2016 Thought Leaders Series Focuses on Remaking the Facilities Organization

APPA’s just-released report on the 2016 Thought Leaders symposium focuses on *Remaking the Facilities Organization* and makes the case for a customer-centric higher education facilities organization. The report examines how a customer-centric focus can be applied to the four major responsibilities of educational facilities organizations: 1) general administration and management; 2) operations and maintenance; 3) energy and utilities; and 4) facilities planning, design, and construction. The report defines goals in each area and suggests strategies for achieving them.

Thought Leaders is a program of APPA’s Center for Facilities Research (CFaR) and was developed to conduct dedicated discussions on the future of higher education and the impact of that future on educational facilities. If you have insights or topics to share related to *Remaking the Facilities Organization*, we invite you to write an article or conduct research by visiting the APPA website http://www.appa.org/Research/CFaR/TLS.cfm.

All Thought Leaders reports are free, thanks to the generosity of long-time sponsor Jacobs, and may be downloaded from the APPA bookstore.

COMING UP: APPA U in Dallas, Texas

The next APPA U will take place January 15-19, 2017 at the Omni Dallas, in Dallas, Texas. Combining both the Leadership Academy and the Institute for Facilities Management, APPA U offers a wide array of educational opportunities in a central location twice a year. Graduate Programming content has also recently been added.

The **Leadership Academy** has been developed for the educational institution’s administrative professionals. It provides opportunities for professionals to increase their awareness of industry issues, to learn the skills necessary to handle today’s changes, and to discover their own leadership potential.

At the **APPA Institute**, students select one core area as the focus of their classes at the venue. Morning classes consist of required courses centering on the core area selected. Afternoon classes comprise electives chosen by the student and may be a combination from any of the four core areas.

For additional information about APPA U, visit http://www.appa.org/training/appau.cfm or contact Suzanne Healy at suzanne@appa.org.
APPAinfo is Your Networking Link

Join or Start a Conversation with APPA’s Discussion List

APPAinfo is an e-mail discussion list for educational facilities professionals, where you can find the answers to many of your everyday problems simply by posting a question to your peers. How should your school handle graffiti and vandalism? How can you creatively deal with customer service issues? What strategies are you using to tell the facilities story to your senior campus administrators? The possible discussion topics are endless. Just ask!

APPAinfo focuses on all campus facilities issues, regardless of size or type of school or organization. The APPA discussion list (1,040+ strong) seeks to broaden your resource base by making it easier to interact with and respond to the needs of facilities professionals.

For more information, contact Steve Glazner at steve@appa.org or simply visit http://www.appa.org/discussionlists/index.cfm to subscribe.

Advertise Your Position Openings in Job Express

If you are looking for a highly qualified pool of candidates for a facilities management opening, Job Express can help you. Your ad will be posted online where it can be seen by thousands of facilities professionals who access APPA’s website.

The Job Express audience consists of professional facilities managers in top executive-level positions, individuals who are retiring from the military with extensive facilities and engineering experience, graduates of APPA’s Institute for Facilities Management, and members who have earned an APPA credential.

Job Express gives you market exposure through its online postings. All ads appear in one format for one low cost and are hosted online for eight weeks! Add e-mail and website links so that applicants can reach you at the click of a button. To find out more, go to http://www.appa.org/jobexpress.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APPA Events

Nov 14-18, 2016
APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Dec 6-9, 2016
Woman’s Leadership Institute, Dana Point, CA

Jan 15-19, 2017
APPA U: Institute for Facilities Management and Leadership Academy, Omni Dallas, Dallas, TX

Mar 6-8, 2017
APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw Valley, MI

Mar 13-17, 2017
APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

Mar 26-28, 2017
Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

July 21-23, 2017
APPA/PCAPPA/BayAPPA 2017 Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Francisco, CA

For more information or to submit your organization’s event, visit www.appa.org/calendar.
What Does “APPA” Stand For?

As you can see from the list below, APPA has had several names over its 102 years of existence. APPA was the acronym used for the Association of Physical Plant Administrators from the late 1960s through the early 1990s. Today, the association is known as “APPA – Leadership in Educational Facilities,” and is most easily recognized and referred to as simply “APPA.”

1914
Association of Superintendents of Buildings and Grounds of Universities and Colleges

1948
Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges

1954
National Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (NAPPA)

1969
Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA)

1991
APPA: The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers

2007
APPA – Leadership in Educational Facilities

APPA Seeking Volunteers for Standards Initiatives

The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Work Group is looking for volunteers to review upcoming NFPA standards for proposed changes. Review meetings will be held via conference call and take place during the months of November and December, with proposed changes due January 5, 2017. A Lunch and Learn session about these standards and how they affect APPA occurred in mid-October and was hosted by Bill Koffel, of Koffel and Associates.

The NFPA codes reviewed are:
- NFPA 45—Standard on Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals
- NFPA 211—Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances
- NFPA 1600—Standard on Disaster/Continuity of Operations Programs

Additionally, the ASCC (APPA Standards and Codes Council) Terms and Definitions Work Group is looking for volunteers to review a list of facilities management terms for inclusion in the APPA 1100 Facility Management Terms and Definitions Standard. The kickoff meeting took place in mid-October via conference call, and we welcome new members.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming a member of either work group, please contact Billie Zidek at standards@appa.org.