An annual duty of mine that I always enjoy is announcing the winner of APPA’s annual Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in *Facilities Manager*. This year I am pleased to share that Donald J. Guckert and Jeri Ripley King, both of the University of Iowa, are the 2013 award recipients for their article, “Creating a Shared Context for Value-Based Collaboration & Decision Making.”

Published in the July/August 2012 issue, Don and Jeri’s article describes a process and a model to help answer the question: “How do you succinctly communicate the breadth, complexity, and forward-thinking approaches that are necessary for facilities management organizations to operate in today’s complex and ever-changing environment?” The article was selected by the Information and Research Committee from nine eligible articles published in the six issues of *Facilities Manager* within the past year.

Don and Jeri won their first Rex Dillow Award in 2003 for “The High Cost of Building a Better University.” Don is an APPA Fellow and the dean of the Planning, Design, and Construction track for the Institute of Facilities Management. In addition, he has just signed on as the new content coordinator for the PDC section of APPA’s BOK (Body of Knowledge). Jeri is a past CFaR researcher and is the current APPA Vice President for Information and Research. Congratulations to both on their accomplishment.

Since the first Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article was presented to Doug Christensen in 1987, a total of 26 authors have written or co-written a winning article in *Facilities Manager*; some have won more than once:

- Bill Daigneau (four-time winner)
- Walter Simpson (three-time winner)
- Don Guckert & Jeri King (two-time winners)
- Harvey Kaiser (two-time winner)

To read all the tremendous articles that have been awarded the Rex Dillow Award since 1987, please visit www.appa.org/recognition/dillowawardees.cfm. Congratulations again to Don and Jeri for their great work this year.