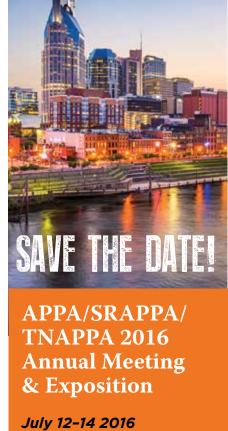


Kopach and other new Board members will take office at the APPA 2016 conference in Nashville, Tennessee July 12-14, 2016. Many thanks to the Tally Committee for counting and verifying the votes:

- · Al Stearns, Chair
- · Mike Sofield



Mark your calendar to attend next year's meeting and exposition. You won't want to miss this exciting gathering of fellow facilities professionals and exceptional speakers! Co-located with SRAPPA and TNAPPA 2016 in downtown Nashville, Tennessee.



APPA Membership Renewal Notices Sent— Pay by Mail or Online

The 2016-2017 APPA membership year began April 1, 2016 and runs through March 31, 2017.

APPA accepts dues payments by major credit card through the APPA website at *www.appa.org* via myAPPA, your personalized APPA website account.

Renew your organization's membership today to continue receiving valuable APPA benefits.

APPA Welcomes New Staff Members

On behalf of EVP Lander Medlin, we're pleased to announce four new APPA staff additions:



Direna Cousins joins us as APPA's new membership coordinator. She is a communications graduate of Montreat College in North Carolina and has worked as a news video producer. Before joining APPA she worked at a GAO child development center and at the National Association of College and University Business Officers.



Jeannine Fischer has joined the staff as bookkeeper and accounting services manager. Jeannine has more than 30 years of experience as a bookkeeper for a number of organizations. She is a native of Alexandria, Virginia, attended Northern Virginia Community College, and served as a budget analyst for nine years with the Naval Intelligence Command.



Kelly Ostergrant has joined APPA as certification coordinator. She is a graduate of Cisco College in Texas and previously worked in the facilities department at Middle Tennessee State University and at Southwest Airlines. She also has served as the elected vice president for communications for APPA's Southeastern region.



Billie Zidek joins us as APPA's new standards and codes administrator. Billie is a graduate of Williamsport Area Community College and comes to APPA with extensive knowledge on standards and codes processes. Billie has a passion for codes and will be a huge asset to APPA as we continue to move forward in this area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APPA EVENTS

Jun 6-9, 2016

APPA/ACUI Essentials of Facilities **Management Training Seminar,** Minneapolis, MN

Jun 6-10, 2016

Supervisor's Toolkit, Charlotte, NC

Jul 11, 2016

Emerging Professionals Summit, Nashville, TN

Jul 11, 2016

Senior Facilities Officers Summit, Nashville, TN

Jul 12-14, 2016

APPA/SRAPPA/TNAPPA 2016, Nashville, TN

Sep 11-15, 2016 APPA U, Orlando, FL

Oct 24-27, 2016

ACUHO-I/APPA Housing Facilities Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

For more information or to submit your organization's event, visit www.appa.org/ calendar.

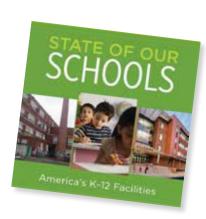
New Report Projects Shortfall in K-12 School Funding

The State of Our Schools: America's K-12 Facilities report, released by the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the 21st Century School Fund, and the National Council on School Facilities, shows that the nation faces a projected annual shortfall of \$46 billion in school funding.

The analysis found that the federal government provides almost no capital construction funding for school facilities, and that state support for school facilities varies widely. Local school districts bear the heaviest burden in making the investments needed to build and improve school facilities. When school districts cannot afford to make these significant investments, they are often forced to make more frequent building repairs from their operating funds—the same budget that pays for teacher salaries, instructional materials, and general programming.

The report features an in-depth, stateby-state analysis of investment in school infrastructure and focuses on 20 years of school facility investment nationwide, as well as funding needed moving forward to make up for annual investment shortfalls for essential repairs and upgrades. The report also proposes recommendations for investments, innovations, and reforms to improve learning environments for children in all U.S. public schools.

To download the full *State of Our Schools: America's K–12 Facilities* report and to learn about the conditions in your local school district, please visit www.stateofourschools.org.



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Credentialing Exams Offered Online

The APPA credentialing curriculum and exams are now offered exclusively online. This enables self-paced study and eliminates the need for travel budgets and days away from the office. The platform provides an exciting array of online testing options to suit test-takers' needs. Learn more about this exciting new option at http://credentialing.appa.org and prepare for your CEFP credential today!





APPA U OFFERS GRADUATE PROGRAMMING TO INSTITUTE AND ACADEMY GRADUATES

Next APPA U: September 11-14, 2016 Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld Orlando, Florida

The most fundamental mission of APPA is the delivery of professional development courses that address the needs of the facilities management community—from that of the frontline supervisor to the most senior of our facilities officers. To that end, we are pleased to announce the addition of a new program to our portfolio: APPA U Graduate Programming.

The offering will provide graduates of the APPA Institute for Facilities Management or the Leadership Academy an environment in which to engage at a higher level of planning and strategic thinking. The program is delivered in a framework that allows for real-world challenges and diverse issues to be addressed in a collaborative setting, thus allowing for the opportunity to put into play the strategic solutions learned in

previous APPA programs.

Participants will receive firsthand experience in broad scope analysis, decision making, collaboration, and presentation at a senior administrative level, including:

- Critical thinking
- · Systems thinking
- Clearing the path/setting the stage
- Negotiating
- Strategic communication to leadership and staff
- And much more.

For additional questions prior to registration opening, please contact Suzanne Healy, APPA's director of professional development, at *suzanne@appa.org*.

2016 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Do you know potential institutional members for APPA and the regions? Do you want to help spread the word about APPA and facilities management? Current, active, institutional members may recruit new institutional members by participating in the 2016 APPA Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. The campaign will run through August 31, 2016. If you have questions, please contact *membership@appa.org*, or check out the APPA website at *www.appa.org/membership/member_get_a_member.cfm* for additional information on this new APPA incentive.



Mexico Initiative Update: APPA Attends CONPEHT Conference

As part of the APPA Mexico initiative, APPA has been working closely with two major Mexican university systems: Universidad Panamericana and Tec de Monterrey. Through this partnership, 67 different Mexican institutions are now core members of APPA International.

The activity has not stopped there. At a November 2015 visit to ESDAI/UP, APPA members were guests at a joint APPA/CONPEHT meeting. Additionally, ESDAI/UP is preparing for an APPA Award for Excellence, and graciously hosted a meeting to introduce a number of other institutions to the benefits and values APPA has to offer Mexican and other Latin American institutions.



David Button, center, of the University of Regina, represented APPA at the CONPEHT meeting in Mexico.



2014-2015 FPI REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The 2014-2015 Facilities Performance Indicators (FPI) Report is now available to help you assess, measure, and lead your institution to success. With over 288 learning institutions now participating, the report will empower you with the vital data, statistical references, and reporting tools needed to measure operations and performance. The report will also help identify capital asset realities and help you

lead a successful facilities strategy that supports your institution's mission and vision.

The FPI report answers to the following questions, and more:

- · How well is your facilities portfolio in alignment with your institution's strategic direction and academic focus?
- · What are your facilities inventory, square footage, and building ownership costs?
- How efficiently do your facilities operate?
- How does your campus's facility performance contrast with that of its peer institutions?
- Is your campus adequately funding the facilities annual management budget?

To access the report, log in to your myAPPA account page, go to the myResearch heading, and under it, click on the "FPI Report Access" link.

The report is free to APPA members who participated in the survey, or it can be purchased:

- APPA Member/Nonsurvey Participant Report: \$500
- APPA Nonmember/Survey Participant Report: \$895
- APPA Nonmember/Nonsurvey Participant Report: \$1,000

For additional information or to purchase the FPI report, please visit http://www.appa.org/research/FPI/index.cfm.

