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# MANAGING YOUR FACILITIES

Newsletter for the National School Plant Management Association



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*Better Together!*

Words of encouragement and commitment employed thru the years, from the likes of Marlo Thomas, to presidential campaigns, to Facebook. In our organization it embodies a focus and commitment to collaboration. Building upon traditions and relationships we continue to explore and develop new opportunities and approaches, and we're doing it **Better Together!**

With the stated goal of strengthening our bond with our Members and Members' States while adding value to Membership, we move ever forward by solidifying our role and status as the preeminent voice of leadership for our Nation's K-12 public school facilities and professionals. We are proudly **Better Together!**



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Reaching out to our Member States we launched a campaign to reinvigorate our partnerships. Together we are learning new ways to engage and enhance our reach and relevance. In short, tangible benefits and value added. Our Membership Chair, Kevin Barney (LA), has constructed a very ambitious and comprehensive recruiting drive that empowers and engages all Board Members and grants ownership of the process in a collaborative way. President Elect, Keith Watkins (NY), and Business Partner Board Representative, Brian Wright (TX), have formed a great alliance and are bringing new voices to the table. Together they are creating enhanced opportunities for our business partners to expand their reach and to collaboratively share in the growth of our organization. We'll be hearing more on these endeavors soon.

Scholarship and Awards Chair, A.J. Nordt (NJ), and Committee Members have been very diligent and productive in refining criteria, updating forms, and

creating additional opportunities for our Members and their families. We are reaching out to strategic partners and membership with updates and links to new forms, enhanced opportunities, and critical timelines. Our premier event and annual highlight is our conference and trade show. NSPMA Conference Planner, John Bailey (VA), and SCSPMA Conference Planner, Jimmy Martin (SC), have joined forces for our joint 2020 Conference & Trade Show. Both are former NSPMA Presidents and both have extensive State and National conference planning experience among their repertoire and professional portfolios. We look forward to a program of great value and lifetime memories made!

Please remember to register for our 25th annual Conference & Trade Show and we'll see you in Myrtle Beach, SC, February 9-12, 2020. It will be **Better Together!**

## 2020 SCSPMA & NSPMA Conference Links

### 2020 Conference Registration Link

[2020 SCSPMA & NSPMA Conference](#)

### Call For Candidates Links

**NSPMA CANDIDATE APPLICATION 2020** –For the Position of Vice President

Click here for more information and to download the [CANDIDATE APPLICATION](#)

**NSPMA CANDIDATE APPLICATION** – For the Position of Member of Board of Directors

Click here for more information and to download the [BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE APPLICATION](#)





including, say, a haphazard collection of markers, as if someone withdrew and wiped each marker individually.

Our daily cleaning solutions are created by [Orbio](#) machines installed at each buildings that apply electrostatic energy to convert water and salt into two solutions - one for general cleaning, one for disinfecting. No traditional, harsh cleaning chemicals to wash into the drains. No stacks of empty chemical bottles to dispose of.

In other measures, the custodians are replacing cotton cloths and rags with microfiber cloths that use smaller amounts of cleaning chemicals and that pick up and hold surface dirt instead of pushing it around. They clean floors with backpack vacuums and will soon polish terrazzo surfaces common in schools with diamond-chip honing pads that polish the stone without the need for wax. That means no coating to be periodically scrubbed, stripped and washed into the environment.

"Clean, healthy rooms and hallways are fundamental to providing environments where students can safely explore, learn and discover," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Magda Parvey. "These advanced measures from the Facilities Department help make the schools brighter, fresher, more pleasant places, and also ease the schools' impact on the community and the environment."

Now that custodial crews in the schools have advanced their cleaning of desks, doorknobs and other frequent touch points with greener and more effective measures, they are taking the next step to a futuristic-sounding method of cleaning the air itself.

New [Novaerus](#) air-scrubbing units installed in the schools use an ultra-low-energy plasma discharge of electrons and ions to zap viruses and harmful bacteria such as E. coli and MRSA. Novaerus plasma is powerful, yet gentle and produces no harmful byproducts.

The units are designed for rapid or continuous infection control, odor mitigation and particle reduction. Crews have installed the units in the locker rooms, weight rooms, wrestling rooms and nurses' offices. The Facilities Department expects to expand their use to other areas.

"Cleaning the air itself is the next step in a comprehensive program of cleaning methods and products that are safer, more effective and easier on the environment," said Keith Watkins, Assistant Director of Facilities.

For the past year, the cleaning crews have also been using the EvaClean [Protexus](#) system that allows a custodian to disinfect surfaces with the wave of an applicator. The device applies a mist that uses an electrostatic charge to cling to all open surfaces,

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# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual ASPMA Conference Held in Hot Springs, Arkansas

A record number of school plant managers attended the 48<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Arkansas School Plant Management Association (ASPMA) October 7-9 at the Hot Springs Convention Center & Embassy Suites. The year's conference, utilizing a theme of **"Building for the Future,"** was packed with great keynote speakers / banquet entertainment, informative breakout sessions, vendor presentations, and a sold-out

trade show. As always, this yearly event was an excellent opportunity for professional development, business contacts, networking with peers, and up-to-date information on a variety of topics and products relevant to the work of school plant managers.

This year's conference also included a day of classes for the Certified Facilities Director (CFD) program. Classes were held on crucial topics such as the basics of building systems, playground safety and hazard recognition. During the conference, 15 attendees received initial CFD certification and 28 number of school plant managers were recognized for recertification. ASPMA is pleased to announce

that Ed Vestal, with the Dardanelle School District, was honored as the 2019 recipient of the President's Blue Ribbon Award for his leadership, active participation in ASPMA for many years, and commitment to quality school facility management statewide.

*Ed Vestal (right), Dardanelle School District, received the 2019 Blue Ribbon Award. Kevin Conkin (left), Springdale School District, is a previous recipient of the award.*



# “School Facilities Making a Difference”

2019 Missouri School Plant Managers Association Conference

Branson, MO was the site for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual fall conference of the Missouri School Plant Managers Association. A record number of school plant managers attended this year’s conference on September 22-24 at the Branson Convention Center. The year’s conference, utilizing a theme of **“School Facilities Making A Difference,”** was packed with great keynote speakers, informative breakout sessions, vendor presentations, and a large trade show. As always, this yearly event was an excellent opportunity for professional development, business contacts, networking with peers, and up-to-date information on a variety of topics and products relevant to the work of Missouri school plant managers.

During the conference, 25 graduates of the Missouri School Facilities Masters Core Certification were recognized. The purpose of this program is to develop a knowledge base for school plant managers to provide safe and healthful educational facilities for Missouri educators and children.

Once again, vendor partners stepped up to make the conference and tradeshow possible, exposing attendees to the latest in equipment, supplies, and techniques while, at the same time, emphasizing the crucial importance of professional development in the school facilities field. Networking with others involved in school facilities is always an added valuable perk for events such as this.



Sunday, September 22nd	
TWI-ASG Golf Scramble at Branson Hills Golf Club	8:30 am (Shotgun Start)
Breakout Sessions	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Poolside Social	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

  

Monday, September 23rd	
General Session Breakfast	7:15 am - 8:30 am
Welcome, Introductions & Keynote Speaker	7:15 am
Spouse's Brunch	8:30 am - 10:00 am
Breakout Sessions	8:40 am - 10:30 am
Vendor Show Luncheon	10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Breakout Sessions	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Beverage Break	3:10 pm - 5:00 pm
Dinner (at your own expense)	5:00 pm
Andy B's on The Landing	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	7:00 pm

  

Tuesday, September 24th	
General Session Breakfast	7:15 am - 8:30 am
Presentation of Graduating Facility Managers Core Certification	7:15 am
MSPMA Election of Officers	
Breakout Sessions	8:40 am - 11:30 am

2019 Graduates of the Missouri School Facilities Masters Core Certification Program



NSPMA is pleased to announce the following award programs for 2020. The deadline all all of the programs except the student scholarship program is December 1, 2019. The scholarship application is due December 15, 2019.

## **FACILITY MASTERS AWARD PROGRAM**

In 2003, a program was created that identified the best practices of a high performing maintenance organization. This document, **Planning Guide for Maintaining School Facilities**, was conceptualized and developed by the School Facilities Maintenance Task Force of the National Forum on Education Statistics.

For additional information on this award and the requirements [CLICK HERE](#)

### [FACILITIES MASTERS AWARD APPLICATION](#)

## **PAT COCHRANE MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Pat Cochrane Memorial Award is given each year in honor of Pat Cochrane, a former board member of the National School Plant Management Association. Pat always challenged the Association to look ahead, his vision of growing NSPMA to be a leader in the K-12 facilities area was always first on his mind. Training and outreach to its members was a priority for Pat in his position on the NSPMA Board. Each year this award is given to someone in the association who exhibits leadership skills, passion and a vision for the k-12 facilities in America.

### [PAT COCHRANE MEMORIAL AWARD APPLICATION](#)

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL PLANT MANAGER AWARD**

Do you have someone that has excelled and deserves recognition for excellence? As a member you can fill out a form and submit this to the Board!

### [SCHOOL PLANTS MANAGEMENT AWARD APPLICATION](#)

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL PLANT MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The National School Plant Management Association seeks to assist students who are continuing their education by offering scholarships to those pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree.

Any graduating senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for a scholarship. A total of \$5,000 has been budgeted for the program for up to five individuals based on the selection criteria (financial need, academic achievement, co-curricular participation, community service, and essay response). The individual scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on candidate interest, evaluation results, and upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee.

### **2019 SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS**

Victoria Cline – Nursing  
Harmony Grove, AR

Amber Burks – Music Education  
Hindsville, AR

Kevin Felter – HVAC Associate Degree  
Branson, MO

Avary Lewis Payne – Finance  
Middlesex, VA

Each student was awarded \$1000.00 to further their educational goals.

### [2020 NSPMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)



## REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL & SOUTH CAROLINA SPMA  
2020 JOINT CONFERENCE

### Suggested Topics:

**DEADLINE:** DECEMBER 6, 2019

- Best Practices in Custodial Management
- Roofing Assessments and Proper Management
- Integrated Pest Management
- Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Biomass)
- Best Practices in Maintenance and Repair
- Blue Cleaning: Improving the Health of Your School By Use of Fewer Chemicals
- And more!



[Click here for more information.](#)

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