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## President's Message

It is amazing how fast this year is going. It is already February and I will be going to my first meeting with the National APPA Board. I have not been very involved with the National Organization since I served on the Information and Technology Committee. It will be nice to meet the current members of the board and renew some old acquaintances.

The main purpose of this trip is an orientation that prepares current regional presidents for their duties as junior and senior representatives. Topics that will be covered are Similar to the strategic vision of APPA; APPA's governing documents, legal issues, finance, the role of the board of directors, etc. The presenters all look quite qualified and I am looking forward to the experience.

In the middle of January, the RMA Board had a telephone conference to address some outstanding issues. Jeff Turner was accepted as an emeritus member of RMA and his application, along with Doug Sanford's application will be sent along to National with our recommendation that they be accepted as emeritus at National APPA.

The 2004 Educational Forum was very successful and it appears that it will return a profit to the RMA account. The budget has not been finalized but it looks good at this time. These forums have been producing a profit for a few years and while it is not a lot of revenue, it helps supplement our educational programs. So, let me thank all of those who participated in the forum especially our business partners. Without everyone's involvement, many of the RMA programs would not be possible.

The forum in Vail, hosted by CSU, seems to be progressing very well. Tom Moss and his team are out in front of the require-

ments and it should be a spectacular event. Vail is a beautiful location. I hope everybody takes the opportunity to visit Colorado and their fellow RMA members.

Harvey Chace's term on the Information and Research Committee will be coming to an end. I would like to thank Harvey for all of his hard work over the past years. While this committee does have its rewards it also takes a lot of input and extra work. Thanks Harvey.

Our next board meeting will be on April 22, 2005. Potential items currently on the agenda are as follows:

- Information Gained from the National Board of Directors Meeting and Committee Reports
- Scholarships for the Institute and Leadership Academy
- Requirements for Emeritus Status
- Replacement for Harvey on the Information and Research Committee
- Future Educational Opportunities

If you are interested in a scholarship, applications need to be returned by March 15, 2005. If you know somebody or you yourself are interested in serving on the Information and Research Committee please contact any one of the board members.

Thanks again for your participation. It is what makes RMA successful.

Mark Shively  
RMA President

## APPA Calendar of Events

Energy Efficiency and Renewables  
March 4, 2005  
Eugene, Oregon

Mold, Moisture and Remediation Workshop  
March 7 - 10, 2005  
ACGIH, Cincinnati, OH

Investing in Infrastructure: 18th Annual  
IDEA Campus Energy Conference  
March 8 - 11, 2005  
Washington, D.C.

## Summary of HBCU's and Diversity of African Americans in APPA and SRAPPA (1999-2004)

by Sam L. Polk, Sr., APPA's VP for Educational Programs

Our resolve to improve diversity in APPA and especially SRAPPA continues. Today, we have made progress with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) category of members and women. Obviously, much more is needed. I am delighted that others in our association are more involved with this issue. This brief report is to highlight our accomplishments since the 1999 Study: "Participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in APPA and Regional Associations." The survey results and follow-ups are listed below.

A. 78% indicated that more diversity in members and especially officers is needed.

1. APPA membership (HBCU's) increased by 18 member institutions from 19 in 1999 to 37 in 2004.
2. APPA elected first African-American officer, Sam L. Polk, Sr., Vice President for Education in 2004.
3. APPA African-American Committee Members increased from 0 to 4 in 2004 (2-female and 2-males):
  - a. Jewell Winn – Membership (SRAPPA)
  - b. Ron Brooks – Awards and Recognitions (SRAPPA)

- c. Randolph Hare – Professional Affairs (SRAPPA)
- d. Sara High – Membership (ERAPPA)

4. APPA President, Phil Cox, places emphasis on diversity during his presidency (2003).

5. APPA has had three women elected and serve as officers: VP for Information and Research, Vickie Younger, President: Maggie Kinningman, Dianne Kirby.

B. 56% indicated that active recruitment of HBCU's would be necessary to increase participation.

1. SRAPPA/UNICO provided 16 HBCU institutions (all fees paid) to attend a special HBCU event at SRAPPA-2002. Six institutions accepted trial membership and three renewed membership at a special reduced rate.
2. SRAPPA conducted multicultural events at SRAPPA 2004, 8 HBCU's took advantage of free registration. Members participated in the events designed to realize true diversity in SRAPPA. This event can be replicated in other regions and APPA Annual Conferences.

C. 50% indicated that a trial membership would be beneficial to continued membership. APPA conducted two membership drives offering trail membership in 2000 and 2002.

D. 10% indicated that the lack of black officers greatly affected their membership decision.

1. APPA VP for Education (Sam Polk) 2004
2. SRAPPA Progress
  - a. Sam Polk, Newsletter Editor, President, APPA Representative
  - b. Ron Brooks, VP at Large, APPA Committee
  - c. Jewell Winn, VP for Communication, APPA Committee
  - d. Marion Bracey, President Elect
  - e. Sylvester Johnson, VP at Large

I am confident that this effort will continue and I challenge others to take up the cause for other minority member categories and work with SRAPPA's Multiculture-Diversity Committee in making a real difference.

## Editor's Corner

This is my penultimate newsletter. The RMA scholarship deadline has been extended to March 15; so if you are interested please fill out the application and either mail, fax or email it to Mary Vosevich at the University of New Mexico.

The experience as your newsletter editor over the passed eight years has been incredibly rewarding and fun. If you are interested in serving as the editor, please contact Mark Shively, mshively@uwyo.edu, and let him know. You have made the newsletter successful. Your willingness to share experiences, discuss issues, tell about institutions and what is going on in your state/province have helped us meet the demands of our jobs. The state/province

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ensure your articles are in to your state/province correspondent by May 1, that will give them time to review the article and forward it to me. Remember, the newsletter is only as good as you make it. I did not get many responses about having an electronic newsletter. The primary advantage of this type of newsletter is the savings on postage and printing. Please let me know how you feel about this by April 10. Just send an email to either me or Esther with a vote -- yes for email or no for keeping the paper newsletter. Our email addresses are: Paul.Smith@pima.edu and Esther.Federico@pima.edu.

Again, thanks so much for your support these past eight years.

The deadline for the May issue of the newsletter is May 4, 2005. If you could

# State/Province Reports

## Canada Report

### Athabasca University Appoints New President

David J. Burnett, Chair of the Athabasca University Governing Council, is pleased and proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Frits Pannekoek as the sixth president of Athabasca University.

Dr. Pannekoek is currently (since 1998) Director of Information Resources (a decanal-level post) at the University of Calgary, with academic appointments in the Faculty of Communication and Culture and the Department of History.

Dr. Pannekoek and his wife, Christine, will move to Athabasca where he will assume his new responsibilities in June 2005.

Dr. Pannekoek will be coming to Athabasca University Central, ELC, CIM and CLC to meet staff before the end of March.

For a brief biography of Dr. Pannekoek, please go to: <http://www.athabascau.ca/>

## Montana Report

By Bob Lashaway

Montana is in the middle of its biannual legislative session and with somewhat of a budget surplus things have been interesting. Back in July, 2004, when we all submitted our building maintenance and construction requests in preparation for the session, there were no prospects for any significant funding to be available for a building program – looked like a maximum of ~\$2.25 million *to be shared among all state agencies!* By late November, the Budget Office was projecting a probable budget surplus, proposed putting ~\$30 million into the maintenance side of the building program and the statewide feeding frenzy

began in earnest. In the end, it looks like about half that amount will be allocated toward maintenance projects for the university system, which is a welcome relief over the slim pickings provided by the last two legislative sessions. Even so, with 10+ units of post-secondary education plus the statewide ag experiment station enterprise (in a state with a population of less than 950,000 smiling faces) to share the spoils, making headway against the swell of deferred maintenance is still difficult. On the brighter side, it certainly could be, and has been, worse!

It is interesting to note that, even with little or no state funded resources to accomplish deferred maintenance projects, the universities in Montana seem to have a fairly extensive ability to come up with non-state funded new building projects. At MSU, we currently have ~\$51 million worth of non-state funded projects completely funded and in design with construction to follow beginning summer 2005, and we have requested authority to pursue an additional ~\$32.5 million worth of non-state funded new building construction projects. On top of all that, we are negotiating with USDA-ARS to construct a \$21 million research facility on leased ground in the central campus core. So, in spite of lean prospects from the legislature, we are facing another of the “busiest” construction periods in our campus history.

Speaking of worse situations, our moisture situation is a poor as it's been at this time of year in recent memory. We have experienced one the driest fall/early winter seasons on record. At this point, as I look out my window at the main campus, I see absolutely zero snow on the ground anywhere, and that includes the shaded spots. The usual six-foot snow banks along the walkways and the impromptu snowboard ramps that usually appear overnight are non-existent this year. Since we irrigate a major portion of the internal campus core through our accumulated surface water rights, we are expecting a long summer season of having to closely manage our irrigation resources. Fortunately, we have been improving our ability to manage

our increasingly important water resources by installing a centrally controlled computer operated irrigation control system. Coupled to weather monitoring stations, this system should allow us to water only when the local environment requires it instead of on a strictly time-clock basis. Hopefully, this system will allow us to both conserve and stretch our resource.

Eakle Barfield at the MSU-Billings campus reports that, with the costs of energy impacting all of our budgets, now is the time to fine tune your campus energy consumption and as you recall from your college days, you cannot fine tune unless you have reasonable measurement data in place. MSU-Billings just installed sub-metering on all its buildings utilizing the Vykon Energy suite. As we continue to collect data we will be able to make informed decisions as to how to address some of our major maintenance and repair issues. This data was used to justify a \$1.25M Boiler replacement/consolidation project, replacing four, 50 year old boilers in four separate buildings with a centralized heating plant and perhaps someday support the installation of a cogeneration plant. Feel free to visit our web site <<http://207.196.228.155/eas>> using “guest” and “demo” as your name and password.

### Plan to Attend



### “Turning a New Leaf”

2005 RMA Educational Forum

Vail Marriott Resort and Spa

September 11 -14, 2005

Hosted by Facilities Management at Colorado State University

<http://fm.colostate.edu/rma/>

# Wyoming Report

By Frank Fox

**Physical Plant Radios:** Recently the University Physical Plant went thru the exercise of flip-flopping our transmitting and receiving frequencies in order to rid ourselves of interference from the state prison. It is amazing how much quieter the radios are with out all of the outside traffic.

**The Early Care and Education Center:** Work continues on this new facility and everything appears on schedule. Our winter weather has been quite mild causing no construction slow downs as a matter of fact the lack of moisture is becoming a matter of concern as we are approaching our 5<sup>th</sup> year of drought conditions.

**Personnel Performance Evaluations:** Once again it is the time of year when supervisors and employees get to sit down and evaluate last year's performance and set goals for the current year.

**Snow Blower:** In preparation for the winter season the Physical Plant ordered and received a snow blower that mounts on our John Deere front end loader. It is capable of moving 2000 tons of snow an hour throwing it a distance of 200 feet. We have been using it in the little skiffs of snow that we have received but as yet have not been able to put it to any real test.

**Prexies Pasture Renovation Phase I:** With the renovation of Prexies Pasture to a walking mall the original uproar concerning the losing of 148 parking spots has subsided and it appears that the vast majority of the campus community has not only accepted the change but enjoy the vehicle free environment.

# Utah Report

One month ago the University of Utah football team was on top of the world with a BCS bowl busting team. The support on and off campus was staggering at the very least and most of all simply fun. The odds of making it through an undefeated season is mind boggling especially when the mainstream sportscasters said week after week we were not good enough and could not run the table. Well we proved them wrong and our fans and students swarmed to Tempe, Arizona to finish business with a decisive win in the Fiesta Bowl. The entire stadium with the exception of three lower sections was filled with red and white cheering fans and for one day in Arizona it was all Utah!

The few days leading up to the game Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe opened their doors and made us feel right at home. I have had the opportunity over the years to participate in other bowl games but nothing to date was quite like a BCS sponsored bowl game. We left cold hazy Salt Lake for a couple of warm days filled with no sleep, cramming in all the festivities the area had planned, including celebrating the new year. Even though our fans thought we should be rated #1, for a short moment in time Arizona with your hospitality made us feel #1!!

The problem is.....you don't stay at the top long before you realize without hard work, dedication and some decent recruiting you have to start at the beginning to prepare for another season. Some of us have further to go than others because we lost coaches and a starting lineup of seniors. The real problem is going to be continuing the "high," we were there, we lived it, and we want to return. Only time, hardwork and a little luck will open that door again.

All of us play in the big game every day and we cannot lose or even play for the tie. Budgets are getting tighter with a hiring freeze through the rest of the budget year and with an older campus we feel the pressure. Only the expensive stuff breaks when the pressure is on. What ever happened to the good old days when raises were common and money was available to fix what failed.

Good luck, in the coming year.....

# Colorado Report



The Host/Planning Committee from Colorado State University invites you to join us in the beautiful Vail Valley of Colorado for the 53rd Annual RMA Educational Forum on Sunday, September 11-14, 2005. The Forum will be held at the Vail Marriott Resort and Spa, Lionshead Village, Vail, Colorado.

Vail, Colorado is located approximately 110 miles west of Denver on I-70. The spectacular two-hour drive from Denver into the Rockies and over the Continental Divide is a wonderful welcome to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

If you want to avoid Denver International Airport, you may choose the smaller Eagle/Vail Airport. This full-service airport is located approximately 30 minutes from Vail and is serviced by United and American Airlines. Transportation packages are available from either airport and are listed on the website (see address at bottom of page).

The 2005 RMA Educational Forum will offer a variety of topics. The Host Committee has also arranged for either an exciting day of golf or a Jeep/Hummer tour that goes through a National Historic Site ending at a private lodge for lunch. A special Bavarian Theme Dinner is scheduled with some very exciting and unique entertainment. For those who enjoy being pampered, a special rate has been arranged at the Marriott Spa. Not into golf or jeeps or spas – how about partaking of some of the many shops located in Vail and Lionshead

Village! Local transportation is available to most locations.

We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us in Vail in September. Additional information will be mailed under separate cover in May.

Please visit our website at <http://www.fm.colostate.edu/RMA/>

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

## New Mexico Report

### College of Santa Fe

By Brother Ron

As 2004 came to an end, the following events happened at the College of Santa Fe. In June, at the Tennis Center, the Gladys Heldman Championship Stadium was dedicated. This was due to the generosity of the late Gladys Heldman and her family. This positions the college to host major national tennis events, celebrity tournaments and regional special events that will connect CSF more intimately with the strong tennis community in Santa Fe.

Benildus Hall, our first new classroom building built in 1960, has entered into the first phase of the renovation of the old section of the building. 16,000 square feet of renovation; classrooms remodeled and offices added or remodeled to take care of the Creative Writing Program and the Evening and Weekend Programs. The restrooms were brought up to code and a new section of restrooms added. The first phase will be ready for the spring semester of 2005. The Second Phase of the Benildus Hall project will start in the Spring, a 13,000 square-foot addition which will house the Center for the Contemporary Music department. The space consists of offices, practice rooms and two recording studios. The renovation plan will retain the integrity of the original architecture. The architects are Design Collaborative Southwest (DCSW) out of Albuquerque. The Contractor is Klinger also from Albuquerque. Funding for this renovation project is from the Rosemarie Shellaberger estate and other generous gifts.

## Arizona Report

By Polly Pinney

On November 7, 2003 the headline in the Arizona Republic proclaimed "Tempe (Arizona State University) Lands Last '04 Debate". And with that headline began the long process of planning and executing to host the Super Bowl of Politics. As a key member of the ASU Production Team, Facilities Management was involved in a massive site preparation that included not only Gammage Auditorium, but two additional campus sites for protesters and student groups and remote network sites for CNN, MSNBC, CSPAN and one local TV station.

Meetings in advance of the actual preparations began almost immediately and continued with increasing frequency up until the debate itself. Some forty members of our ASU Facilities Management team were security cleared and given assignments on site both prior to and during the debates. Site preparations included a 40,000 square foot tent replete with phone lines and Ethernet hookups for approximately 2000 members of the working press and office setups for some 800 journalists. Gammage Auditorium, the actual site of the debate, was transformed into a TV studio. The parking lots around Gammage became a secured compound and electrical setups and plumbing for some 30 satellite trucks were prepared. Cable troughs, steps, access ramps and network platforms in the auditorium were constructed and painted. Facilities Management's commitment to the success of this event was also showcased in additional site preparations prior to the event. We were well aware that during the days prior to and during the debate ASU would be showcased on an international stage and we wanted to assure the real beauty of our campus was on display. Extra care was taken to manicure the grounds, paint touch ups were accomplished and even the Gammage fountains received a makeover. As the event approached a vibrant atmosphere transformed our campus into a fully connected political forum and the student body really got into the spirit of the event. For those of us old enough to remember the campus atmosphere of the 60's and 70's it seemed very familiar.

ASU FM has been a part of the visits of several sitting presidents, a Super Bowl and even a visit by the Pope, but the pre-911 security of these events was minor compared to our post 911 world. This presented major logistic challenges for us in planning for on-site materials and personnel after the triple perimeter surrounding Gammage was locked down. In addition, when the motorcade was present the movement on and around campus was virtually closed down.

For anyone contemplating a bid to host a debate I offer the following:

Know you are signing up for a great deal of work, a great deal of potential expense and a great deal of excitement built into a truly splendid team activity. 2008 here we come!

### Supervisor's Toolkit

*So far two RMA sponsored sessions of Supervisor's Toolkit have been presented by Polly Pinney (Arizona State University) and Shari Philpott (University of Colorado-Boulder). The first hosted by ASU had thirty participants and the second hosted by UC had thirty participants. The sessions have been well received. Future plans are to present in additional Rocky Mountain States.*

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IFMA's Management Summit  
March 10 - 12, 2005  
Orlando, Florida

National Facilities Management and  
Technology/Conference/Exposition  
March 15 - 17, 2005  
Baltimore Convention Center

49th Annual CSI Show & Convention  
April 20 - 23, 2005  
Chicago, IL

ESS Expo.05  
April 24 - 27, 2005  
Phoenix, Arizona

The 13th National Conference on Building  
Commissioning  
May 4 - 6, 2005  
New York City, New York

2005 Top Ten Green Projects Lecture/  
Reception & Exhibition  
May 19 - 21, 2005  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**The ROCKY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATORS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES** was organized in February of 1953 for the purpose of promoting the common interest in the planning, maintenance and operation of physical plants of Universities and Colleges in the Rocky Mountain Region: to foster a professional spirit among those engaged in this work; and to support and supplement the activities of its parent organization, the "Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA)." The Rocky Mountain Region encompasses the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and in Canada the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

2005 Annual Meeting	Vail, CO	Colorado State University
2006 Annual Meeting	Billings, MT	Montana State University
2007 Annual Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	University of New Mexico