

2016 Regional Reports



Eastern Region

ERAPPA



By Beth Clark
ERAPPA President
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Nearly 500 participants representing 125 educational institutions attended the 2016 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in **Niagara Falls, Ontario** from October 16-19. The conference theme was “Navigating in a Climate of Change.” Keynote speaker Dr. Dave Williams—Canadian astronaut, aquanaut, and physician—spoke to the assembled audience about taking chances and managing risk. Plenary speaker Greg Johnson, a well-known Canadian storm chaser, captivated the audience with his stunning storm photography and his message of embracing passions to leave a legacy.

The 2016 conference was hosted by the Ontario Chapter of APPA (OAPPA) under the leadership of Richard Francki (York University) and Ron Swail (University of Toronto). The host committee created an engaging and thought-provoking educational program that included a five-track professional development program, APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, a Hall of Resources with a variety of business partners, and an evening of networking and local cuisine amid some of Niagara Falls’ most popular attractions.

There were five board members elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Kevin Mann (Salisbury University) was elected president-elect, Jessica Abbott (University of Hartford) was elected vice president for professional development, Patty Smith (New Jersey City University) was elected vice president for membership, Matthew Yencha (Cedar Crest College) was reelected vice president for annual meetings, and Jonathan Terry (Quinnipiac University) was elected secretary. Also at the business meeting, all of ERAPPA’s professional development scholarships were awarded and bylaw changes (minor, clarifying edits) were passed.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to outgoing



President Steve Peary



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Above: Participants were actively engaged in the breakout session on influential storytelling.

Left: The 2016-2017 ERAPPA Board of Directors.



how it applies to ERAPPA and the perpetuation of the organization’s strategic plan, as well as how it applies to individual members through the pursuit of professional

development opportunities.

THE 2016-2017 ERAPPA OFFICERS

- President—**Steve Peary**, University of Vermont
President-Elect—**Kevin Mann**, Salisbury University
Secretary—**Jonathan Terry**, Quinnipiac University
Treasurer—**Arthur Walsh**, University of New Brunswick–Fredericton
APPA Senior Representative—**Beth Clark**, Penn State University
APPA Junior Representative—**Steve Peary**, University of Vermont
APPA Liaison—**John Bernhards**

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chapter presidents, ERAPPA committee members, and host committee members. Merit Awards were given to the host committee chair, outgoing ERAPPA liaisons to APPA committees, and outgoing board members. Jessica Abbott, Peyton Gibson (University of Rhode Island), and Kevin Simpson (University of New Brunswick–St. John) were recognized with ERAPPA’s Rising Star Award. Andrew Feick (Temple University) was awarded ERAPPA’s Chapter Champion Award for the Delaware Valley Chapter of APPA (DVAPPA). ERAPPA President Beth Clark bestowed President’s Awards upon Larry Fitzgerald (TRC Environmental), Michelle Frederick (American University), and Arthur Walsh (University of New Brunswick–Fredericton).

Steve Peary assumed the role of ERAPPA president at the end of the annual meeting. Peary spoke of his motto for the coming year—sustainment—and

2017 CONFERENCE: October 29-November 1, 2017 • Washington, DC

Southeastern Region

SRAPPA



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More than 185 participants representing 38 institutions had the opportunity to attend 57 educational sessions with 128 business partners at this year's 2016 Tri-APPA Conference July 12-14, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee. This was SRAPPA's 65th annual conference and it was an historic event jointly hosted by APPA, SRAPPA, TNAPPA (Tennessee APPA), and Tennessee State University.

The conference theme was "Partnering for Historical Success." The host committee delivered an engaging and intriguing program, bringing many of the national conference benefits of venues, connections, guest speakers, and training opportunities to our regional and state chapter attendees. Every day of the conference was filled with opportunities to engage with and learn from one another, and to connect with a variety of business partners in the Hall of Resources.

The SRAPPA Breakfast and Governance Meeting concluded the week as the outgoing SRAPPA president, Dave Maharrey, recapped the region's successful year and recognized board members



Photos by Rhonda Hole

2016-2017 SRAPPA Board.

who received the SRAPPA President's Award for their service to the board: Wayne Goodwin, Gerald Grimes, and Kelly Ostergrant. The SRAPPA region also recognized those who received APPA awards for 2016:

- **Distinguished Leadership and Ethics Award:** Jack Colby, North Carolina State University
- **Meritorious Service Award:** Daniel Young, Norfolk State University
- **Pacesetter Award:** Dan Wooten, Tennessee State University
- **Unsung Hero Award:** Ada Baldwin, North Carolina State University
- **Sustainability Award:** Elon University, Spelman College, and University of Virginia
- **Effective and Innovative Practices Award:** Emory University and University of Alabama



President Dan Wooten.

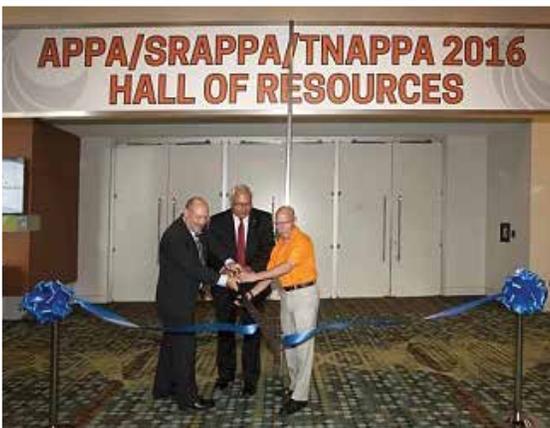
this great organization and in the profession as a whole.

THE 2016-2017 SRAPPA OFFICERS

- President—**Dan Wooten**, Tennessee State University
President-Elect—**David Smith**, University of North Carolina Charlotte
First Vice President—**Tom Jones**, Clemson University
Treasurer—**Becky Griffith**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
APPA Senior Representative—**Jay Williams**, Virginia Military Institute
APPA Junior Representative—**Jodie Sweat**, Kennesaw State University
APPA Liaison—**Steve Glazner**

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Peter Strazdas, APPA Immediate Past-President, installed the 2016-17 SRAPPA Board. Dan Wooten, incoming president, concluded the governance meeting by highlighting some of the historic episodes of the conference. He also challenged his SRAPPA colleagues to do their part this coming year to expand membership and to engage in



2016 Tri-APPA Conference Ribbon Cutting.

2017 CONFERENCE: October 25-28, 2017 - Charlotte, North Carolina



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It has been another exciting year for MAPPA! At the start of 2016, MAPPA President Greg Adams (Marquette University) set aggressive goals to promote MAPPA engagement and development. This resulted in MAPPA successfully awarding 123 credentialing scholarships in collaboration with Michigan APPA (MiAPPA), creating a fresh MAPPA website, and accomplishing six Drive-In Workshops.

In tandem with these accomplishments, hosts Maggie Hamilton, Jody Danielson, and Gina Holtzbauer of Iowa State University organized the 2016 MAPPA Conference. Needless to say, they rocked the conference! It was held October 1-5, in **Des Moines, Iowa**, and attracted 356 attendees, half of whom were first timers, as well as 63 business partner exhibits and 34 institutions.

Training sessions such as “Women in Facilities” and “Engaging and Motivating Today’s Workforce” supported this past year’s MAPPA goal of enhancing diversity within MAPPA. Keynote speakers Sam Glenn and Jeff Johnson provided refreshing and inspiring talks. Glenn reminded MAPPA to “serve people with our best,” and Johnson emphasized the teaching of “conscience” as we “influence the people we guide and the people we serve.” MAPPA was able to raise \$2,295 during the conference to donate to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

We celebrated the many awards that MAPPA members and institutions received this year:

- **APPA Pacesetter Award:** Dana Gillon
- **APPA Unsung Hero Award:** Maggie Hamilton
- **APPA Award for Excellence:** Ohio State University
- **APPA Sustainability Award:** Ohio University and University of Michigan



Photo by Becky Guelig

Supervisor’s Toolkit, hosted at 2016 MAPPA Annual Conference.



Photo by James Bogan

MAPPA 2016-2017 Board.

- **APPA Effective and Innovative Practices Award:** Michigan State University
- **MAPPA President’s Awards:** Sarah Ely, Becky Guelig, and Mike Hamilton

MAPPA welcomed Dr. Joseph Han as the new MAPPA president-elect. We celebrated the transition of Kristie Kowall (Illinois State University) to the chair of the APPA Regional Representatives after eight years of service on the MAPPA board, and Kris Ackerbauer’s (University of Wisconsin) transition off the MAPPA board after 16 years of service and hosting two regional conferences. Both Kristie and Kris have done exceptional work, and we are so grateful!

Tim Thimmesch assumed the role as the new MAPPA president and shared his teaching, learning, and collaborative (TLC) approach to support emerging professionals within MAPPA for the upcoming year. He emphasized MAPPA’s continued support for the growth of credentialing, mentor relationships, and

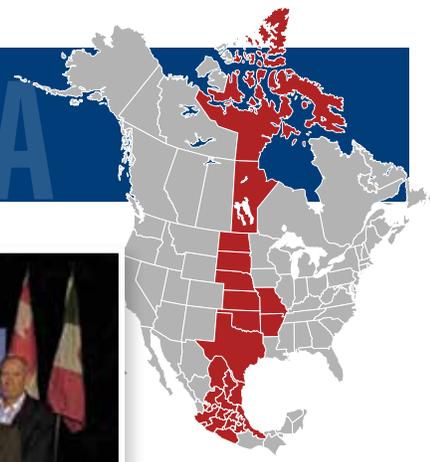
exceptional training opportunities. We then literally rocked the conference with “The Essentials” and their live rock ‘n’ roll performance.

THE 2016-2017 MAPPA OFFICERS

- President—**Tim Thimmesch**, Grand Valley State University
- President-Elect—**Dr. Joseph Han**, Cleveland State University
- Secretary—**Bob Currie**, Iowa State University
- Treasurer—**Dana Gillon**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- APPA Senior Representative—**Lowell Bromander**, Hamline University
- APPA Junior Representative—**Mike Hamilton**, Iowa State University
- APPA Liaison—**Suzanne Healy**

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2017 CONFERENCE: September 17-21, 2017 - St. Louis, Missouri (joint conference with CAPPA)



By Sheila Awalt
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University of Texas at El Paso

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) hosted the CAPPA 2016 Educational Symposium and Business Exposition from October 8-12, 2016 in **Little Rock, Arkansas**. The theme was “CAPPA 2016: Energizing Your People and Utility Plants.” During the opening general session, keynote speaker and author Cory Bouck spoke on how to “Energize Your People with the 4 Secret Skills of Followership.” Cory shared lessons he’s learned over his career in leadership as a U.S. Navy officer, brand manager, and director of organizational leadership and learning (www.corybouck.com).

CAPPA 2016 offered 26 sessions ranging from facilities administration and personnel management to maintenance, project management, and utility management. Tours of the UALR campus gave participants a firsthand look at their unique facilities, including heat pump chiller/heaters, and a perspective on their innovative solution for cutting utility costs by almost 5 percent. The tour also provided a peek into UALR’s academic work in the Emerging Analytics Center (data analytics plus virtual reality) and Center for Integrative Nanotechnology Sciences. We also offered APPA’s Academy on Campus—Leadership Track II training.

Business partners staffed 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.



Photos by Miles Abernathy

Left: 2016 CAPPA Executive Committee members.

Right: CAPPA Conference Participants.

Below: Attendees visit the Emerging Analytics Center.



Before the exhibit hall opened Sunday evening, attendees could join in a golf tournament at the scenic Greystone golf course, or tour the Hot Springs National Park. On Monday evening, dinner was held at the Clinton Presidential Library with museum access.

Entertainment for the Tuesday night banquet was Kevin Delaney of the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock. With support from the museum, Kevin is also the “Science Guy” for *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*.

APPA President 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.

APPA President Chuck Scott inducted CAPPA’s executive committee for 2016.

THE 2016–2017 CAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Ian Hadden**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

First Vice President—**Angela Meyer**, Southeast Missouri State University
Secretary—**Sheila Awalt**, University of Texas at El Paso

Treasurer—**Angie Mitchell**, Southeast Missouri State University

APPA Senior Representative—**David Handwork**, Arkansas State University

APPA Junior Representative—**Glen Haubold**, New Mexico State University
APPA Liaison—**Christina Hills**

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2017 CONFERENCE: September 17-21, 2017 - St. Louis, Missouri (joint conference with MAPPA)

Rocky Mountain Region

RMA



By Rachel Stone
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University of New Mexico

Flagstaff, Arizona was an ideal location to hold the RMA Annual Meeting this year. The Northern Arizona University (NAU) campus allowed for spectacular views, pleasant temperatures, and facilities that were exactly what was needed for the diverse events.

RMA 2016 was held September 26-28, and was packed full of programming designed to develop facilities professionals with regard to leadership, technology and strategies, maintenance innovation, and sustainability. There was also a lot of fun to be had at the theme dinner, banquet, and networking events. This year's theme dinner was an indoor carnival with Cirque de Soleil-style acrobats, jokers, savory food such as ribs, bison, and brisket followed by desserts of cotton candy, deep-fried Twinkies, and candy bars. RMAers enjoyed the Grand Canyon tours or golfing on the Networking Day, and the Welcome Reception had a Jamaican feel with its unique cuisine and NAU's steel drum band creating the ambiance.

The organization of events proved to be well thought out, with many opportunities for the membership to mingle and learn from one another as well as engage with the business partners' expertise. The Host Committee brought in two exceptional keynote speakers: Jason Young, author and consultant, who enthusiastically provided his insight on "Leadership and Customer Service" based on his experience with Southwest Airlines, and Tyler Gage, co-owner of RUNA, a revolutionary tea company utilizing the traditional Amazonian leaf guayusa, which provides a clean, focused energy unlike any caffeinated drink on the market. Both of these keynote speakers suggested that leadership and greatness come from being innovative, brave, and willing to learn.



Images courtesy of RMA.

Above: With the Grand Canyon only an hour away, many RMAers took in the marvelous views before the conference kicked off.

Right: NAU "jokers" wow the crowd with wild, carnival-inspired tricks.



For the Awards Banquet, the hosts treated the attendees with a delicious meal and entertainment by a throwback band singing old classics like "Sleep Walk" and "House of the Rising Sun." Before the fun began, several awards and recognitions were given by outgoing RMA President David Turnquist:

- H. Val Peterson Award—John Morris
- Lee Newman Award—Spirotherm
- RMA President's Award—Brian Johnson and Lisa Potter

Turnquist acknowledged that the RMA region continues to lead APPA with EFP/CEFP credentials support, before handing the gavel over to the new RMA president, Lisa Potter.

THE 2016-2017 RMA OFFICERS

President—**Lisa Potter**, University of Colorado Boulder
President-Elect—**Luis Rocha**, University of Arizona

Secretary—**Wim Chalmet**, University of Lethbridge
Treasurer—**Mary Jane Thompson**, Salt Lake Community College
APPA Senior Representative—**Emmet Boyle**, University of Regina
APPA Junior Representative—**Dave Turnquist**, University of Colorado Denver
APPA Liaison—**Kristin Witters**

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2017 CONFERENCE: September 18-20, 2017 - Jackson, Wyoming

Pacific Coast Region

PCAPPA



By John Ferris
PCAPPA President
San Diego State University

The 2016 PCAPPA Educational Conference was held September 18-20 in **Pasadena, California**. We had some fun with the “three Rs” of education—our meeting theme actually had four: “Resource, Ready, Renew, Reengage!” The conference was attended by over 240 enthusiastic individuals. Besides the 28 educational tracks offered, 27 participants graduated from the Supervisor’s Toolkit and 4 earned CEFPs.

We had two great speakers: Our kickoff keynote address was given by Adam Steltzner, team leader and chief engineer of the NASA Mars Rover Curiosity. Steltzner discussed the power of human curiosity and the importance of fostering a culture of collaborative innovation. He reminded us that with the “right kind of crazy,” we can significantly expand our boundaries and achieve the impossible.

Our second keynote, Jesus M. Villahermosa Jr., presented “Crisis Reality Training” in a two-part presentation. This talk dealt with the many facility issues during an active-shooter situation; the talk was tough and informative, and audience participation was exceptional, with questions continuing long after the applause had ended.

Our awards night was well attended due in part to the repeat performance of MC Jason Wang, PCAPPA’s awards and recognition chair, who kept the momentum with his own inimitable style and provided top entertainment. The following were given awards or recognized that night: The APPA Sustainability Award went to Portland Community College, the APPA Pacesetter Award to John Ferris, and the APPA Unsung Hero Award to Chuck Davis. PCAPPA Certificates of Appreciation were given to David Woodson, APPA



PCAPPA Board members (left to right): Jason Wang, Patty Anderson, Bob Andrews, Winnie Kwofie, John Ferris, International President Chuck Scott, Tony Guerra, Chuck Davis, and Tony Ichsan.



Tony Ichsan speaks to attendees.



Photo by Patty Anderson

PCAPPA Conference Dinner.

Senior Representative for 2015-16, and to the Cal Tech Conference Team. Bill Taylor was named conference host chair.

APPA International President Chuck Scott performed the induction of officers, which ended with the new board being confirmed by saying, “OK, I’ll do it!”

The gathering ended with a special video highlighting the next PCAPPA Educational Conference, which will be cohosted with APPA and BayAPPA in San Francisco, July 21-23.

THE 2016-2017 PCAPPA OFFICERS

- President—**John R. Ferris**, San Diego State University
President-Elect—**Robert Andrews**, California State University East Bay
Secretary—**Tony Ichsan**, Portland Community College
Treasurer—**Tony Guerrero**, University of Washington Bothell and Cascadia Community College
APPA Senior Representative—**Tony Ichsan**, Portland Community College
APPA Junior Representative—**Chuck Davis**, Seattle Central College
APPA Liaison—**Kristin Witters**

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2017 CONFERENCE: July 21-23, 2017 · San Francisco, California (joint conference with APPA and BayAPPA)