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There is a lot to look forward to

from APPA in 2009. Through the current economic downturn, you will want to turn (or return) to APPA as your association of choice for answers and assistance as you support and guide your educational facilities operation. Following are just a few things coming your way this year:

Certification Exam Day for EFP. In addition to the several locations and dates already scheduled for APPA's certification and credentialing preparatory courses and exams, we will also introduce several Exam Days for the Educational Facilities Professional credential. The first will be conducted February 28 at locations throughout North America, thus allowing the student an opportunity to take the EFP exam at campus sites closer to home.

Improved and Enhanced Facilities Management Evaluation Program. A task force of FMEP participants is in the process of evaluating the program itself and will introduce improved processes and reports later this year.

Improved and Enhanced FPI Report. This year we introduced the new Essential Question Set for the Facilities Performance Indicators survey, and the FPI Report is built around those critical measures and metrics that will help you lead your facilities operation.

Development of the Digital Body of Knowledge. An ever-growing team of facilities professionals are in the process of updating the *Facilities Management* manual, which has important ties to the Institute for Facilities Management and our certification programs. The content will be available in early 2010 as a searchable library through APPA's website. Past APPA President Maggie Kinnaman serves as editor-in-chief for the BOK project.

New Books from APPA. Forthcoming titles include *Facility Management Shared Services*, an e-book on contracting from Jeff Campbell, and *Facilities Reinvestment*, written by Harvey Kaiser and Eva Klein.

Leadership Academy. April 26-30 are the dates for the 2009 Academy session, in

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. As a 2008 grad of the Academy, I can attest to the value and meaningful content of the program throughout its four tracks. It's a great experience for your personal, professional, and organizational development, and I highly recommend it.

APPA 2009: Focusing on the Critical Few. Stephen R. Covey. Vancouver, British Columbia. High-level programming on leadership and collaboration; connection and communication; and solution revolution and technology. Be there.

Expanded Webinar Series. We had great success in 2008 with our webinars on *The Green Campus*, LEED points using APPA's *Custodial Staffing Guidelines*, and guidance on the FPI survey. With travel and training budgets being affected everywhere, APPA will increase the number and variety of webinar topics in 2009. On the drawing board are sessions on recycling and food composting; campus safety and security; capital budgeting; master planning; financing utility upgrades; developing a climate action plan; code advocacy; total cost of ownership; building staff morale; and much more.

We know that 2009 will be a difficult year for many of us. Do not hesitate to rely on APPA and your regional and chapter organizations for assistance, information, and reassurance. We are here to serve you. ☎

Coming in March/April 2009

- Special theme on Energy, Utilities, and Sustainability
- National Wildlife Federation environmental report card
- APPA's Sustainability Implementation Guide
- Case studies