EMORY’S ERIC GREGORY WINS 2015 REX DILLOW AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ARTICLE

As APPA moves into its second century as the go-to resource for educational facilities professionals, we are pleased to announce the winner of APPA’s annual Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager magazine. The 2015 recipient is Eric Gregory, commissioning manager & sustainable performance program manager for Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, Eric serves as an APPA representative to the committee currently preparing the third edition of the APPA/Building Commissioning Association co-publication of The Building Commissioning Handbook.

Eric’s winning article, “Commissioning and Emory’s Sustainable Performance Program,” was published in the January/February 2015 issue. In it, Eric describes how he submitted a business case to his institution for a “new, proactive, energy-based operations program” that in its first year of funding uncovered 78 operating inefficiencies with an estimated cost avoidance price tag of $250,000. Emory’s Sustainable Performance Program has grown and continues to audit systems and programs for improved cost efficiencies and energy savings.

The article was selected by the members of APPA’s Information and Research Committee from seven eligible articles published in the six issues of Facilities Manager within the past year. This is the first Rex Dillow Award selected following the passing of its namesake earlier this year. Many congratulations to Eric Gregory on receiving this award.

In reviewing the recipients of the Rex Dillow Award since its inception in 1987, we found the following breakdown by regional winners (see pie chart above).

- There have been 28 separate authors over 29 years of the award’s history.
- 1 author has won 4 times (Bill Daigneau); 1 has won 3 times (Walter Simpson); and 2 have won twice each (Harvey Kaiser and the team of Don Guckert & Jeri King).
- All 6 winning articles from CAPPA are from University of Texas institutions.
- 7 of the 28 winning authors are women.
- 1 of the 28 authors was from Canada.

For more information on the Rex Dillow Award criteria, eligibility, and to read past winning articles, go to www.appa.org/membershipawards and click on the Rex Dillow tab.

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