2012
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More than 140 members of the Central Region attended the CAPPA 2012 Annual Meeting held at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas from October 14-17. Hosted by Texas Christian University, the conference drew participants from 47 institutions, ranging from four-year colleges to medical schools, seminaries, community colleges, and public school systems. APPA guests included executive vice president Lander Medlin and staff liaison Christina Hills.

“Learning to Change the World” was the theme of the conference, inviting attendees to explore ways in which facilities organizations can become more effective and efficient in supporting our institutions. Educational tracks addressed maintenance and utilities, project design and construction, grounds and custodial services, and human resources. Across tracks, presenters emphasized sustainable approaches to developing and maintaining physical and human assets in the rapidly changing education environment. The conference also offered Supervisor’s Toolkit to 18 facilities supervisors. TCU provided a campus tour, spotlighting the Amon Carter Stadium, utilities, grounds and landscape, and new construction.

CAPPA welcomed participation from 128 business partners representing 66 companies. The Exhibit Hall provided the kind of networking and information sharing that supports CAPPA institutions in learning to change their world.

Bryan Dodge, nationally known public speaker based in Dallas, gave the keynote address that launched the conference. During the keynote and in an educational session, Bryan stressed the importance of keeping our professional and personal lives in balance and offered guidelines for managing time.

CAPPA attendees balanced work and fun at the conference. They chose from a golf tournament at the Texas Star Golf Course, a trip to the Texas State Fair, or a visit to the Dallas World Aquarium. Later, they attended a football watching party at Dallas House of Blues. A special treat was the evening spent at the beautiful Dallas Arboretum, which featured an exhibit of glassworks designed by noted glass artisan Chihuly. Spouses and guests toured the 6th Floor Museum at the Texas Book Depository and visited historic Grapevine, Texas, for sightseeing and shopping.

The awards banquet wrapped up the conference with a delicious dinner and live music performed by Of Many Colors. Numerous CAPPA members were recognized for their contributions to the organization and profession. Certificates of Meritorious Service were presented to Bob Everett, The Clark-Enerson Partnership; Cindy Brewer, The University of Texas at Austin; and Chris Snow, Oklahoma City Community College. Distinguished Member Award recipients were David Millay, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and J.B. Messer, Oklahoma City Community College. Miles Abernathy, emeritus (UT-Austin) received the Newsletter Award. President’s Awards were presented to Vickie Younger, emeritus (Missouri State University); Art Jones, Black Hills State University; and Mike Johnson, University of Arkansas.

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More than 630 attended with 126 institutions represented at the 2012 ERAPPA Annual Meeting, which took place September 30 - October 3 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The theme for the Conference, “Holding Truths & Pursuing Happiness,” was designed to strengthen and encourage the educational facilities professional. The keynote speaker, Stephen M. R. Covey, gave a compelling address challenging the assumption that trust is merely a social virtue and instead demonstrated that trust can be a hard-edged, economic driver that makes organizations more profitable, people more promotable, and relationships more energizing. Marci Shimoff, the plenary speaker, author of Happy for No Reason, dazzled the attendees with her upbeat and positive message on choosing to be happy.

The conference was hosted by APPA’s Delaware Valley Chapter under the leadership of Kathleen DiJoseph and Andrew Feick. The host committee provided a five track education program and wonderful entertainment that took advantage of center city Philadelphia, including a night at the Franklin Institute. The conference finished with an enjoyable Awards Banquet where outgoing President Greg Scott (Pennsylvania State University) bestowed honor and recognition upon worthy ERAPPA scholarship recipients, APPA award recipients, and special, heartfelt thanks to individuals who helped make his presidency a success. ERAPPA Certificates of Appreciation and Merit were awarded to Committee Members, Host Committee Chairs and Members, and Past Chapter Presidents.

Dan Gearan took over as president at the awards banquet and took his cue from the theme of the 2013 Annual Meeting in Rochester, NY (September 29 – October 2) “Focusing on the Future.” Under Dan’s leadership, we will be focusing on our alignment with APPA, supporting the chapters, helping our individual members achieve success, and focusing on the future of our profession.

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“All Aboard to a Great Adventure” was the theme for MAPPA 2012 this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The adventure took place October 14-17, 2012, at The Marriott Depot and included Learning, Networking, Sharing, Discovering, and much more.

Ruthann Manlet, University of Minnesota, took the lead and coordinated the teamwork of conference hosts Hamline University, Bethel University, St. Thomas College, MN State Colleges, the University of Minnesota - Crookston, Morris and Duluth Campuses, Carleton College, and Macalester College to deliver a successful week.

The 300 participants represented educational facilities staff and business partners from the Midwest. The educational sessions were well attended and covered topics such as energy savings, employee safety, integrated pest management, and performance measurement. There was lively competition in the Exhibit Hall as attendees bought matchbox cars and raced them to raise money for the Travel Ventures Charity.

The Big Ten and Friends Building Service Administrator’s Conference and the Supervisor’s Toolkit coincided with the MAPPA Conference for the second year. This provided an opportunity for additional networking.

President Brandon Baswell recognized John Hoffman (Iowa State University), Darius Bradley (Michigan State University) and Aaron Ray (The Ohio State University) with the prestigious President’s Awards. He also thanked outgoing APPA Board Members John Ott (The Ohio State University at Wooster), Senior Representative, and Doug Greenwood (University of Minnesota at Duluth), Professional Development Chair. Brandon passed the tiara and gavel plaque to President-Elect Kristie Kowall.

Kristie shared highlights of her ongoing “APPA Journey” and encouraged everyone to leave a legacy that includes making a difference in someone else’s career/life by “lifting others up.”

The conference closed with a morning breakfast. Ten people attended the EFP Prep Course and three took the CEFP exam.

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This year’s 2012 PCAPPA Annual Regional Meeting was a historic first for us. Jointly sharing this opportunity spotlight at the APPA 2012 Conference created a truly collaborative synergy for both our regional and national members alike. A special thank you to APPA, for allowing this idea to flourish. Together, this joint opportunity allowed renewed experiences for our region’s universities to enjoy benefits, messages, and educational enhancements for everyone. Additionally, improving and increasing joint relationships with our business partners leads to greater benefit for our membership, and expands learning activities — no doubt our primary focus and commitment.

Denver was an opportunity to acknowledge several individuals committed to improving their institutions within our region and APPA: The President’s Meritorious Service Award, presented by past-president David Gray, brought highlight to our western region. Tony Ichsan, PCAPPA Professional Affairs Chair (SCJCD,SRJC), Brian Worley, PCAPPA Secretary & Treasurer (Claremont McKenna College), Towny Angell, (Reed College), and Mark Hunter (CalPoly San Luis Obispo) and former PCAPPA president, were each honored for their service.

APPA’s 2012 Sustainability Award was proudly given to the University of British Columbia and the University of California Irvine. The 2012 Pacesetter Award went to Richard Davis, Evergreen State College. Tony Ichsan received APPA’s Unsung Heroes Award, and Kunal Chitre, PCAPPA’s past-communication chair, received the President’s Award. David Woodson, PCAPPA VP Awards & Recognition Committee, received a special Annual Meeting Award for making this joint effort a success. Lastly, Chong-Hie Choi, APPA’s liaison to PCAPPA, received Special Award for 25 years of Services to APPA. Her support and wisdom to our region has been outstanding. My appreciation goes out to these individuals and spotlights our region’s all-stars.

Denver’s joint partnership provided opportunities for attendees in the educational facilities industry, which is important in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Our region’s goal is to assist our membership in selecting and developing training opportunities—which will improve campus operations, while developing leadership characteristics today and in the future.

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It was Wyoming’s honor to host this year’s Rocky Mountain Regional conference. Sheridan was picked for its historic cowboy appeal and rugged beauty matching the conference theme “Cowboy Up!” Managing In Difficult Times. With quaint Trolley Tours and an abundance of western history it was easy to glean inspiration from our heritage and take hold of lessons learned in hard times.

Sessions were full, as there were nearly 250 attendees, and beneficial given all the feedback received. The Keynote speakers were Walt Stasinski and Don Mann. Walt spoke about fun in the workplace and Don Mann a Navy Seal and Trainer for Seal Team Six challenged all to set higher goals.

Entertainment was memorable starting with world class fishing on The Big Horn River and Golf on the amazing Powder Horn golf course at the base of the mountains. The welcome reception held at the historic 100 year old Mint Bar was in fact historical. The Second night was hosted by the oldest working dude ranch in the United States, Eaton’s Ranch. Wyoming steaks and the Two Step set the pace for the last evening. The “Blues Brothers” who were flown in from Chicago for a fabulous show and a full night of dancing.

Business was conducted by 2012 President Viron Lynch and Master of Ceremonies was Mike Sawyer from the host school Casper College.

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Over 300 participants, from 50 colleges, universities, and K-12 institutions; 36 exhibitors; 39 educational session presenters, and many business partners came to the historic town of Lexington, Virginia on October 13-16, 2012 for the SRAPPA ’12 Conference co-hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University.

APPA attendance included Lander Medlin, APPA executive vice president; John Bernards, APPA associate vice president; Steve Glazner, APPA staff liaison; and Glenn Smith, APPA president-elect.

Twenty-four educational sessions, from Grounds Maintenance to Green Preservation to 7 Years After Katrina—How Ready are We? provided a comprehensive program for attendees. Glenn Smith taught us how to smile in his talk on the Pursuit of Happiness, Lander Medlin spoke on Balancing Your Choices, Balancing Yourself at the Plenary Session, and Michael Abrashoff, Keynote Speaker, delivered a thought-provoking presentation entitled, The Innovation Roadmap: Transforming Your Organization and Achieving Sustainable Growth, followed by a book signing.

James Whittaker, president, Facility Engineering Associates, led the credentialing preparatory course for ten attendees representing seven colleges, universities, and public schools and one business partner.

Social Events included Golf Outing, Lexington Golf and Country Club; Sporting Clays, The Homestead Resort; Welcome Reception, George C. Marshall Museum, VMI; Social on Lawn, Canan Green, W&L; and the President’s Banquet and Dance, Evans Hall, W&L.

Spouses and guests were treated to a Natural Bridge tour and lunch at the VMI Museum; local historical tours with Lexington carriage rides; and lunch at Wade’s Mill followed by a trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The President’s Banquet and Dance was the culminating event of the conference. Paul Wuebold, outgoing President, recognized John Malmrose, Medical University of South Carolina, for his dedicated service. Friends and colleagues enjoyed a fun-filled evening socializing and dancing to sounds of Trademark.

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