

The induction of Maggie Kinnaman and Mo Qayoumi as the newest APPA Fellows brings the select list of APPA members holding that distinguished designation to only ten individuals. It's not an easy task to be eligible for APPA Fellow. The bar is set high, but it is not insurmountable.

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Building upon the success we've seen with the introduction two years ago of the CleanOpsStaff software package, APPA is pleased to announce the availability of GroundsOpsStaff, a full software package that incorporates the concepts developed by APPA in the popular APPA book, Operational Guidelines for Grounds Management. The software includes the five APPA Levels of Attention, the six standard grounds areas matrices, worksheets for grounds inventory data in multiple units of measure, and much more. GroundsOpsStaff performs all the calculations found in the Operational Guidelines publication, generates reports for determining staffing and budget needs, and export reports to Excel, Word, or PowerPoint. In addition, local variables may also be configured to meet your local conditions. You can create 14 local grounds areas matrices to meet your local situation. Many thanks to Ernest Hunter of Hunter Consulting and Training for his software development and technical support for both GroundsOpsStaff and CleanOpsStaff. Learn more and order the packages at www.appa.org/bookstore.

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge the APPA staff members who serve you and your institutions throughout the year.

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