



Senior Representative Report

Regional Conference Update:

The fall regional MAPPA conference was hosted by Cleveland State University in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The theme was “MAPPA Power: Keep Facilities Rockin” and boasted 300 attendees who spent time visiting the 60 vendor booths at the annual event. Supervisor’s Toolkit training was also hosted at the conference and was very well received. The next two MAPPA annual conferences are scheduled for:

Minneapolis, MN October 16 – 18, 2019

Grand Rapids, MI October 25 – 27, 2020 (Joint Conference – MAPPA/MiAPPA)

Officers:

The 2018-2019 MAPPA Board of Directors that were installed at the last conference or filled a position later include:

President: Steve Gilsdorf, Western Michigan University

President Elect: George Hakim, University of Michigan – Flint

Treasurer: Art Chonko, Denison University

Secretary: Nicole Corll, Kent State University

Senior Rep: Tim Thimmesch, Grand Valley State University

Junior Rep: James Bogan, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Communications Chair: Becky Barnes, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Professional Development Chair: Ron Pond, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Membership Chair: Kevin Austin, University of Chicago

Information and Research Chair: Myriam Weaver, University of Chicago

Professional Affairs Chair: Doug Laditka, Wooster College

Awards and Recognition Chair: Jack Mumma, Michigan State University

Business Partner Representative: Jamie Tran, Belfor Property Restoration

Historian: Becky Hines, Ohio State University (retired)

Conference Coordinator: Brandon Dugan, Cleveland State University

The election process for 2019-2020 will be underway soon. Two positions will be filled this year for President Elect and Secretary. Nominations will be requested from all MAPPA members with the voting process finalized prior to the October annual meeting in Minneapolis where all officers will be installed for the upcoming year.

Awardees

MAPPA presented the 2018 awards as follows:

Outgoing Board Member and I & R Chair Bob Currie, Iowa State University

Outgoing Board Member and Senior Rep Greg Adams, Marquette University

Outgoing Board Member and Treasurer Dana Gillon, University of Illinois

Outgoing Board Member and Membership Chair Erin Marsh, University of Iowa

President's Award to Brandon Dugan, Cleveland State University

President's Award to Tim Thimmesch, Grand Valley State University

Financial

The MAPPA Board has worked to reduce reserve balances the past 3 years by awarding scholarships to members to attend the annual conference or APPA University. This has been very successful as an additional 7 scholarships to attend the APPA Institute or Leadership Academy were again presented to MAPPA members during the year. As the reserves have decreased, the Board has limited the number of scholarships offered. At the same time, members are urged to continue to apply for support. The MAPPA Board continues to look at opportunities that will enhance the number of scholarships awarded on an annual basis. Annual membership renewals along with positive budget numbers from the annual conference will determine the threshold for the Board to offer future support.

Additional Updates

MAPPA President, Steve Gilsdorf, continued regular calls with chapter presidents to exchange information from APPA, MAPPA and the state chapters. These chapter presidents then had the opportunity to participate (in a non-voting capacity) with the MAPPA Board conference calls, enhancing engagement and knowledge on a variety of topics for the organization.

Indiana, Iowa and Illinois have recently hosted their own state chapter conferences. Minnesota is beginning the process to be a state chapter and using the upcoming MAPPA conference to build momentum.

Two vacancies occurred on the MAPPA Board during the course of the year. Past members, Art Chonko and Becky Barnes stepped back into prior roles, again offering their expertise and knowledge.

The MAPPA Board continued to review the new APPA strategic plan, incorporating new ways to support the enhanced direction for the organization.