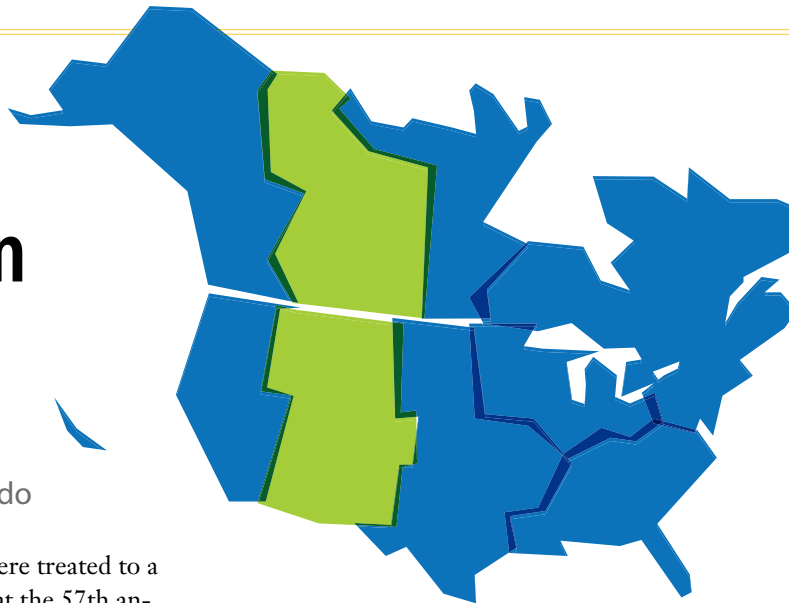


Rocky Mountain Region

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Social time during the sunset toast.

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RMA members were treated to a warm welcome at the 57th annual meeting held at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, Arizona, September 20-23, 2009. The host committee lead by members of the University of Arizona Facilities Management Department presented another memorable event. This year's theme was "Learn-Lead-Influence." The focus of the 2009 RMA Conference was developing our future leaders within the facilities management field.

Recognition and thanks to Chris Koppach, University of Arizona, and all the host committee members, for an outstanding conference. A special thank you also goes out to all of the RMA Business Partners, who are an essential element of the conference. Your participation, support, contributions, and presentations are critical to the success of the RMA annual

meetings. We also wish a fond farewell to Wayne White for his many years of leadership as the Annual Meeting Coordinator.

Throughout the year, the RMA Board of Directors (BOD) developed a new strategic plan. The BOD agreed on the following mission statement: The mission of RMA is to elevate the leadership and influence of facilities professionals. The BOD decided that the "center of gravity," i.e., the single most important factor affecting RMA's future success was "the needs of our constituents." That is, all other efforts would be meaningless if we do not first address the needs of our constituents. The BOD also conducted a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges) and reviewed characteristics of success in order



Deep concentration at a Techie Talk during a Business Partner break.

2010 Regional Conference

September 25-29, 2010

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Bellevue, Washington



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to develop a strategic plan. The six primary goals are:

1. Update the annual meeting program to better meet the needs of the average member.
2. Create and support mentoring programs via the 14ers Club.
3. Develop an RMA communication strategy that supports marketing of programs and celebrates achievements of members.
4. Improve the scholarship program, including marketing, accessibility, and breadth.
5. Create targeted training opportunities in RMA, e.g., limited travel, state or sub-region focus, or electronic media/webinars, etc.
6. Translate the RMA/Business Partner relationship into a more mutually beneficial association, e.g., more benefit to business partners and the average member.

RMA is also actively promoting its 14ers Club, which is unique to the Rocky Mountain region. The purpose of the Fourteeners Club (a.k.a. 14ers Club) is to:

- Promote a recognition program for individuals within RMA who aspire to greater heights.
- Support RMA in its mission to elevate the leadership and influence of facilities professionals.
- Recruit and mentor others to prepare for and fulfill leadership roles at their own institutions, within RMA, and within APPA.

At the first-timers welcome reception presenters discussed why one should become a member of RMA. One of numerous reasons to join is that RMA offers a continuum throughout an individual's career. Early in one's career, RMA provides value by offering training, networking, and learning. Later, RMA fulfills a need to share your wisdom and experience through mentoring. Overall, RMA is a

conduit to transfer knowledge and wisdom, provides an opportunity for fellowship, and is a venue for melding the science and the art of facilities management. The 14ers Club is designed to enhance this conduit.

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2010 Regional Conference

Mark your calendars! The RMA 58th Annual Meeting will be held October 18-20, 2010 in northern Idaho on the shores of the spectacular Lake Coeur d'Alene at the Coeur d'Alene Golf and Spa Resort, with the world famous "floating green." The theme is "Reflections of Success."

Southeastern Region

Heather Hargrave
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On October 23 through 27, 2009, SRAPPA held its 2009 Annual Conference and Board Meeting at the Hilton Beachside Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The four-day conference was packed with events and door prizes where folks were constantly reminded that "You have to be present to win!" The weekend kicked off with a shotgun start at the LGPA Champions Course on Saturday morning. The day proceeded with bright sunshine and a beautiful golf course. That evening tropical shirts, flip-flops, and mumus were in style at a beach party held on the hotel veranda.

Sunday morning started with a welcome from Dr. Richard Heist, executive vice president and chief academic officer of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach Campus. After a great breakfast, morning events included a church service and a First Timers meeting followed by conference educational sessions. The exhibit hall was the location for lunch on Monday and Tuesday with prizes presented to drawing winners who were present. "Race to Green" was the conference theme with 20+ well attended educational sessions linked by the common thread of energy conservation and sustainability.

Sunday evening the entire party was transported to the Daytona 500 Experience, which is adjacent to the famous Daytona International Speedway. The experience featured an IMAX theatre, eight NASCAR simulators, many