



It is an annual pleasure of mine to learn the name of the winner of the **Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article**. Those eligible for the award are full-time employees of an APPA member institution who publish an article in *Facilities Manager*. The award is selected by APPA's Information and Research Committee based on a comprehensive rating scale.



The 2010 Rex Dillow Award recipient is **Joe Whitefield** of Middle Tennessee State University, for his article "Deferred Capital Renewal as a Spoiler for Campus Programs," which was published in the January/February 2010 issue. This was Joe's first article for *Facilities Manager*, and he has been active in APPA in many activities, including participation in several Thought Leaders symposia and as a panelist for the closing plenary session on Inventing Your Future at the APPA 2010 conference in Boston. Congratulations to Joe!

The **2009-10 Facilities Performance Indicators (FPI) survey** is now open for data collection. We invite all educational institutions [colleges, universities, K-12, preparatory schools, libraries, museums, etc.] to participate in the 2009-10 FPI survey.



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The 2009-10 FPI survey will close in early December 2010, but we hope that all of you will begin inputting your data right away. Please note that you will need to complete the survey Registration module before you will have access to the other

survey modules. The survey access instructions can be found on our FPI home page at www.appa.org/research/fpi/index.cfm.

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Your colleagues at the host institutions are expending a lot of time, energy, staff resources, and money to put on an excellent program for your benefit. The educational sessions, the exhibit hall resources of our business partners, the many networking opportunities, and more are invaluable to your professional development, particularly at the present time. If you haven't registered yet, do so now.

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