

PAST APPA PRESIDENT BILL MIDDLETON DIES

William D. Middleton, APPA's President in 1990-91, died July 10 in Livonia, New York. He had worked as the chief facilities officer at the University of Virginia from 1979 to 1993, after serving many years in the U.S. Navy. He continued writing, editing, and consulting well into his "retirement" from U.Va.



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Bill was a great friend and leader within APPA. He taught for many years at the Institute for Facilities Management—most often with courses in contracting for services, organization and staffing, and public relations and communications—and once said, "One of my longest and fondest personal involvements with APPA has been with the Institute." He firmly believed that there was no better way to learn about a subject than to teach it.


Bill served three years as APPA's Vice President for Educational Programs (now Professional Development) and was elected President in 1990. One of his key accomplishments was to develop and begin to implement a Long-Range Plan for the Association that had not been done before to such depth and breadth.

Before he became APPA President, Bill was program coordinator for the APPA delegation to the People's Republic of China in 1987, which included other APPA members and representatives from SCUP and NACUBO. Bill taught several mini-Institute classes at a number of Chinese universities during the trip. Bill received the Meritorious Service Award in 1985 and the President's Award in 1988.

But I knew Bill primarily as a writer and an editor. He wrote several excellent articles for *Facilities Manager*, and he was encouraging to others in their writing.

Bill served as the content editor for the Planning, Design, and Construction section of the second edition (1988) of *Facilities Management: A Manual for Plant Administration*, and moved into the editor-in-chief role for the thorough revision and expansion of the third edition published in 1997. The manual, and the subsequent digital Body of Knowledge (BOK), have served as primary content for the Institute core courses and the EFP and CEFPP credentials. His work was always thoughtful, detailed, and far-reaching, and he was also a skilled photographer.

Anyone who knew Bill Middleton for any amount of time would learn that his lifelong passion was on the subject of railroad history and operation. He published more than 20 books, including an extensive encyclopedia, and approximately 700 articles for magazines and newspapers. He was a long-time writer for *Railway Age*, *Railroad Track and Structures*, *Railway Gazette International*, and *International Railway Journal*, as well as general publications such as *American Heritage*.

When asked back in 1990 why APPA was important to him as our new President, Bill stated, "APPA is the kind of organization that has an extraordinary willingness among its members...to aid and assist each other." Bill Middleton was always the first to answer that call whenever we needed him. 

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