APPA Visits TEFMA

President-Elect Alan S. Bigger attended the successful annual conference of TEFMA, the Tertiary Education Facilities Management Association, held August 27-30, 2006 in Sydney, Australia. Also in attendance were Reenan du Plessis, representing the Higher Education Facility Managers Association of Southern Africa (HEFMA), and Graham Bell, representing the United Kingdom’s Association of University Directors of Estates (AUDE).

International APPA Section to Form in Singapore

In a Memorandum of Understandingsigned on August 25, 2006, APPA and the National University of Singapore (NUS) expressed the intention to form an international section of APPA to improve the quality of facilities management in the North American and Asian-Pacific Rim areas. According to APPA President-Elect Alan Bigger, who was in Singapore for the signing of the document, “This will provide the NUS and other interested institutions with access to a vast array of resources and other facilities professionals within the APPA network. In addition, APPA and its existing members will receive great benefit from the increased breadth and diversity of perspectives and will make significant progress in its vision to become a global partner in learning.”

Ahoy Receives IRPE Examiner Commitment Award

On September 26, 2006, APPA President Christopher Ahoy, associate vice president for facilities at Iowa State University, received the 2006 IRPE Examiner Commitment Award on behalf of ISU’s Facilities Planning and Management in appreciation for providing leadership for the Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence 2006 Process. Ahoy has been a State Baldrige IRPE examiner for the past seven years, and was appointed as a member of the 2006 National Baldrige Board of Examiners. This is the second time FP&M has received this award.

Registrations Open for APPA’s Institute, Toolkit, and Academy

Registration is now open for APPA’s twice-yearly Institute for Facilities Management, which will next be held January 21-25, 2007 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World in Orlando, Florida.

APPA’s Supervisor Toolkit: Nuts and Bolts of Facilities Supervision will also be held January 21-25 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld Orlando, Florida.

In addition, registration will open December 1 for the April 15-19, 2007 Leadership Academy, APPA’s profes-
sional, individual, and organizational development program. The Academy will be held at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California.

Space is limited at both educational programs. To register or to learn more, visit www.appa.org/education.

**AARP Chooses Campuses for “Best Employers” Award**

AARP recently announced the 2006 winners of its Best Employers for Workers Over 50 award, and the following educational institutions were included:

- Brevard Public Schools
- Cornell University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Colorado Hospital
- University of Kentucky
- University of New Mexico Hospitals
- University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- West Virginia University Hospitals

In addition, APPA Business Partner member Stanley Consultants was recognized with AARP’s award, which “acknowledges the companies’ commitment to addressing aging workforce issues and creating the road map for the workplaces of tomorrow.”

To apply for the 2007 award or to learn more, visit www.aarp.org/employerresourcecenter. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2007.

**Campus Sustainability Leadership Awards Presented**

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) presented its first annual Campus Sustainability Leadership Awards at its October 4-6, 2006 conference in Tempe, Arizona. Four institutions were recognized for demonstrating an “outstanding overall commitment to sustainability in their governance, academics, operations, and community outreach.”

- Berea College, Kentucky
- Lane Community College, Oregon
- University of British Columbia
- Warren Wilson College, Oregon

For a complete description of the winning institutions’ sustainability efforts, or to learn more about AASHE, visit www.aashe.org.