



Going Digital

This edition of *Facilities Manager* magazine, November/December 2018, marks the final issue to be published in print form. Beginning with the January/February 2019 issue, *Facilities Manager* will be published and accessible exclusively online in digital formats.

APPA's new Strategic Plan, published online at www.appa.org and in print in the September/October issue, lays out a bold assessment and realignment of APPA's programs, products, and services. The plan provides a framework that will guide APPA as we sharpen our focus on continuous learning and networking/ community building, strengthening our core, and building organizational capacity to meet our members' evolving needs.

Our readership survey and larger member survey, both conducted earlier in 2018, indicated that while there is value in having a print version of the magazine—of which APPA has published close to 200 issues—many members are increasingly getting their information and professional content through digital sources. These include the mobile-friendly “flip file” version of the magazine that APPA has published since 2003, as well as an online reference library of every article published in *Facilities Manager* since its first publication in 1985.

Beginning in the new year, every one of APPA's 18,000+ members will receive brief summaries of each new issue of *FM* and direct links to the full-text articles, available at your time and place of choice for reading and research.

It is important to note that in our move to eliminate the print version of the magazine, we are retaining the quality design, layout, and content that has made *Facilities Manager* one of your top consistent sources on information and topics related to educational facilities. We will be able to provide you with even more quality content and get it to you quicker.

Following are the general themes and topics planned for the 2019 issues of *Facilities Manager*. If you would like to share a case study or longer article on any of these topics, please contact me at steve@appa.org to discuss. Managing Editor Anita Dosik and I are looking forward to continuing to provide you with an excellent resource as you serve your educational institutions.

Jan/Feb 2019: Community College Focus

Mar/Apr: Campus Sustainability

May/Jun: Med-Ed Facilities

Jul/Aug: FM Technologies

Sep/Oct: Modernizing Aging Infrastructure

Nov/Dec: Effective Space Management 

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- Synthetic turf fields

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