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# Eastern Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: October 4-7, 2015 • Providence, RI

# ERAPPA



## Michelle Frederick ERAPPA Past President American University

The 2014 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, held September 21 through September 24, was the meeting that almost wasn't. Originally scheduled to be held at the Revel hotel, the meeting needed to be relocated when the Revel announced it would be closing its doors. In six short weeks, the host committee, under the extraordinary leadership of cochairs Andrew Christ (New Jersey Institute of Technology) and Mark Showers (Rowan University), was able to relocate our attendees to the Borgata hotel and the conference to the Atlantic City Convention Center. ERAPPA 2014 was a "go" once more!

More than 660 participants, representing 120 educational institutions, converged on Atlantic City to witness the miracle performed by this year's host, the New Jersey Chapter of APPA (NJAPPA). The conference theme was "An Ocean of Opportunities." The keynote speaker was George D. Martin, a 14-year veteran of the NFL and captain of the Super Bowl XXI Champion New York Giants. The plenary speaker was Eric LeGrand, a former defensive tackle for Rutgers University who suffered a severe spinal injury during a game in 2010. The host committee delivered an engaging program that included a five-track professional development program, APPA's Supervisor's Toolkit, APPA's EFP/CEFP Prep Course and Exam, a Hall of Resources, and a beach-themed networking event at the Landshark on the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the entire allotment of professional development scholarships was awarded for the second



The 2014-2015 ERAPPA Board (Larry Fitzgerald, Business Partner Representative, not pictured).



Glenn Smith receives the prestigious Norman H. Bedell Award.

year in a row—six educational scholarships, three credentialing scholarships, and ten Ambassador Scholarships.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the outgoing chapter presidents and committee members, and host committee members. Merit Awards were given to the outgoing board members and the host committee chairs. Rick Battistoni and Matthew Yencha were awarded the Rising Star Award. Connie Simmons, Christine Matheson, and Joe Wojtysiak were awarded the Chapter Champion Award. ERAPPA President Michelle Frederick bestowed the President's Award upon Greg Clayton, Andrew Christ, and Mark Showers. The awards ceremony culminated with Glenn Smith receiving the prestigious Norman H. Bedell Award. Dale DeBlois assumed the role of



The Unexpected Boys perform at the Awards Banquet.

ERAPPA President at the end of the Annual Meeting.

### THE 2014-2015 ERAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Dale DeBlois**, Colby College  
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Penn State University  
Secretary—**Andrew Christ**, New Jersey  
Institute of Technology  
Treasurer—**Arthur Walsh**, University of  
New Brunswick-Fredericton  
APPA Senior Representative—**Dan  
Gearan**, New England College  
APPA Junior Representative—**Michelle  
Frederick**, American University  
APPA Liaison—**John Bernhards**

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# Southeastern Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: October 10-13, 2015 • Baton Rouge, LA

# SRAPPA



**Kelly Ostergrant, CAP**  
**SRAPPA Vice President for**  
**Communications**  
**Middle Tennessee State University**

More than 160 participants representing 38 institutions had the opportunity to attend 21 educational sessions with 107 business partners at this year's 2014 SRAPPA Conference October 4-7 in Huntington, West Virginia. The 63rd annual conference was hosted by Marshall University under the direction of Mark Cutlip.

Glenn Smith, APPA Immediate Past President, and John Bernhards, APPA Associate Vice President, conducted the general session by recapping some of the videos seen at APPA's 100th Anniversary Conference.

Keynote speaker Bruce Wilkinson shared stories about motivating people

and inspiring excellence, service, and accountability in the workplace. The Monday Night Football Dinner was a combination of fun, food, dancing, and friendly competition of corn hole as teams played each other to win beautiful military-themed corn hole boards. Plenary speaker Abby Rike spoke about her journey through an unbelievable tragedy and how she was able to push through the devastation, finding her inner strength and courage.

The President's Banquet concluded our conference as the outgoing president, Jay Williams, recapped the region's successful year and awarded the SRAPPA President's Award for Emeritus Status to Jay Klingel. Also recognized were the board members who received the President's Award for their service to the board: Paul Wuebold, Heather Hargrave, Lee Richey, and Larry Blake. The SRAPPA region recognized

those who received APPA awards presented in July:

*Meritorious Service:* Marion Bracy, Xavier University, and Jay Klingel, University of Virginia

*Effective and Innovative Practices Award:* Xavier University

*Award for Excellence:* University of North Carolina Charlotte

*President's Unsung Hero Award:* Andy Maddox, University of Alabama

*Standards and Codes Council, President's Award:* Mark Goska

*Sustainability Award:* North Carolina State University

Glenn Smith, APPA Immediate Past President, installed the 2014-15 SRAPPA Board. Joe Castillo, one of the top finalists on *America's Got Talent* concluded the banquet with a phenomenal "live art" presentation using sand, light, and music.

## THE 2014-2015 SRAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Jodie Sweat**, Kennesaw State University

President-Elect—**Dave Maharrey**, Louisiana State University

First Vice President—**Dan Wooten**, Tennessee State University

Treasurer—**Becky Griffith**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

APPA Senior Representative—**Dan Young**, Norfolk State University

APPA Junior Representative—**Wayne Goodwin**, Jackson State University

APPA Liaison—**Steve Glazner**

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SRAPPA 2014-2015 Board Members.



Jodie Sweat addresses members during the President's Banquet.



Members competitive corn hole played at Monday Night Football Dinner.

# Midwest Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: September 23-25, 2015 • Milwaukee, WI

# MAPPA



**Steve Gilsdorf**  
MAPPA Communication Chair  
Western Michigan University

West Lafayette, Indiana, the home of Purdue University, hosted MAPPA 2014 September 16-19, 2014. MAPPA, where it all started, reveled in the celebration of APPA's 100-year celebration.

Keynote speaker Karen McCullough engaged and entertained all with her presentation about change and generational differences titled, "Change is Good—You Go First—Embracing a Change Mindset."

APPA President Randolph Hare and APPA Executive Vice President Lander Medlin shared the APPA Presidential Address outlining many of APPA's current initiatives and referenced the "next 100 years." This included an exceptional video from Randolph's campus, Washington and Lee University, describing our campuses as a "Place" (a reference to the APPA video *Changing U...Changing Me: The Place of Place*).

Elections occurred for two 2014 Board positions, MAPPA President-Elect, Greg Adams (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee) and MAPPA Treasurer, Anthony McClellan (University of Illinois Chicago).

Purdue University, led by Ken Jacobs and Terry Ashlock, served as our gracious conference hosts, which included a welcome reception at the Purdue Buchanan Club Suite in Ross-Ade Stadium. The conference offerings included a wide array of educational sessions, business partner displays, and tours of Subaru of Indiana, Frank Lloyd Wright-Samara House, Benton County Wind Farm, and Purdue's campus and facilities.

The Big Ten and Friends Trainers Network and Building Services Administrators group held joint conferences



The passing of the presidential gavel – MAPPA President Mike Hamilton receives the presidential gavel from outgoing president Lowell Bromander.



MAPPA President  
Mike Hamilton.

and were able to take full advantage of the conference.

The president's reception and dinner included the installation of officers by APPA President Randolph Hare. Outgoing MAPPA President Lowell Bromander presented the MAPPA Presidential Service Award to Art Chonko (Denison University), Ruthann Manlet (University of Minnesota), and Mike Hamilton (Iowa State University). President Mike Hamilton concluded the dinner with an acceptance speech thanking (and roasting) Lowell for his leadership for the past year and outlining MAPPA 2015 goals.

The president's dinner was followed by live music and entertainment including an impromptu guitar rendition of "House of The Rising Sun" by MAPPA's own Lowell "Godfather Tyme" Bromander.

The fundraiser/charity event for United Way collected over \$1,000, with MAPPA matching an additional \$1,000.



MAPPA board members for 2014-15.

## THE 2014-2015 MAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Mike Hamilton**, Iowa State University

President-Elect—**Greg Adams**, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

Secretary—**Bob Currie**, Iowa State University

Treasurer—**Anthony McClellan**, University of Illinois Chicago

APPA Senior Representative—**Brandon Baswell**, Michigan State University

APPA Junior Representative—**Kristie Kowall**, Illinois State University

APPA Liaison—**Suzanne Healy**

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# Central Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: October 10-14, 2015 • Manhattan, KS

# CAPPA



**Laurie D. Lentz**  
**CAPPA Communication Manager**  
**The University of Texas at Austin**

Two universities hosted the CAPPA 2014 annual conference in El Paso, Texas: New Mexico State University (NMSU), part of the Rocky Mountain Association of Physical Plant Administrators, and University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Appropriately, the theme was “Collaboration: Kick It Up a Notch!” The event was held at the historic Camino Real Hotel from October 11-15.

Lowell Catlett, dean of the NMSU

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, delivered the keynote address, affirming a positive future for students in higher education. Day two was launched by Garrey Caruthers, president of NMSU, and Diana Natalicio, president of UTEP, who spoke about their institutions’ achievements, opportunities, and challenges.

CAPPA 2014 offered 18 sessions in tracks ranging from facilities administration to maintenance, project management, and utilities. Tours of NMSU and UTEP campuses gave a firsthand look at these unique facilities. Other course options included Academy on Campus—Track II as well as the APPA Professional Credentialing program CEFP/EFP preparation course and exam. Collaboration extended to Mexico, with four conference attendees representing Universidad de Monterrey, Universidad Panamerica, and Tecnológico de Monterrey.

Collaboration was clearly evident at the exhibit hall in the El Paso Convention Center, where business partners staffed 62 exhibits geared to the needs and interests of CAPPA members. Several business partners sponsored prizes, lunches in the exhibit hall, and other networking opportunities throughout the conference.

Before the exhibit hall opened Sunday evening, attendees could join in a golf tournament at the scenic NMSU course, or tour a winery on the way to historic Mesilla, New Mexico. On Monday evening, UTEP hosted a buffet dinner outdoors, with mariachi music performed by students.

Colorful Folklorico dancers entertained at the awards banquet. APPA Vice President for Professional Development Chuck Scott assisted in recognizing CAPPA award winners: Distinguished Member, Robert Eckels; Presidential Award, J.B. Messer and Art Jones; Certificate of Meritorious Service, Sue-Anna Miller and Jeff Flathman; and Newsletter, Shelton Riley.

The conference concluded with the annual business meeting and induction of executive committee members for 2015.

## THE 2014-2015 CAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Glen Haubold**, New Mexico State University  
1st Vice President—**Edward Heptig**, Kansas State University  
Secretary—**Jeanne Hanson**, Black Hills State University  
Treasurer—**Tim Stiger**, Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma  
APPA Senior Representative—**Robert Eckels**, Missouri State University  
APPA Junior Representative—**Shelton Ripley**, Texas Christian University  
APPA Liaison—**Christina Hills**

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Folklorico dancers performed at the annual awards banquet.



Photos by Miles Abernathy

2015 CAPPA Executive Committee members.

# Rocky Mountain Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: September 8-11, 2015 • Big Sky, MT

# RMA



**Emmet Boyle**  
RMA President  
University of Regina

**B**illy Hromas and his team from the University of New Mexico hosted an outstanding regional conference for 300 attendees at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder Resort, just outside of Santa Fe on September 22-24.

The conference kicked off with the traditional Monday networking activities. A busload of avid fishers set off at daybreak for the Pecos River, where fly fishing techniques were either learned or refined. All returned with smiles, photos of beautiful specimens, and unverified tales of the ones that got away. Another busload of golfers played the nearby Towa Golf Course in the dramatic scenery of northern New Mexico's Pojoaque Valley. The golfers also returned with smiles, great photos, and tales of the "yellow ball" that got away.

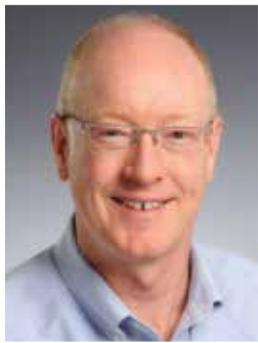
The opening reception was a lively event with the Buffalo Thunder Resort living up to its name as a spectacular rain storm rolled through the valley. Fortunately, all the attendees watched the lightning show from the right side of the windows.

The president of San Jose State University and long-time APPA member and supporter, Mo Qayoumi, delivered the keynote address to kick off the first day of the conference. Following Qayoumi's address, the attendees spent time networking with the 47 business partners in the exhibit hall, before making the difficult decision of which of the three concurrent education sessions to attend in each time slot.

The "Blaze Your Trail" theme dinner



Three Amigos enjoy the theme dinner.

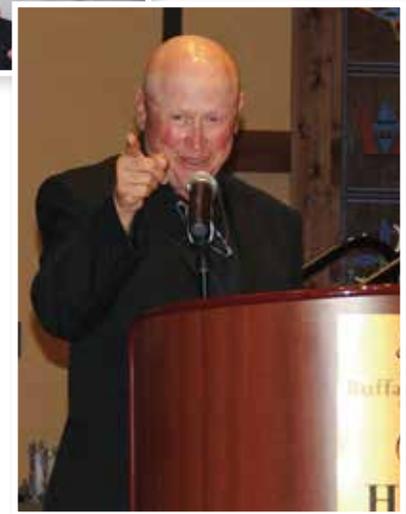


Emmet Boyle,  
RMA President.

was held at the New Mexico Museum of International Folk Art & Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. The attendees enjoyed exceptional local food, cultural dancing demonstrations, and lively music on the museum plaza, while an amazing sunset lit up the surrounding mountains.

Tim Harris, owner of Tim's Place Restaurant, woke up the crowd on Wednesday morning with his infectious optimism and frequent interjections of "Oh yeah!" A long line formed after Tim's address to get one of his signature hugs.

RMA president Brian Johnson was the MC for the awards banquet. While attendees enjoyed a delicious meal, Brian acknowledged those members achieving an EFP or CEFPP designation, and Lead Climber John Morris recognized the newest members of the RMA 14er's Club. GLHN Architects & Engineers received the Lee Newman award, Shawna Rowley received the Val Peterson award, and Brian presented the RMA President's award to Viron Lynch. APPA President Randolph Hare installed the 2014-15 RMA board, and Victoria Drummond invited all to "be one in a million" at Big Sky, Montana for RMA 2015.



Mike Sawyer wants you to join RMA!

## THE 2014-2015 RMA OFFICERS

President—**Emmet Boyle**, University of Regina

President Elect—**David Turnquist**, University of Colorado Denver

Secretary—**Mike Millsapps**, Aims Community College

Treasurer—**Steve Hoskins**, University of Utah

APPA Senior Representative—**Chris Kopach**, University of Arizona

APPA Junior Representative—**Brian Johnson**, University of Idaho

APPA Liaison—**Lander Medlin**

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# Pacific Coast Region

2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: October 9-15, 2015 • Portland, OR

# PCAPPA



**Chuck Davis**  
PCAPPA President  
Seattle Central College

Educational facilities professionals with an array of business partners and sponsors from across the region dusted off their passports as they made their way to the 2014 PCAPPA Annual Regional Meeting, on October 4-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. The University of British Columbia hosted. The attention to detail by David Woodson and his team provided everyone a warm welcome to the event. The attendees immersed themselves in the conference themes: **SAFE, SIMPLE SUSTAINABLE, EFFICIENT**. The PCAPPA Board wants to acknowledge the tremendous support of APPA International throughout conference. Randolph Hare and Lander Medlin deserve special thanks for their attendance and participation.

The conference fielded tremendous support from PCAPPA's business partners with 19 at the Bronze level, 10 at the Silver level, two at Gold, and another two stepping up to Platinum sponsorship. Although they were unable to attend due to a recent death in the firm, San Joaquin Chemicals, Inc. continued its long tradition of support with overall sponsorship and special funding of the Student Scholarship program.

More than 150 conference attendees were provided a variety of special activities including "An Amazing Program for Spouses," golf (a welcome return to the agenda), and tours at the University of British Columbia (new buildings, public realm, and sustainability.) In all more than 60 people took advantage of these programs.

During the awards banquet, outgoing president, David Woodson introduced incoming president, Chuck Davis. The new president challenged attendees to



Randolph Hare installs the PCAPPA Board.

take some risks. He shared a quote from John Shedd, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." He encouraged all to ask, "What is my purpose? For what reason was I built? Is progress at my facility lagging because it is stuck in a safe place?"

APPA President Randolph Hare then conducted a swearing-in ceremony for the PCAPPA Board Members.

## THE 2014-2015 PCAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Chuck Davis**, Seattle Central College

President-Elect—**Tony Ichsan**, Sonoma County Jr. College District/Santa Rosa Jr. College

Secretary and Treasurer—**Tony Guerrero**, University of Washington, Bothell & Cascadia Community College

APPA Senior Representative—**Robert Andrews**, California State University East Bay

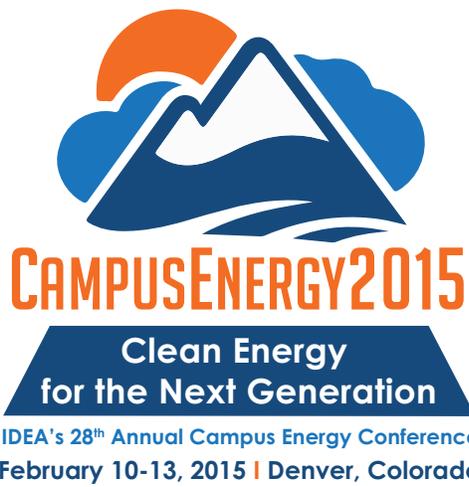


PCAPPA's New President Chuck Davis congratulating Outgoing PCAPPA President, David Woodson.

APPA Junior Representative—**David Woodson**, University of British Columbia

APPA Liaison—**Lander Medlin**

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