# **Learning and Networking Opportunities Abound**

For the third year now, APPA and ACUI (the Association of College Unions International) are co-presenting the **Essentials of Facilities Management Training Seminar**. This foundational professional development program is designed for college and university facility administrators of student unions, activity centers, and other campus auxiliaries and facilities. The seminar will take place May 22-25, 2017, hosted at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Facilities professionals who are new to facility management or are transitioning into responsibilities of overseeing facilities should attend this seminar. Included will be a keynote speaker, numerous concurrent educational sessions, campus tours, and an optional session on the Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) for Facilities Management. Learn more and register at <a href="https://www.appa.org/training/EFMSeminar">www.appa.org/training/EFMSeminar</a>.

APPA's chapters are thriving and are an integral part of the APPA engagement continuum that continues at the regional and international levels. We invite you to attend these **upcoming chapter conferences**:

- March 29-31: New Jersey (Galloway Township)
- April 8-9: Texas (Fort Worth)
- April 9-10: **West Virginia** (Flatwoods)
- April 11-12: Keystone/Pennsylvania (Lancaster)
- May 15-16: **Tennessee** (Knoxville)
- May 17-19: **North Carolina** (Durham)
- May 27-29: **Georgia** (Jekyll Island)
- July 21-23: BayAPPA/in conj. with APPA and PCAPPA (San Francisco)

APPA's **Certification and Credentialing program** has been growing significantly over the past several months. All six regions are providing no-cost or heavily discounted subsidies to their members for registering to take the preparatory classes and exams for the Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP) or Educational Facilities Professional (EFP) designations. The numbers of credentialed APPA members have increased as well. In fact, as of this writing, more than 50 facilities professionals have already earned their CEFP or EFP since January 1. This includes 17 from MAPPA, 14 from ERAPPA, and 9 from CAPPA.

Part of this growing success has been due to our expansion of testing options available for students pursuing their credential:

- 1. Kryterion Testing Center\*
- 2. Webcam Proctored\*
- 3. Campus Testing Proctored\*
- 4. APPA Group Exam\*\*
- \* Offered as single or group exam.
- \*\* Offered only as a group exam at specific times and locations.

The APPA **Credentialing Group Exams** are just one of four ways you can take your CEFP or EFP exam. We currently have the following group exams scheduled in the coming months:

- TNAPPA Conference, Knoxville, TN— May 15, 9:00 a.m.
- GAPPA Conference, Jekyll Island, GA—May 31, 1:00 p.m.
- APPA/PCAPPA/BayAPPA Conference, San Francisco, CA—July 23, 1:00 p.m.
- MAPPA/CAPPA Conference, Saint Louis, MO—September
- SRAPPA Conference, Charlotte, NC— October

For more information on APPA's credentialing program, visit *http://credentialing.appa.org* or contact Kelly Ostergrant, credentialing coordinator, at *kelly@appa.org*. \$\\$

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