

A stylized map of the United States is centered in the background, rendered in a light blue color. Overlaid on the map are several large, semi-circular regions in various shades of orange, yellow, and purple. These regions are filled with a fine, diagonal line pattern. The overall design is modern and graphic.

# 2017

## REGIONAL REPORTS

# Eastern Region

# ERAPPA



By Kevin Mann  
ERAPPA President  
Salisbury University

Over 500 participants representing 125 educational institutions attended the 2017 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. The conference theme was “Capital Ideas, Monumental Tasks,” keynote speaker Daniel H. Pink – author of five books, including three long-running *New York Times* bestsellers, *A Whole New Mind*, *Drive*, and *To Sell is Human*. He spoke to the assembled audience about motivation. Plenary speaker Rick Bradley III – a fitness expert and motivator and the creator of the Quick Fit exercise program and the author of the *Quick Fit: The Complete 15-Minute, No-Sweat Workout* book. He inspired the audience with his 15-minute workout program and educated them on exercise, healthy eating, and other lifestyle practices we all should be doing.

The 2017 conference was hosted by Maryland/DC APPA under the leadership of Sheri Vucci (Smithsonian Institution) and Kelly Geishauser (Catholic University). The host committee created an engaging and thought-provoking educational program that included educational sessions, APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, a Hall of Resources with a variety of Business Partners, and an evening of networking and a 3-hour boat cruise viewing the national monuments along the Potomac River in Washington, D.C.

There were five Board members elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Arthur Walsh (Dalhousie University) was elected President-Elect, Andy Wilson (Slippery Rock University) was elected Vice President for Chapter Affairs, Sheri Vucci (Smithsonian Institution) was elected Vice President for Technology and Communication, and Phillip Melnick (Penn State University) was elected Treasurer. Also at the Annual Business Meeting, all of ERAPPA’s profes-



ERAPPA President  
Kevin Mann



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Above: Paul Martin Award.

Left: ERAPPA 2017 Host Committee.

sional development scholarships were awarded.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to outgoing 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. Jennifer Kelerman, Dan Barlup (Penn State Harrisburg), and Tim Garland (Keene State College) were recognized with ERAPPA’s Rising Star Award. Arthur Walsh (Dalhousie University) was awarded ERAPPA’s Chapter Champion Award for Chapter of APPA. ERAPPA President Steve Peary bestowed President’s Awards upon Matthew Yencha (Skepton Construction), Dale DeBlois (Colby College), and Dan Gearan (New England College).

Kevin Mann assumed the role of

ERAPPA President at the end of the Annual Meeting.

## THE 2017-2018 ERAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Kevin Mann**, Salisbury University

President-Elect—**Arthur Walsh**, Dalhousie University

Secretary—**Jonathan Terry**, Quinnipiac University

Treasurer—**Phillip Melnick**, Penn State University

Senior APPA Representative—

**Steve Peary**, University of Vermont

Junior APPA Representative—

**Kevin Mann**, Salisbury University

APPA Liaison—**John Bernhards**

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**2018 CONFERENCE: September 27-October 3 • Manchester, New Hampshire**



By **Brian Wilcox**  
**SRAPPA Vice President for**  
**Communications**  
**University of Memphis**

**M**ore than 470 participants representing had the opportunity to attend 36 educational sessions at the 2017 SRAPPA Conference October 26 – 28, 2017 in Charlotte, NC. This was SRAPPA's 66<sup>th</sup> annual conference and it was a memorable one hosted by University of North Carolina Charlotte!

The conference theme was “Building Excellence in Facilities,” and we were treated to a tour of the UNC Charlotte campus where the staff has an obvious infectious commitment to facilities excellence. The host committee delivered an exceptional conference, bringing many great programs and venues for the attendees and for our business partners. Every day of the conference was filled with opportunities to connect, engage with, and learn from one another.

But the great prelude of activities the day before the conference were also terrific! 45 SRAPPA attendees prepared over 10,000 meals at the Stop Hunger event, and the golf outing at Olde Sycamore Golf Club was attended by 92 golfers.

Former Navy Seal Shannon Rusch gave a unique and inspiring presentation on the values of commitment and determination in the face of tremendous obstacles. The SRAPPA Breakfast and Business Meeting began the last day of the conference, and Glen Ward's humor and inspirational presentation gave us all a positive charge!

The conference was capped off on Saturday evening at the Banquet and Board Installation event. Outgoing SRAPPA President Dan Wooten recapped the region's successful year and recognized board members for their service to the region: Jay Williams, David Hatch,



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Top left: Outgoing President Dan Wooten. Left: Winning golf quartet. Above: SRAPPA members assemble meals for the annual service project.

Tom Kantsios. Dan also presented Jack Colby as an Emeritus Member and Paul Weubold with the President's Award. The SRAPPA region also recognized those who received APPA awards this year:

- *2017 Meritorious Service Award*: Jodie Sweat
- *2017 Pacesetter Award*: Rebecca Griffith and Allen Boyette

Chris Kopach, APPA President, installed the new 2017 – 2018 SRAPPA Board:

## THE 2017-2018 SRAPPA OFFICERS

President—**David Smith**, University of North Carolina Charlotte  
 President-Elect—**Tom Jones**, Clemson University  
 First Vice President—**Ray Mirizzi**, Northern Kentucky University

Treasurer—**Becky Griffith**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 APPA Senior Representative—**Jodie Sweat**, Kennesaw State University  
 APPA Junior Representative—**Dave Maharrey**, Louisiana State University  
 APPA Liaison—**Steve Glazner**

David Smith, incoming President, concluded the banquet by highlighting some of the episodes of the conference, thanking everyone who worked so hard on this great conference, and challenging his SRAPPA colleagues to do their part this coming year to engage in this great organization.

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**2018 CONFERENCE: October 6 – 9 • Greenville, SC**





By Becky Barnes  
MAPPA Communications  
Coordinator  
University of Wisconsin Madison

**M**APPA and CAPPa joined forces this year with a shared annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri, from September 17-21. Maggie Hamilton, Iowa State University, and Brandon Baswell, Michigan State University, worked extensively with CAPPa to pull off a festive and collaborative event. The conference hosted 557 guests, with 182 of the guests being first timers, and 271 being business partners. APPA's Leadership Academy Level 1 and the 30-plus learning sessions were all a huge success! MAPPA and CAPPa members thoroughly enjoyed the inclusive learning experience offered at this shared conference.

The biggest treat for facilities geeks—which most of us are—were the facilities that this conference allowed us to experience. The Union Station Hotel offered a beautiful renovated historic venue, a tour of the 164-year-old Washington University in St. Louis, and a wonderful dinner overlooking Busch Stadium.

MAPPA enjoyed celebrating the progress made in 2017 under the leadership of President Tim Thimmesch, Grand Valley State University. During the year, 36 MAPPA members were credentialed in either EFP or CEFP, and eight Drive-In Workshops and four Leadership Academy sessions were held. But of course the biggest accomplishment was the successful joint annual conference with CAPPa!

The following awards received by MAPPA members and institutions in 2017 were recognized:

- *APPA Pacesetter Award*: Mike Hamilton, Iowa State University
- *APPA Unsung Hero Award*: Erin Marsh, University of Iowa
- *APPA Fellow Award*: Jeri King, University of Iowa
- *APPA Sustainability Award*: The Ohio State University



Academy on Campus.



First Timers Attendees.



MAPPA 2017-2018 Board.

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- *APPA Effective and Innovative Practices Award*: Grand Valley State University
- *MAPPA President's Awards*: Maggie Hamilton, Brandon Baswell, and Michelle Holstege, Grand Valley State University

MAPPA welcomed Steve Gilsdorf, Western Michigan University, as the new MAPPA President-Elect, and Nicole Corll, Kent State University, as the new MAPPA Secretary. We honored Lowell Bromander, Hamline University; Sarah Ely, University of Michigan; and Mike Hamilton for their commitment of time and hard work on the MAPPA board as they rotated off the board and into new opportunities. They have all done exceptional work and we are so grateful!

Jim Bogan, University of Wisconsin Madison, assumed the role as the new MAPPA President. Moving into 2018, the MAPPA board is eager to work on goals for the new year; those goals include encouraging the growth and stability of the

Illinois and Iowa chapters and continuing to promote scholarships, credentialing, and learning opportunities with MAPPA and APPA.

## THE 2017-2018 MAPPA OFFICERS

President—**James Bogan**, University of Wisconsin Madison  
President-Elect—**Steven Gilsdorf**, Western Michigan University  
Secretary—**Nicole Corll**, Kent State University  
Treasurer—**Dana Gillon**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
APPA Senior Representative—**Greg Adams**, Marquette University  
APPA Junior Representative—**Tim Thimmesch**, Grand Valley State University  
APPA Liaison—**Suzanne Healy**

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**2018 CONFERENCE: October 13-17 • Cleveland, Ohio**



By Angela Meyer  
CAPPA President  
Southeast Missouri State  
University

The first CAPPA/MAPPA 2017 Joint Annual Conference drew more than 550 attendees to St. Louis, Missouri from September 17-20, 2017. The theme was "A Gateway to Better Facilities."

This year's conference began with Committee and Executive Board meetings as well as an Academy on Campus Leadership Track I class with 26 participants.

Day two included the annual golf tournament, Academy On Campus, the Facilities Trainers Network, and spouse excursions (Discover St. Louis). The first-time attendee reception acknowledged 189 attendees, and the evening wrapped up with the opening of the exhibit hall.

In the exhibit hall, 272 business partners representing 115 businesses shared information with conference attendees about services and products geared to the unique needs and interests of CAPPA/MAPPA members. Business partners also sponsored several of the special activities.

CAPPA President Ian Hadden launched the conference Tuesday morning at breakfast and introduced keynote speaker Chad Pregracke, author of *From the Bottom Up: One Man's Crusade to Clean America's Rivers*, and founder of Living Lands & Waters. A total of 20 educational sessions were available for attendees. Educational sessions addressed topics including communication, energy efficiency, budget, custodial care, water quality management, and asset management, just to name a few.

MAPPA President Tim Thimmesch gave the opening remarks at Wednesday's breakfast and introduced keynote speaker Tim Selgo, who presented "Three Fundamentals for Successful Leadership." The day included 10 additional educational sessions and a tour of the Washington University in St. Louis campus.



CAPPA President Angela Meyer



2017 CAPPA/MAPPA Conference Planning Committee. L-R: Maggie Hamilton, Angie Mitchell, Angela Meyer, Brandon Baswell



2017-2018 CAPPA Executive Board

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The conference wrapped up with a joint awards banquet and the installation of new officers for both CAPPA and MAPPA. It was an evening of many firsts.

## The 2017 Annual Banquet Awards

- *APPA Unsung Hero Award*: Sheila Awalt, University of Texas at El Paso
- *APPA Pacesetter Award*: Lee McQueen, University Nebraska at Kearney
- *APPA Meritorious Service Award*: Shelton Riley, Texas Christian University
- *CAPPA Meritorious Service Award*: Keith Macejewski, Sightlines
- *CAPPA Distinguished Member Award*: Ana Thiemer, University of Texas Austin
- *CAPPA President's Award*:
  - Angie Mitchell, Southeast Missouri State University
  - Glen Haubold, New Mexico State University

## THE 2017–2018 CAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Angela Meyer**, Southeast Missouri State University  
 First Vice President—**Robert Wall**, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
 Secretary—**Sheila Awalt**, University of Texas at El Paso  
 Treasurer—**Virginia Smith**, University of Texas at Dallas  
 APPA Senior Representative—**Glen Haubold**, New Mexico State University  
 APPA Junior Representative—**Ian Hadden**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock and **Ed Heptig**, Kansas State University  
 APPA Liaison—**Christina Hills**

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**2018 CONFERENCE:** September 29-October 2 • Spearfish, South Dakota



# Rocky Mountain Region

RMA



By Rachel Stone  
RMA Communications Coordinator  
University of New Mexico

In a place with the largest elk reserve in North America and the biggest national forest in the lower 48 states, it's only fitting that Rocky Mountain APPA (RMA) had its largest conference in **Jackson Hole, Wyoming** last fall. Because the conference was held at the first ski area in Jackson, the Snow King Resort, 391 attendees were able to experience this unique landscape found only in the Rocky Mountain region.

The RMA Annual Conference was held September 18-20, with the appropriate theme of "Lift As You Climb," as presented by Mary Vosevich, vice president for facilities management at the University of Kentucky and a conference keynote speaker. Charles Wax, CEO of Waxie Sanitary Supply, was the second keynote speaker and gave RMA a rundown of his family history, explaining how his multimillion-dollar business grew from modest roots. Attendees were reminded that facilities management professionals "lift" others in their daily tasks as they "climb" the ladder of personal growth and success.

The 120 business partners who attended and supported the conference were invaluable, sharing the latest in industry products and services that help sustain the vital work of facilities management. Tours and networking opportunities were abundant, and catered to a wide variety of interests: a float trip, whitewater rafting, fishing, a golf tournament, a tour of Brigham Young University-Idaho's new central energy plant, and tours of Vertical Harvest—a three-story, stacked 1/10-acre greenhouse that produces the annual equivalent of five acres of traditional agriculture.

With all of the activity that filled the daily educational sessions, the RMA Host Committee made sure everyone was well fed. The annual theme dinner was a chuckwagon style meat-and-potato



2017-2018 RMA President  
Luis Rocha of the  
University of Arizona.



The Grand Tetons could be seen from almost anywhere RMA members found themselves.



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Whitewater rafting was a hit during the RMA Networking Day.

extravaganza at the Bar J Chuckwagon. 750 people were fed in under 25 minutes, and then enjoyed a western music show from the Bar J Wranglers.

After an elegant dinner at the Awards Banquet, outgoing RMA President Lisa Potter presented several awards:

- *H. Val Peterson Award*—Rachel Stone
- *Lee Newman Award*—Chuck Gumeson
- *RMA President's Award*—Emmet Boyle

The gavel was then passed to the 2017-2018 RMA President, Luis Rocha, who enthused the crowd with his optimism for the coming year, and challenged each RMA member to get involved and stay involved in *their* organization.

## THE 2016-2017 RMA OFFICERS

President—**Luis Rocha**, University of Arizona  
President-Elect—**Wayne Clark**, Brigham Young University-Idaho  
Secretary—**Wim Chalmet**, University of Lethbridge  
Treasurer—**Mary Jane Thompson**, Salt Lake Community College  
APPA Senior Representative—**Dave Turnquist**, University of Colorado Denver  
APPA Junior Representative—**Lisa Potter**, University of Colorado Boulder  
APPA Liaison—**Kristin Witters**

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**2018 CONFERENCE: September 24-26 • Aurora, Colorado**

# Pacific Coast Region

# PCAPPA



By Robert Andrews  
PCAPPA President  
California State University East Bay

**D**id you leave your heart in San Francisco this past July? Well, if you did, then you returned home with a fresh sustainable new knowledge of the most relevant educational opportunities this joint partnership provided. July 2017 created another synergistic nationally staged partnership in the best city in the country, “if I say so myself,” between PCAPPA and APPA once again. The region’s annual conference for PCAPPA and our international conference for APPA brought together the most talented speakers and session providers I’ve seen in a while. What did I learn?

Organizational metrics and how we view our work as facilities administrators is greeting the 22nd century. Real-time analytics of data is pushing us to seek gaining seats at the table to explain our relevance like never before. We are asset holders for campuses supporting multi-million dollar buildings but the infrastructure we support now is attached to successful student outcomes. These outcomes drive student demand and interest on our campuses and we provide a strong relationship to campus selection by these new students. Both challenged and proactive facilities initiatives drive campus revenue up and down. Social media connections are moving faster than we think and likewise influencing significant campus selection opportunities before a student even sets foot on your campus. On and on it went, but the educational nuggets were superb.

For PCAPPA, it was the commencing of a new board. Basically a (70%) turnover in board senior membership, unheard opportunity with our new members coming from multiple institutions not represented before seeking regionally the ability to grow new local state chapters, develop



PCAPPA President Robert Andrews



John Ferris passes gavel to Robert Andrews at gavel ceremony

more CEFPP credentialing, pushing greater insight for leadership, and examining strategically what our membership desire by hosting listening sessions that have extended into new committees with extended board opportunities to foster greater ease of future transitions in regional roles. All relevant, and honestly the “stuff” we all deal with daily in our organizations.

This is my second opportunity to provide customer services as a regional President but my first opportunity to be a mentor. As stated, (70%) new board membership means experienced friends, colleges and even my own mentors are leaving. If you didn’t participate this year? Take a look around you, are you now



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President-Elect Winnie Kwofie

the mentor for your organization. If like myself. I have not considered myself a mentor but that was my learning opportunity. Understanding how my role is changing and the importance of “why.” Get out there and participate and contact me with what you need.

## THE 2016-2017 PCAPPA OFFICERS

President—**Robert Andrews**, California State University East Bay

President-Elect—**Winnie Kwofie**, Stanford University

Secretary—**John Ferris**, San Diego State University

APPA Senior Representative—**Tony Ichsan**, Portland Community College

APPA Junior Representative—**John Ferris**, San Diego State University

APPA Liaison—**Kristin Witters**

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**2018 CONFERENCE: September 29 – October 3 • Spokane Washington**