McDonald, North Carolina Central University (Treasurer, 1989)

4 First African American Member Elected President-Elect – Randolph Hare, Washington and Lee University, 2013. Will become APPA’s first African American President at APPA 2014 Centennial Celebration

First APPA Facilities Workshop
1959, evolved into the Institute for Facilities Management

First Institute for Facilities Management – 1980

First Executive Development Institute – 1988, evolved into the Leadership Academy

First APPA U – September 2011, combining full 4-track programs of the Institute and Academy under one roof

First Drive-In Workshop – May 2010, Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City (sponsored by Tandus Flooring)

First EFP Recipients – September 2007: 15 APPA members earned the first APPA credential


First APPA Conference in a Region—
MAPPA (First APPA Meeting) – March 23, 1914, Chicago, Illinois (University of Chicago)

ERAPPA – 1928, Ithaca, New York

RMA – 1929, Denver, Colorado

SRAPPA – 1930, Lexington, Kentucky

PCAPPA – 1940, Seattle, Washington

CAPPA – 1946, Lincoln, Nebraska

First APPA Conference in Canada – 1962, Hamilton, Ontario (McMaster University)

8 First Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article
Doug Christensen, 1987, with Phil Rector (left), and Rex Dillow (right)

9 First Award for Excellence in Facilities Management
Brigham Young University and Medical College of Georgia, 1988
A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

As APPA continues its Centennial Celebration, we thought it a good time to share a random sampling of events, people, awards, and programs that had their first showing during our 100-year history. Below are only a few of the great memories that APPA and its members have created since the association’s creation in 1914, and you can see more on pages 26-27. There are many more “firsts” in APPA’s history, and many more still to come.


First Issue of *APPA Newsletter*, association’s first periodical - 1952

First Issue of *Facilities Manager* – Spring/Summer 1985

First Issue of *Inside APPA* e-newsletter – 2001

First APPA Website - 1995

First Completed Project for the Center for Facilities Research – Workplace Violence in Higher Education, Edward Rice, Kansas State University, 2002

First Supervisor’s Toolkit Programs – Pilot sessions at Howard University, Reed College, and the University of Central Florida, 2003; first official Toolkit held in conjunction with the APPA Institute at Indian Wells, California, September 2003.

First Female Executive Vice President – Lander Medlin, 1996-present

First Facilities Management Evaluation Program – University of Arizona, 1989 (beta); Medical University of South Carolina, 1989 (official first).