



APPA's Regional Reps Collaborate with the I&R Committee

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Last year, APPA's regional representatives began a collaborative partnership with the APPA Information and Research (I&R) Committee. The regional representatives serve as subject matter experts in the review of the content for the Body of Knowledge (BOK). APPA's BOK develops, updates, and disseminates the foundational content required by facilities professionals at colleges, universities, schools, museums, and other nonprofit educational organizations.

MORE ENGAGEMENT

This partnership developed out of the regional representatives' desire to be more engaged as a resource for APPA. Each representative brings a unique set of skills, experiences, and perspectives, as well as a breadth of expertise in all areas of facilities management—on average 20-plus years of experience in facilities management. Who better to help in updating the BOK?

In this new partnership, the regional representatives:

- Identify potential chapter reviewers selected by the content coordinators and set up the reviews as needed.
- Suggest potential subject areas to be covered in BOK.
- Identify potential authors for those subject areas.

- Identify potential content coordinators and assistant content coordinators for the BOK's four core competency areas when a content coordinator is looking for a replacement.

The review process for a chapter is simple, as the review should be brief, concise, and approached as a broad overview. The regional representatives

an opportunity to contribute in a new and vital way. Third, the partnership has presented new opportunities for engaging members at institutions to share their own knowledge and expertise.

Even though this initiative comes from the regional representatives, it is also an opportunity for any APPA member to engage. There is always work to be done to keep the BOK up-to-date

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are not expected to write, edit, or update the chapter. Instead, they offer insights into gaps, issues that might have been overlooked, and new and updated technology, methods, or systems that should be established or implemented. Since the partnership began, the regional representatives have completed reviews of "Building Electrical Systems" and "Campus Security," with other chapters currently under review.

EVERYONE BENEFITS

This partnership has proved to be beneficial in three ways. First, the I&R Committee is able to keep the BOK fresh and relevant in a more timely fashion. Second, the regional representatives have

and relevant. If you are interested in being involved, just contact your regional representative at www.appa.org/board/board.cfm.

This partnership promises to be successful in many ways—to the benefit of the regional representatives, the I&R Committee, and to you—the APPA membership. 💰

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