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## Website Construction

APPA is currently in the midst of a complete redesign and reorientation of its website to reflect its new brand identity and to give members the ability to access information more efficiently. The new site is set to launch in mid-January 2008. Several APPA members will be asked to test the site and give feedback before it goes live to ensure our membership needs are met.

There have already been three new user-friendly and comprehensive features implemented on the existing website. First, we have added a robust search feature that is posted on the left column of each page of the site. This will better help users locate desired data and information.

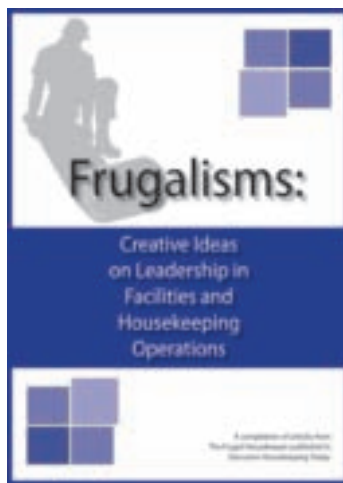
Second, stock your shelves with APPA's books by visiting the newly designed online APPA Bookstore ([www.appa.org/bookstore](http://www.appa.org/bookstore)). Enhanced features of the new bookstore include:

- A new shopping cart that allows you to save your items so that you may view and change upon your next log in.
- Easy-to-use search function by author, title, and topic.
- Ability to check the status of your order.
- Ability to track your shipment.

Finally, APPA's newest website feature is MyAPPA. This feature offers members access to personalized information—specific to an individual's APPA membership activity, including: membership dues status and renewal, record of attendance at educational sessions, list of publications purchased, survey participation, and online membership directory. Visit [www.appa.org](http://www.appa.org) to use these new features.

## Facilities Manager Redesign in 2008

Reflecting APPA's new brand is also extending to *Facilities Manager*. In the January/February issue, we will unveil a newly redesigned magazine that visually displays the character of our membership. The editorial content will continue to address the latest trends, standards, issues, and solutions in educational facilities renewal and modernization, sustainability, campus operations, grounds maintenance, and energy and utilities management.



## I.E.H.A. Publishes Book on APPA President's Writings

The International Executive Housekeepers Association (I.E.H.A.) recently published an anthology of APPA President Alan Bigger's writings—*Frugalisms: Creative Ideas on Leadership in Facilities and Housekeeping Operations*. Bigger is the Frugal Housekeeper columnist for I.E.H.A.'s magazine *Executive Housekeeping Today*. *Frugalisms* contains several years' worth of Bigger's housekeeping-related articles on floor care, staffing, budgeting, and customer service. You

can purchase the book through the APPA Bookstore at [www.appa.org/bookstore](http://www.appa.org/bookstore).



## Registration Open for February 2008 Programs

There is still space for the February 3-7, 2008, Institute and Toolkit in Newport Beach, California. The Institute for Facilities Management is a four-track course of study with core programming in general administration, maintenance and operations, energy and utilities, and planning, design and construction. The Supervisor's Toolkit is a structured, open-ended, and pragmatic approach to developing supervisors.

APPA is pleased to bring back the Facilities Finance Institute this February in Newport Beach. This program is geared towards Institute graduates for continued professional development in the financial aspect of facilities management. Registration for the Institute, Toolkit and Facilities Finance programs are available at [www.appa.org/education](http://www.appa.org/education).

Registration is also open for the Educational Facilities Professional (EFP) Credential program, which is available for professionals who seek to take their career to the next level. The next EFP credential preparatory class will be February 8, 2008 in Newport Beach, California. Individuals can take the exam February 8 or 9. The EFP program confirms your achievements and illustrates your basic, fundamental understanding of what it takes to create and maintain

safe, functional, and inspiring learning environments, now and for future generations. Visit <http://efp.appa.org/index.cfm> for more information.

### APPA 2008: Save the Date

Get ready for APPA to take you from Good to Great in 2008. Join us July 9-11 in San Antonio for APPA 2008, where you will climb toward peak performance with sessions to challenge, motivate, and transform you and your facilities operations. Experts and breakout sessions will focus on leadership and collaboration; solution revolution and technology; and connection and communication.



### New Membership Directory Sent

APPA Members: Look for your copy of the 2007-2008 APPA Membership Directory to arrive soon. The directory will include contact information for institutional, associate, and affiliate members and business partners. It will also have updated information on APPA's new brand, programs and events, organizational structure, and Bylaws. Look for the new cover to feature a spectrum of our membership.



### College Sustainability Report Card 2008 Released

Sustainable Endowments Institute has released the College Sustainability Report Card 2008. The report assesses sustainability efforts at the 200 public and private universities with the largest endowments. Letter grades are assigned to each campus in eight categories: administration, climate change & energy, food and recycling, green building, transportation, endowment transparency, investment priorities, and shareholder engagement. The report finds that two out of three schools have improved their sustainability performance since the 2007 report card, but many institutions continue to lag in applying sustainability practices to their endowment investments. Read the report card at <http://www.endowmentinstitute.org/sustainability>.

### U Victoria to Use 100% Post-Consumer Recycled Paper

The University of Victoria marked International Campus Sustainability Day by announcing that it will switch all its bond paper supplies to 100 percent post-consumer waste content beginning January 1. In making the switch from 30 percent post-consumer waste content, the university becomes one of the first in British Columbia to make the commitment to using 100 percent recycled paper stock. With the improved quality of recycled paper stocks and more effi-

cient equipment, the switch is not expected to translate into increased costs for the university or for students and staff.



*Columbia University won one of three Grand Awards in the Urban University Grounds category there were seven awards.*

### PGMS Honors Schools with Outstanding Grounds

The Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) recently recognized several colleges and universities for their exceptional grounds maintenance with the society's 2007 Green Star Awards. The College of Wooster in Ohio received the sole Grand Award in the University and College Grounds category. Four others were recognized with an Honor Award including the University of Virginia, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's College, and Penn State Delaware County.

In the Urban University Grounds category there were seven awards. The Grand Award recipients included Columbia University, American University, and the University of Texas at Austin. Honor Award winners included: the University of Pittsburg, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, the University of Alberta, and Arizona State University. Cincinnati State Technical & Community College received the Grand Award and Gwinnett Technical College received an Honor Award in the School Grounds category.

# Elevate. Celebrate.

APPA celebrates individuals and institutions who elevate educational facilities.

Nominations are open for 2008 awards:\*

#### Institutional Awards:

- Award for Excellence
- Effective and Innovative Practices Award

#### Individual Awards:

- APPA Fellow
- Meritorious Service Award
- Pacesetter Award

For more information and to submit nominations, visit: [www.appa.org/recognition](http://www.appa.org/recognition).

Contact Jill Amstutz ([jill@appa.org](mailto:jill@appa.org)) with questions about the awards and recognition process.

\* Submissions are accepted year-round. Awards submitted after January 30 will be considered for 2009.

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Large bronze screens, cast in China, adorn three sides of the East Asian Library. (Jonathan Martin/UC Berkeley)

## UC Berkeley Dedicates New East Asian Library

The University of California at Berkeley recently dedicated the C.V. Starr East Asian Library, one of the first freestanding libraries in the United States constructed exclusively for an East Asian collection. The new 68,000gsf library's treasures include more than 900,000 volumes of primarily Chinese, Japanese and Korean materials including woodblock prints, rare maps and scrolls, contemporary political posters and Buddhist scriptures. More than 70 UC Berkeley scholars teach over 200 courses concerning East Asia to over 5,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Other features in the library include:

- Coleman Fung Media Center, which will have links to public and private databases in Japan, Korea and China that relate to the humanities and social sciences.
- Art history seminar room with state-of-the-art projection capabilities and easy access to large-size books in the collection.
- Henry Fong Rare Book Room, which contains a rare book vault, with temperature and humidity controls and modern security measures.
- The Murakami Collection of first-edition literary publications from the Meiji (1868-1912) and Taisho (1912-1926) periods. ↓

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Start earning your EFP credential today. The next EFP credentialing preparatory class will be **February 8, 2008** in Newport Beach, CA. Exams will be given **February 8 and 9, 2008**. Register today at:

[www.certification.appa.org](http://www.certification.appa.org)