



“Jazzin’ Up Your Facility” Creating a More Educated Facilities Officer

The following is the abstract for the paper that Dr. Wingblade presented at the 53rd Annual SRAPPA Conference in November

Our mission, as Physical Plant Directors and Administrators is to protect our university systems’ huge public investment in real property through profes-

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sional and effective management of those facilities. Each day we are challenged with a

variety of opportunities including leadership and administration, business and financial management, maintenance and operations, information technology and many other important categories. To accomplish that mission we must formally educate our line supervisors and other key plant personnel by means of a structured and validated curriculum carefully crafted for the physical plant workforce.

Even though many professional organiza-

tions promote certification through continuing education, most institutions of higher education do not provide explicit programs that compliment our mission.

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Although, many plant directors have professional degrees, many mid-level supervisors do

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22nd Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators Has a New Location (May 28.. June 1, 2005)

GAPPA has grown and has become increasingly popular over the years. We have been limited in how many booths we offer our business partners. We have 120 partners and most of them request booth space at the trade show. The Holiday Inn served us well, but it is time to seek a better and larger Convention location. The GAPPA Board has been studying the relocation of the Convention for a couple of years and several locations were considered. Most of the members realized the need for a larger place, but they still enjoyed being on Jekyll Island. After many dialogue sessions and considerations, a compromise was reached. The GAPPA annual meeting would relocate to a new venue, but will continue to be on Jekyll Island. The Convention will be held at Jekyll Island Convention Center. The Center has several halls and we will be able to hold more than one educational session at a time. The Board has also obtained a special rate with the hotels on the island. So when you call, ask for the GAPPA rate.

Lee Richey Says Good Bye

I must say that GAPPA and the folks who make up this organization has been the highlight of my career. Being selected to serve as President was an honor few ever receive.

We did not have such an organization during my years at the University of Alabama. We did visit other campuses to see how they did things to improve our own, but GAPPA goes so much further along the path of providing high-quality training opportunities, workshops and just all-around assistance between campuses. I sincerely appreciate everyone who assisted me.

I have been blessed going and coming - receiving assignments in Georgia that have vastly expanded my horizons and given me challenges within the Facilities Management career field beyond my wildest dreams: Georgia State University, Board of Regents, KSU, GSFIC, and KSU Foundation. I owe appreciation to more folks than I can list.

I hope to remain active in GAPPA for the rest of my life - already have

mine and Janis' reservation confirmation for the annual meeting next May.

I will see everyone there if not before.

I am REALLY just moving to another point on my life's path. I have been asked if I would be available to provide consulting services to those who might need assistance with Plant organization, special projects, or those who just want to pick an old Facilities guy's brain and find out what an owner might think or need. I will be available to explore those opportunities -should they arise.

In case anyone would ever care to contact us, our address and phone number as listed below:

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News Bits

- Eddie Woodhouse of Columbus State is the new Treasurer.
- Lee Richey has moved to Alabama.
- Dale Hess of UGA experimental Station is serving on the board.
- Ervin Ogden is a new board member from Savannah State.
- GAPPA has 214 members.
- You may add a co-worker or a subordinate to GAPPA mailing group so they can get informational email. Check the web or Email Don Alexander.
- If you have an opening, you may advertise in this newsletter for free. Please email Bill Halabi.
- Anton Kashiri has accepted a job at Virginia ...
- Dalton State College received the 2004 Joe White Award.
- Lee Richey was awarded the "Judy Wilder Service Achievement" award.
- Welcome to Ralph Johnson to the GAPPA board. He is the Associate Vice President at University of Georgia.
- Congratulation to Dave Groseclose of Georgia College and State University on his promotion to Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance.
- GAPPA annual meeting May 28 to June 1, 2005 at Jekyll Island.
- If you have material for the newsletter, please submit it to Bill Halabi at bill.halabi@facilities.gatech.edu

A Word From Dave Groseclose

I want to thank the Board for the very nice plaque they sent to me. I thoroughly enjoyed my years on the Board of Directors and wish GAPPA continued success in the future. It is a great association filled with great talent and dedication to higher education. Best of luck to you all.

New Board Members

Dale Hess was elected to a two year term on the board. Dale is a civil engineering graduate from Kansas State University. He worked for ITT on the operation and maintenance contract for the radar site of the Arctic Circle. He has been at the University of Georgia Griffin campus for 10 years.

Ervin Ogden was elected to a one year term. He is the director of physical plant at Savannah State University. He has been at Savannah for 17 years and he has been the director since 1995. Before this job, he taught high school. He has a mechanical Engineering Technology degree. He appreciates being on the board.

APPA Awards

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APPA's awards program recognizes excellence among individuals and institutions. The awards vary from "Excellence," and "Innovative" to the "President" award. A full listing of the awards and the criteria are available on the APPA website at <http://www.appa.org/recognition/>. APPA now makes it even easier to nominate an individual or institution for an award by completing an online application form which can be found at <http://www.appa.org/recognition/>. APPA's Professional Affairs Committee will review all applications in early Spring and all awards are presented at APPA's annual Forum leadership breakfast and banquet in August in Orlando, FL. Submissions are due no later than January 31, 2005, so nominate an individual or institution today!"

GAPPA's Scholarship

Can your school use some money? GAPPA may have some you can use. Consider sending one of your valued employee to the "APPA Leadership Academy" or APPA Facilities Management Institute." You may apply for a matching fund of up to \$2000. For information, please check the GAPPA web site.

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not have formal credentials that validate their understanding of plant management. Most ac-

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quire their training through basic college coursework and/or on-the-job-training.

Consequently, due to continuous change and fast-track technology, there is an urgent need to provide our staff with local and formal accreditation that successfully targets the essential of physical plant management. The payback and benefits of a specialized Facilities Management curriculum are extremely noteworthy. Not only will your university system benefit specifically, many other industries outside the system

can also strengthen their plant management team.

The mission of the University System of Georgia is already set and includes:

*** Provide and maintain superior facilities, funded by innovative mechanisms that increase the speed with which they are usable.**

*** Provide professional opportunities at all levels of plant management" and create a more educated facilities officer.**

Samples of curriculum proposal and course syllabi for certificate and degree programs that may be introduced at local institutions are available by contacting Dr. Wingblade.

Dr. Wingblade joined South Georgia College in September 1996 as Director of Physical Plant and Public Safety. Prior to joining South Georgia College he was the Director of Facilities Management and Public Safety at Amherst College and an Area Construction Manager for Bechtel Corporation's European and Middle East Divisions.

He presently serves on committees sponsored by the Board of Regents' that include the Facilities Advisory Board. His experience includes Interim Vice Chancellor for the University Systems of Georgia. In addition to serving as the Director of Physical Plant and Public Safety Dr. Wingblade is an Assistant Professor and teaches in the Business and Social Sciences division.

He holds a Doctoral Degree in Higher Education, a Masters Degree in Management and has extensive undergraduate study in engineering and construction. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Management Association, the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers, Rotary International and the Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators.



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GAPPA WORKSHOPS

The education committee and its



Bill Presenting mugs to speakers

Chairperson Harvey Shumpert have been very active in scheduling workshops. Even before the beginning of his term, Harvey had all workshops scheduled for the whole year. The workshops have been very popular with the maintenance and engineering staff throughout the state. The workshops are informative and the



Showing equipments at the water treatment workshop.

cost is minimal. Bill Halabi of Georgia Tech sponsored a workshop about **“Water Treatment”** in September. Thirty Three people attended. George Smith of Georgia Southwestern University sponsored one about **“Mold and Remedies in Commercial Buildings”** in October. George thanks the following companies for their assistance with material and presentation of



George L. Smith presenting the speaker.

the workshop. Interface Carpet Tile (Dr. Daniel Price, Microbiologist,) Schweitzer Group (Wayne Schweitzer, PE,) Carrier Systems (W. Bruce Longino, PE with Michelle Robb,) DryKor (Ed LaHaie.) Nineteen people attended. Medical College of Georgia has also been active in sponsoring workshops. In January, Eddie Woodhouse of Columbus State University is sponsoring a workshop about **“Environmental Issue.”**