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As a founding member of HEASC, the Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium, APPA has learned a lot, and shared a lot, in our ongoing discussions with colleagues at other administrative and academic organizations.

Over the past two years APPA has made significant moves to enhance our commitment to environmental stewardship, energy conservation and efficiencies, and sustainable education and practice. Here are just a few of our efforts:

Board of Director/APPA Staff

- Board adopted a Sustainability Statement in July 2008
- Board made a substantial contribution by holding its February meeting via video conference; this greatly reduced costs and eliminated greenhouse gas emissions for 20 round-trip flights
- four APPA staff members (25 percent), including your editor, regularly use public transportation to get to work

Professional Development Programs

- no printed handouts
- no water bottles or soda cans
- when possible, work with local shelters and kitchens for donating leftover food
- more electronic promotions, fewer direct mail brochures
- forthcoming policy to offset greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel to our Institute, Leadership Academy, Supervisor's Toolkit, and SFO Summit programs
- development of more virtual meetings and webinars
- successful sustainability track conducted at the January 2009 Institute; will be repeated at the September 2009 Institute
- participating association of the annual Smart & Sustainable Campuses Conference

Publications and Resources

- publication of two major books: *The Green Campus: Meeting the Challenge of Environmental Sustainability* and *The*

Environmental Compliance Assistance Guide, second edition

- release of the recent sustainability implementation guide, *The Educational Facilities Professional's Practical Guide to Reducing the Campus Carbon Footprint*
- this theme issue of *Facilities Manager*
- several forthcoming books and reports will be Web-based only
- contributing partner in the Campus Environmental Resources Center website (www.campuserc.org)
- forthcoming sustainability/environmental stewardship website

In addition, we've made some changes to the paper used to print *Facilities Manager*. With this issue we have switched to a paper stock that is 50 percent recycled paper, with 25 percent made up of post-consumer waste. The paper is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and is considered elemental chlorine free. We continue to use soy ink in our printing, as we have for the past 15 years.

While we are aiming for 100 percent recycled paper and even higher concentrations of post-consumer waste in our magazine stock, our recent changes are a vast improvement over what we previously had used. There's much more we can do throughout all our programs, and we will continue to practice the messages we send to our members. ♻️

Coming in May/June 2009

- Special theme issue on Building Information Modeling
- BIM and the Total Cost of Ownership
- The Whole Building Design Guide
- Managing Foot Traffic with Brick