Leonard Friesenhahn Receives 2005 Rex Dillow Award

Since 1987 APPA has presented the annual Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager. The winning articles are of the highest quality of those published in the magazine each year, and the difficult selection process is managed by APPA’s Information and Research Committee, led this year by Michael J. Sofield of the Smithsonian Institution.

We are pleased to announce that the 2005 Rex Dillow Award is given this year to Leonard Friesenhahn, P.E., manager, energy and utilities management, of the University of Texas at Austin. His article—his first written for Facilities Manager—was “The University of Texas Sewer Rehab: Using Trenchless Technologies” and was published in the September/October 2004 issue. Leonard is being presented his award at the 2005 APPA Forum in Orlando, Florida.

In his award-winning article, Leonard discusses how the complex yet aging sanitary sewer system at the university was rehabilitated using an innovative process to restore life to the aging sewer mains without the inconvenience and significant expense of the traditional open-cut method.

The award is named for APPA member emeritus Rex O. Dillow, formerly of the University of Missouri-Columbia, who contributed much to the development and improvement of APPA’s publication and education programs during his active membership in the association. There were 18 eligible articles for the 2005 award. Congratulations to Leonard Friesenhahn for his excellent work.

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Past President Charles Butler Dies

Charles W. Butler, APPA President in 1979-80, passed away on May 24. He had lived in Sevierville, Tennessee since his retirement from the University of South Florida. Charlie was an active member of APPA and of the Southeastern Region throughout his career in higher education. He was a dapper presence at numerous APPA and SRAPPA conferences even after his retirement. In 1982 Charlie was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, APPA’s highest individual honor for service.