Cowperthwaite & D’Angelo Receive 2020 Rex Dillow Award

APPA is happy to announce that the 2020 recipients of the Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article are the University of Chicago’s Brian Cowperthwaite and John D’Angelo. Their article, “Infrastructure Resiliency Model,” was originally published in the September/October 2019 issue of Facilities Manager. APPA’s Information and Communications Committee, led by Vice President David Handwork of Arkansas State University, made its selection from the nine eligible articles published in the six issues of Facilities Manager within the past year.

Since 1987, APPA has presented the annual Rex Dillow for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager to the feature article deemed most relevant, readable, and valuable from the previous year’s eligible articles. Cowperthwaite is director of facilities operations and maintenance, and D’Angelo is assistant vice president, facilities services, at the University of Chicago. They received their award virtually during the 2020 Awards Celebration held during APPA’s Virtual Facilities Summit.

An excerpt follows: Using the Infrastructure Resiliency Model (IRM) allows the facilities team to specifically apply the data already developed for its deferred-maintenance or FCI benchmark withina framework that addresses probability and severity of risk while allowing for real-world drivers, constraints, and restraints. IRM also integrates operating account maintenance with recapitalization projects within the same framework. To read the entire article, visit https://www1.appa.org/FacilitiesManager/article.cfm?ItemNumber=4332&parentid=2737.

Congratulations to Brian and John on receiving the 2020 Rex Dillow Award. If you have an article, case study, emerging practice, or ideas to share with fellow APPA members and readers of Facilities Manager, please contact me directly at steve@appa.org. I welcome your contributions.

PREPARING FOR THE STUDENT OF 2024 IS THE FOCUS OF 2020 THOUGHT LEADERS REPORT

APPA has just published the 2020 Thought Leaders report, entitled Preparing for the Student of 2024. The report is available at no cost to APPA members through the APPA Bookstore <link to https://www.appa.org/bookstore>, and is $99 for nonmembers.

Contents of the new TLS report include:
- Executive Summary – diverse, focused, and tech-savvy students
- Traditional and Nontraditional Students of 2024 – influences and characteristics, expectations post-COVID and on racial inequalities
- Implications for Higher Education – increased collaboration, expanded student life and mental health services, defined value proposition, strategic reinvestment in facilities
- Questions for Campus Discussion

Many thanks to Thought Leaders sponsors Jacobs and Johnson Controls Inc. for their continued support and helping APPA provide the valuable Thought Leaders reports to APPA members at no charge. Learn more about the Thought Leaders Series at https://www.appa.org/thought-leaders-series/.