2017 REGIONAL REPORTS
Over 500 participants representing 125 educational institutions attended the 2017 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from October 29th through November 1st. 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 Philip Melnick (Penn State University) was elected Treasurer. Also at the Annual Business Meeting, all of ERAPPA’s professional 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
More 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 66th 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, 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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MAPPA 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
- **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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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.

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

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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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 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.

2018 CONFERENCE: September 24-26 • Aurora, Colorado

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
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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Did 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 more CEFP 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 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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