



## **APPA Professional Affairs Committee**

**Report to the APPA Board of Directors - June 2019**

**Activity from January - June, 2019**

***Vice President for Professional Affairs:*** Dan Bollman

***Staff Liaison:*** Christina Hills

***Professional Affairs Committee:***

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| EJ Hook        | University of Montana        |
| Steven Gasser  | University of Calgary        |
| Tony Ichsan    | Portland Community College   |
| Darren Hale    | University of Texas – Austin |
| Dave Maharrey  | Mississippi State University |
| Jack Mumma     | Michigan State University    |
| Jessica Abbott | University of Hartford       |

***PAC Charge:***

The Professional Affairs Committee (PAC) broadens and advances the stature, reputation, prominence and relevancy of the association and educational facilities practitioners through connections, collaborations, and partnerships with other professional associations; development and advancement of programs that raise the professionalism of the profession; and the continued study and review of emerging industry trends, effective practices, and transforming changes impacting and shaping the direction of the profession.

***Significant Activity:***

Much of the work of the Professional Affairs Committee during the past six months involved restructuring the committee to better align with and support the objectives of APPA's Strategic Plan; ***Preparing for Every Future.***

As part of the restructuring, PAC developed a work plan that will focus on outward facing activities aimed at creating and providing value to our membership. Specifically, the work plan addresses:

- Enhancing and expanding strategic partnerships; informing and guiding activity relative to codes, regulations and legislative action that may affect the FM profession.
- Identifying and staying abreast of emerging industry trends.
- Identifying opportunities for members to earn continuing education credits while participating in APPA programs.
- Supporting other APPA committees in their efforts to provide greater value to the membership.

Notable activities are identified below:

### **Partner Organization Spreadsheet**

- PAC Developed a Partner Organization Spreadsheet for use by PAC and the APPA staff for tracking strategic activity between and among organizations.

### **Military Affairs**

- Participated in the SAME-IFMA conference in San Antonio. Made several connections including the senior Air Force Engineer and other contacts in the San Antonio area.
- Two APPA members manned booth at SAME National Conference educating the military community on careers in higher education, CEFP, training opportunities and APPA as an organization. Met with Rear Admiral Korka who requested a meeting with Lander to discuss partnership opportunities. Presented on how to get a facilities career in higher education. Strengthened bond with SAME.
- Participated SAME credentialing committee.
- Recruited participant for SAME enlisted committee to enable better education of CEFP credential and career opportunities.
- Conducted annual meeting with SAME.
- Continued preparations for military transition workshop at APPA National Conference. Began promoting conference, but still have a long way to go.
- Worked with Military Transition Subcommittee and Christina to complete the Subcommittee website that went live earlier this month.
- Completed draft Sponsorship and Sponsor Request application forms and submitted to APPA for review.
- Monitored Military Transition Subcommittee LinkedIn account for new application requests, posted updates as available.

### **Construction Owners Association of America (COAA)**

COAA, AGC Building Division/PIAC (and NASFA to some degree):

In the first half of 2019, APPA and COAA have worked together on a number of initiatives. During January's APPA Institute, COAA partnered to provide specialized capital project opportunities. In March, the Michigan chapters of both groups collaborated on the MiAPPA Winter meeting, giving better content to attendees, and building understanding to move the industry forward. Representatives of COAA, AGC PIAC, APPA, and NASFA met in Denver in April. There's general agreement on the need to collaborate and leverage volunteer and staff effort to provide value to members and the facilities community. The key is to identify the right projects and initiatives.

### **IBCON**

- Dan Bollman and Don Guckert acted as advisors for the planning of the Higher Education Smart Campus Summit (preconference workshop) held on June 12 in Nashville, TN.
- Dan Bollman, Don Guckert and Lander Medlin participated in a panel discussion on "Moving Towards a Smart Campus – Identifying Business Benefits and Costs" at the Higher Education Smart Campus Summit.
- Continued evaluation of IBCON as a strategic partner for APPA.

### **ASHRAE**

- Several members of APPA continue to advance the partnership with ASHRAE. Specifically, the renewal of our MOU, collaborating on shared training opportunities, smart campus initiatives and BEQ.