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Hello SRAPPA!

It's that time of year, when our campuses burst forth with new energy as we welcome students eager to start a new year. Some are new to our campus, having moved up from another institution, while others return to continue their journey. Whether this scene takes place at a large University, a community college, or a middle school, we all know the efforts we put in over the summer to refresh, repair, and renovate our facilities to meet these needs. Summer is not a rest time for academic facility professionals!

I saw many of you at Tri-APPA 2016 in Nashville in July. It was definitely an outstanding experience and I hope you were able to be there. And while we were at incredible venues (Music City Center and Renaissance Hotel) right in the middle of the vibrant Nashville scene, the education opportunities were exceptional. In fact, some complained the education buffet had too many choices! The Hall of Resources was also extensive, with our Business Partners illustrating tools and techniques to aid us in our profession. And finally, we completed necessary SRAPPA business, approving the Constitutional revisions, approving the fiscal year 2017 budget, and electing our 2016-2017 Board to take over this fall.

As a reminder, you can take advantage of the great Credentialing deal your SRAPPA Board made with APPA, reducing the price to \$450 for EFPs (an \$1100 value) and \$550 for CEFPs (normally \$1300) for 2016 and 2017. This package includes the 90 day online prep course and the test, plus another online prep course and test attempt if needed. In addition, SRAPPA provides a refund of \$100 & \$150 for EFPs/CEFPs respectively once the test is passed. There is no limit, but let's not wait. We want to drive educational facility manager professionalism!

And finally, please say a prayer for those affected by the Louisiana floods this month. For us at LSU, the greatest impact has not been to our buildings, but to our most important asset, our people, with over 30% of our facilities professionals affected by the flooding. Other educational institutions suffered various degrees of damage, but all have significant numbers of their employees impacted. Resilient is what facility professionals are; we will not only survive, we will thrive in adversity.

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