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APPA Board Approves Sustainability Statement

At its July meeting in San Antonio, the APPA Board of Directors approved the following statement regarding sustainability and environmental stewardship:

APPA is committed to supporting its members' ability to create and maintain sustainable campus environments.

APPA does this by:

- Facilitating an open exchange of information, knowledge, and experiences regarding sustainability within education facility practices;

- Connecting members to the best available expertise, resources, and information on sustainability;
- Engaging in alliances and collaborative efforts on behalf of its members to continuously improve the ability of educational institutions to achieve a clean and sustainable learning environment;
- Encouraging school, college, and university leaders to embrace sustainability as a core campus value; and
- Employing documented sustainable practices in the conduct of APPA business.

Congress Votes to Fund the Sustainability Efforts in Higher Education

On July 31, the U.S. Congress passed all provisions of the Higher Education Sustainability Act (HESA) as part of the new Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HR 4137). HR 4137, expected to be signed into law shortly by President Bush, creates a pioneering "University Sustainability Grants Program" at the U.S. Department of Education. It will offer competitive grants to institutions and associations of higher education to develop, implement, and evaluate sustainability curricula, practices, and academic programs.

This is the first new federal environmental education funding program authorized in 18 years. Endorsed by over 220 colleges and universities, higher education associations including APPA, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and corporations, this grant program will provide the catalyst for colleges and universities to develop and implement more programs and practices

around the principles of sustainability. The bill also directs the Department of Education to convene a national summit of higher education sustainability experts, federal agency staff, and business leaders to identify best practices and opportunities for collaboration in sustainability.

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), the original Senate sponsor of HESA, explains: "Colleges are a natural breeding ground for the kind of innovation we need to move to new, environmentally-friendly energy sources. Our young people know the stakes. They know that developing sustainable energy programs will affect their lives, their economic well-being, and the planet they are inheriting. These grants will help college students take the reins of the movement to make energy last longer and have less of an impact on our environment."

For more information on the passage and implications of HESA, visit www.fundee.org.

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Stewart and Van Sant Win Rex Dillow Award



Patricia Stewart



Kate Van Sant

The Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article is an annual award given to the author of the best article published in *Facilities Manager* magazine in the year previous to the annual conference. The recipients of the 2008 Rex Dillow Award are Patricia Stewart of the University of Mississippi and Kate Van Sant of West Virginia University. They were coauthors of the article,

"Pandemic Preparation: Hoping for the Best, Preparing for the Worst," which appeared in the November/December 2007 issue of *Facilities Manager*.

Eligible authors for the Rex Dillow Award are full-time employees of an APPA member institution, and the award is selected by the Information and Research Committee based on a comprehensive rating scale.

This year there were 20 articles eligible for the award, which is named for APPA member emeritus Rex O. Dillow, formerly of the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dillow contributed much to the development and improvement of APPA's publications and educational programs during his active membership in the association.

Stewart and Van Sant were presented their award at the APPA 2008 conference in San Antonio. Congratulations to the authors for their excellent contribution to the facilities profession.

FPI Survey Now Open!

The 2007-08 Facilities Performance Indicators survey is now open and ready to receive your data. The FPI survey has been modified to include an Essential Question Set of executive-level questions that will provide you with valuable strategic measures.



APPA has also introduced its new Qualified FPI Advisor program to assist you in collecting data, clarifying definitions, working with data sources on campus, and understanding the value of your responses as they will relate to the 2007-08 FPI report, which will be published through APPA's website in February 2009.

For more information about the FPI survey or the Qualified FPI Advisor program, visit www.appa.org/research/fpi.cfm or contact Christina Hills, APPA's research specialist, at 703-684-1446 ext. 244 or christina@appa.org. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, December 1, 2008.

APPA Announces Newest EFP Credential Recipients

APPA congratulates the individuals who passed the Educational Facilities Professional (EFP) exam in July 2008 and received the EFP credential, designating them as a professional proficient in the primary areas of educational facilities management. The credential is earned through a comprehensive examination testing knowledge of four core areas key to the profession: general administration; operations and maintenance; energy and utilities; and planning, design, and construction. Those receiving the EFP designation are:

- J. Thomas Becker, Philadelphia University
- Calvin Bigger, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Roberto Cisneros, University of TX, Medical Branch
- Linda Corbin, Lone Star College, Montgomery
- Eugene Fernandez, Dallas County Community College District
- Johnny Flores, University of TX, San Antonio
- Tonya Foster, Texas A&M University
- Francis Halle, International (Canada)
- Christopher McCall, University of Houston, Downtown
- Kip Oveson, Ridgewater College
- George Parker, Texas A&M University
- Yasuko Sakurai, Texas A&M University
- Ed Schmidt, William Jessup University
- Charles Scott, Illinois State University
- Oscar Villarreal, University of TX, Pan American

The EFP is a way to validate the unique knowledge and competence required of an accomplished professional in the educational facilities field. For eligibility requirements, dates, and to apply for the preparatory course or exam, visit www.certification.appa.org.

Clarifications

In the July/August issue, the photo accompanying the article, "Community Colleges & APPA: Powerful Forces in Higher Education" (p. 44) should have been credited to Northampton Community College.



New educational institution member Ohio County Schools, located in Wheeling, West Virginia, was inadvertently listed as a MAPPA member (p. 9, July/August). While Wheeling is about as far into the Midwest region as is possible to go, Ohio County Schools is a member of the SRAPPA region.

APPA EVENTS – 2008

Sept 7-11 Institute for Facilities Management
Austin, TX. www.appa.org/training/institute/index.cfm

Sept 7-11 Supervisor's Toolkit Austin, TX.
www.appa.org/training/toolkit/index.cfm

Sept 12 EFP Prep Course Austin, TX.
www.certification.appa.org

Sept 12 or 13 EFP Exam Austin, TX.
www.certification.appa.org

Sept 28-Oct 1 ERAPPA Annual Conference
Baltimore, MD. www.erappa.org

Sept 28-Oct 1 RMA Annual Conference
Park City, UT. www.rmappa.org

Oct 5-8 MAPPA Annual Conference
Madison, WI. www.m-appa.org

Oct 8-10 PCAPPA Annual Conference
Portland, OR. www.pcapa.org

Oct 8-11 ACUHO-I/APPA Facilities Housing Conference Dallas, TX. www.acuho-i.org

Oct 11-15 CAPPA Regional Conference
Oklahoma City, OK. www.cappaedu.com

Oct 25-28 SRAPPA Annual Conference
Charleston, SC. www.srapa.org

Nov 6-7 AAPPA 2008 Fall Education Conference
Halifax, NS. fm.dal.ca/aappa

For more information or to submit your organization's event, visit www.appa.org/calendar/index.cfm.

OTHER EVENTS – 2008

Sep 21-24 National Recycling Coalition Conference Pittsburgh, PA. www.nrc-recycle.org/2008callforpapers.aspx

Oct 5-7 Building Commissioning Association Annual Convention Long Island, NY. www.bcxa.org/events/expo2008

Nov 2-5 National Association of College Auxiliary Services Conference Chicago, IL. www.nacas.org

Nov 4-6 Global HR Forum Seoul, South Korea.
www.ghrforum.org

Nov 9-11 AASHE National Conference Raleigh, NC.
www.aashe.org/conf2008

Nov 19-21 Greenbuild 2008 Boston, MA.
www.greenbuildexpo.org

Jan 7-9 Texas College and University Facilities Conference San Marcos, TX. www.vpfss.txstate.edu/tcuf/default.htm

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