

# Rocky Mountain APPA

## 2011 14ers Club Meeting Minutes September 14, 2011

The 2011 Annual RMA 14ers Club Meeting was held at the Delta Regina in Regina, Saskatchewan, CA on September 14, 2011.

**Attendees:** Chuck Gumeson, Mike Hodnefield, Jeff Butler, Eakle Barfield, Erik van de Boogaard, Paula Marshak, Kathy Junior, Cloriza Lomeli, Doug Watson, Jerry Martens, Kyle Williams, Viron Lynch, Shari Philpott, Shawna Rowley, and John Morris.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Lead Climber Morris welcomed everyone, and reported that there are now 36 members and ten climbing buddies. Morris suggested offering honorary membership to David Gray, APPA President. The suggestion was approved.

### 2. Lead Climber Election

Morris was nominated and elected as the 2012 14ers Club Lead Climber.

### 3. RMA Strategic Plan

Morris noted that there are two RMA Strategic Objectives that apply specifically to the 14ers Club.

**Goal 2 - "Create and support mentoring programs via the 14ers Club."** It is proposed that the 14ers Club members, with assistance and support from the Awards and Recognition Committee, develop this goal into something that has merit and real value for all of our members.

Discussion on this objective revolved around how do we get the word out to encourage more climbing buddies (mentees) and to encourage additional 14ers Club members.

Efforts this past year included:

- a. Honorary memberships were extended to our emeritus members.
- b. Membership was opened to all Business Partners. It was suggested and agreed to extend the onetime concession to the minimum requirement that to be eligible Business Partners must be dues paying members.
- c. We developed a brochure that was available at the RMA booth at APPA 2011 in Atlanta. A similar brochure was distributed at RMA 2011.
- d. Program summary was presented at the First Timers Welcoming Reception.
- e. We promote the program at each of the RMA Supervisor Toolkit sessions.

- f. An article was written and submitted to APPA to be included in the *Facilities Manager* magazine. We have the opportunity to share the concept with the other regions and perhaps help them create similar programs. It would be great to see the concept take off internationally!

It was agreed that for the coming year each member should pledge to find one additional climbing buddy and one additional member. Ultimately the 14ers Club will need to define milestones and determine measurements or KPI's that monitor our success and accountability.

**Goal 6 - "Translate the RMA/Business Partner relationship into a more mutually beneficial association, e.g. more benefit to business partners and the average member."** The RMA BOD felt that the Professional Affairs committee, working with the annual meeting coordinator, and with assistance from the 14ers Club members, would have the best opportunity to lead to achieving this goal.

Morris reported that we now have five Business Partners members.

#### **4. 14ers Club support for Student Chapters**

Morris agreed to work with Lynch to investigate opportunities for the 14ers Club members to assist with support for the RMA and APPA student chapters. The 14ers Club is an excellent forum to engage students who have an interest in the FM profession.