# Professional Development

## TOUGH TIMES DON'T KEEP FACILITIES PROFESSIONALS AWAY

By Suzanne Healy

September 2009 marked another successful APPA professional development offering with the Institute in Hilton Head, South Carolina. While our historical attendance numbers were reduced due to the financial issues facing many of our institutional members, an excellent showing was made by those who were able to join us. Participants enjoyed a rich week of outstanding content, expert speakers and many networking opportunities.

Our Institute continues to be the cornerstone offering for APPA as we deliver content in the core areas of general administration, maintenance & operations, energy & utilities, and planning, design and construction. The dedication of the Deans — Mary Vosevich, General Administration, Jay Klingel, Maintenance & Operations; Lynne Finn, Energy & Utilities; and Don

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Guckert, Planning, Design & Construction — once again delivered a variety of course offerings that provided a broad range of topical material for the facilities professional.

During the week-long program we welcomed a new "class" of first-time attendees. This new grouping of individuals reaffirms that even in tough economic times, our members see the intangible value in the Institute program (and professional development in general) for themselves and their staffs.

As the week drew to a close we celebrated with a graduation ceremony for the Class of September 2009. The evening was filled with sharing the achievement with old friends and new colleagues.

Please visit *www.appa.org* for more information and registration dates. We hope to see you soon!

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