

# **NEWS RELEASE:**

At this year's annual conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 11, 2020, one of the highlights of the 25<sup>th</sup> NSPMA & 50<sup>th</sup> South Carolina SPMA Joint Conference was the announcement of the 2020 Pat Cochrane Memorial Award recipient.

We are honored to announce that the winner of the National School Plant Manager Association (NSPMA) 2020 Pat Cochrane Memorial Award is William E. Shedden, Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services for Kingsport City Schools, Tennessee.

Mr. Shedden's dedication to the profession of school plant management is evident through his leadership of being a board member for 11 years and serving for four years as president of the Tennessee School Plant Manager Association (TSPMA) and serving as board member for the National School Plant Manager Association for three years, 2011-2013. Bill was elected at this year's conference to serve on the NSPMA Board of Directors for the next three years as the new Vice President. In Bill's short 11.5 years of facilities/school plant management career he has accomplished winning the TSPMA and NSPMA Plant Manager of the Year Award, 2018 and 2013 respectively. Bill is only the second person in Tennessee to win both these state and national honors.

Bill's leadership record among his colleagues demonstrates his effectiveness. Through his leadership, the Tennessee School Plant Management Association has grown from 64 school districts to 92 school districts and annual conference from 56 vendors to 92 vendors. He has led extensive energy savings program in both Kingsport (25% savings) and Hawkins County (32% savings), as well as overseeing a solar project of 20 sites, generating 1,250 megawatts of power that resulted in extensive decreases in energy bills. This was the first school system in Tennessee to generate solar on TVA's Generation Partnership Program. Mr. Shedden has also taken an active role in leading critical safety efforts throughout his career, providing vital expertise and counsel that have resulted in greatly increasing safety environments.

During Bill's tenure at Kingsport City Schools his accomplishments are many that all facility professionals would proudly acknowledge; but his greatest is being married for 35 years, having five children and four grandchildren, with one on the way.

Mr. Bill Shedden has exhibit the leadership skills, passion and vision for the K-12 facilities in America as required for the 2020 Pat Cochrane Memorial Award! Congratulations!

On behalf of the Scholarship and Awards Committee, we want to thank all of the qualified candidates for this year's award. We wish them much success in their future.

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