

Pacific Coast Region

PCAPPA



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The 2016 PCAPPA Educational Conference was held September 18-20 in **Pasadena, California**. We had some fun with the “three Rs” of education—our meeting theme actually had four: “Resource, Ready, Renew, Reengage!” The conference was attended by over 240 enthusiastic individuals. Besides the 28 educational tracks offered, 27 participants graduated from the Supervisor’s Toolkit and 4 earned CEFPs.

We had two great speakers: Our kickoff keynote address was given by Adam Steltzner, team leader and chief engineer of the NASA Mars Rover Curiosity. Steltzner discussed the power of human curiosity and the importance of fostering a culture of collaborative innovation. He reminded us that with the “right kind of crazy,” we can significantly expand our boundaries and achieve the impossible.

Our second keynote, Jesus M. Villahermosa Jr., presented “Crisis Reality Training” in a two-part presentation. This talk dealt with the many facility issues during an active-shooter situation; the talk was tough and informative, and audience participation was exceptional, with questions continuing long after the applause had ended.

Our awards night was well attended due in part to the repeat performance of MC Jason Wang, PCAPPA’s awards and recognition chair, who kept the momentum with his own inimitable style and provided top entertainment. The following were given awards or recognized that night: The APPA Sustainability Award went to Portland Community College, the APPA Pacesetter Award to John Ferris, and the APPA Unsung Hero Award to Chuck Davis. PCAPPA Certificates of Appreciation were given to David Woodson, APPA



PCAPPA Board members (left to right): Jason Wang, Patty Anderson, Bob Andrews, Winnie Kwofie, John Ferris, International President Chuck Scott, Tony Guerra, Chuck Davis, and Tony Ichsan.



Tony Ichsan speaks to attendees.



Photo by Patty Anderson

PCAPPA Conference Dinner.

Senior Representative for 2015-16, and to the Cal Tech Conference Team. Bill Taylor was named conference host chair.

APPA International President Chuck Scott performed the induction of officers, which ended with the new board being confirmed by saying, “OK, I’ll do it!”

The gathering ended with a special video highlighting the next PCAPPA Educational Conference, which will be cohosted with APPA and BayAPPA in San Francisco, July 21-23.

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