

2017 SRAPPA Regional Conference Report

More than 470 participants representing had the opportunity to attend 36 educational sessions at this year's 2017 SRAPPA Conference October 26 – 28, 2017 in Charlotte, NC. This was SRAPPA's 66th annual conference and it was a memorable one hosted by University of North Carolina – Charlotte!

The conference theme was "Building Excellence in Facilities" and we were treated to a tour of the UNC – Charlotte campus where the staff has an obvious infectious commitment to facilities excellence. The host committee delivered an exceptional conference, bringing many great programs and venues for the attendees and for our Business Partners. Every day of the conference was filled with opportunities to connect, engage with and learn from one another.

But the great prelude of activities the day before the conference were also terrific! 45 SRAPPA attendees prepared over 10,000 meals at the Stop Hunger event and the golf outing at Olde Sycamore Golf Club was attended by 92 golfers.

Former Navy Seal, Shannon Rusch, gave a unique and inspiring presentation on the values of commitment and determination in the face of tremendous obstacles. The SRAPPA Breakfast and Business Meeting began the last day of the conference as Glen Ward's humor and inspirational presentation gave us all a positive charge!

The conference was capped off on Saturday evening at the Banquet and Board Installation event. Outgoing SRAPPA President, Dan Wooten, recapped the region's successful year and recognized board members for their service to the board: Jay Williams, David Hatch, Tom Kantsios. Dan also presented Jack Colby as an Emeritus Member and Paul Weubold with the President's Award. The SRAPPA region also recognized those who received APPA awards this year:

- *2017 Meritorious Service Award:* Jodie Sweat
- *2017 Pacesetter Awards:* Rebecca Griffith and Robert Boyette

Chris Kopach, APPA President, installed the new 2017 – 2018 SRAPPA Board:

THE 2017-2018 SRAPPA OFFICERS

President – David Smith, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

Immediate Past President – Dan Wooten, Tennessee State University

President-Elect – Tom Jones, Clemson University

First Vice President – Ray Mirizzi, Northern Kentucky University

Second Vice President – Mike Steger, Berkeley Preparatory

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Vice President for Education, Al Hill, Tennessee State University

Vice President for Chapter Affairs – Andy Maddox, University of Alabama

Vice President for Communications – Brian Wilcox, University of Memphis

APPA Senior Representative – Jodie Sweat, Kennesaw State University

APPA Junior Representative – Dave Maharrey, Louisiana State University

K-12 Liaison – David Van Hook, Floyd County Schools

Business Partner Liaison – Brian Wright, Mitsubishi Electric America Co.

APPA Liaison – Steve Glazner

David Smith, incoming President, concluded the banquet by highlighting some of the episodes of the conference, thanking everyone who worked so hard on this great conference, and challenging his SRAPPA colleagues to do their part this coming year to engage in this great organization.



