First Organization Name
Association of Superintendents of Buildings and Grounds of the Central Western Colleges & Universities

First K-12 to Attend an APPA Meeting
Indianapolis (IN) Public Schools, 1916

First APPA President – James H. Marks, University of Michigan, 1915

First APPA President to Serve Two Separate Terms – Albert W. McConnell, University of Wisconsin, 1916 & 1918

First (Interim) Association Executive Director – Gerald Hawk, Eastern New Mexico University, 1970-1972

First (Permanent) Association Executive Director – Paul T. Knapp, 1972-1985

A Sampling of APPA FIRSTS

By Steve Glazner, Editor

First Senior Facilities Officer Summit
2007, Baltimore, Maryland

First Emerging Professionals Summit
2013, Minneapolis, Minnesota

First APPA Fellows
Jack Hug, Doug Christensen, and Bill Daigneau (2004)

First Meritorious Service Awards
Sam Brewster, Brigham Young University; Paul Elleman, Ohio State University; and Al Gallistel, University of Wisconsin Madison (1958)
2 First Female APPA President – Diane Kerby, Berea College, 1993

3 First African American Member Elected to APPA Office – William McDonald, North Carolina Central University (Treasurer, 1989)

4 First African American Member Elected President-Elect – Randolph Hare, Washington and Lee University, 2013. Will become APPA’s first African American President at APPA 2014 Centennial Celebration

First APPA Facilities Workshop 1959, evolved into the Institute for Facilities Management

First Institute for Facilities Management – 1980

First Executive Development Institute – 1988, evolved into the Leadership Academy

First APPA U – September 2011, combining full 4-track programs of the Institute and Academy under one roof

First Drive-In Workshop – May 2010, Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City (sponsored by Tandus Flooring)

First EFP Recipients – September 2007: 15 APPA members earned the first APPA credential


First APPA Conference in a Region—
MAPPA (First APPA Meeting) – March 23, 1914, Chicago, Illinois (University of Chicago)

ERAPPA – 1928, Ithaca, New York

RMA – 1929, Denver, Colorado

SRAPPA – 1930, Lexington, Kentucky

PCAPPA – 1940, Seattle, Washington

CAPPAA – 1946, Lincoln, Nebraska

First APPA Conference in Canada – 1962, Hamilton, Ontario (McMaster University)

8 First Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article
Doug Christensen, 1987, with Phil Rector (left), and Rex Dillow (right)

9 First Award for Excellence in Facilities Management
Brigham Young University and Medical College of Georgia, 1988