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# 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 customercentric 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 devel-

oped 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*.



# Save the Date

# APPA/PCAPPA/ BayAPPA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

2017 Annual Meeting and Exposition

**Hilton San Francisco** 

July 21-23, 2017

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!





# **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.* 



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# **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/

Emergency Management and Business Continuity/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*.

# 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