

Managing Your Facilities

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Kimberly Keener, President

Dear NSPMA-

Thank you to Mike Mertens, Past President, and ASPMA, for a wonderful conference in Arkansas!!! We are thrilled to read the post-conference surveys with so much positive feedback, reflecting your leadership and attention to every detail. Special thanks to Jim Vicar-Conference Planner, John Rome-President Elect/Vendor Committee Chair, John Noel-Treasurer, and Sherry Jennings-Executive Secretary. Thanks to Matt Ladd and Ed DePew for your years of service to the Board, and Art Bode, Vince Sodano, Maurice Henry, and John Bailey as very active Past Presidents. We welcome our new

Board Members Greg Harrow, Ivan Smith, and Larry Nichols.

Congratulations to Rick Walters as our newly elected Vice President!!! Extra thanks to Josh Peach, SchoolDude, and Jackie Gonzalez, Lennox. Your professional partnership and friendship are deeply appreciated.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Members of NSPMA, and my home state association, NJSBGA, who have supported me toward leadership roles in local, state, and national positions. My vision for progress is reflective, mindful, and inclusive of those that built this association, and inspired by those who want continued development to sustain a resourceful, valuable future for NSPMA.

I look forward to working together this year on planned goals of state membership growth, increased vendor partnerships, website enhancement, strategic plan implementation, and reevaluation of the need for a NSPMA Executive Director.

Respectfully yours,

~kim



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! March 12-14, 2018

NJSBGA will collaborate with NSPMA on the 2018 Conference & EXPO at Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ! Future details to follow!

School System Maintenance Team Earns National Honor

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The Middlesex County Public Schools (MCPS) maintenance team recently received a national honor at the National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) conference held recently in Rogers, Arkansas.

In 2003, a document titled “Planning Guide for Maintaining School Facilities” was created to identify the best practices of high-performing maintenance organizations. The document was conceptualized and developed by the School Facilities Maintenance Task Force of the National Forum on Education Statistics.

The project was developed through the National Cooperative Education Statistics System and funded by the National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education. The project is designed to acknowledge outstanding school maintenance divisions throughout the United States.

At the NSPMA Conference held recently in Arkansas, MCPS was recognized as the only Platinum Level award recipient in the United States for 2017. MCPS director of operations Greg Harrow accepted the award.

“My hat’s off to our team for the work they do on a daily basis,” said Harrow. “From the school board, past superintendents’ support, current superintendent’s support, Richard Bridge who maintains Middlesex Elementary School and St. Clare Walker Middle School, Marty Broadbudd and athletic director Matt Stamm at Middlesex High School and the Syd Thrift Athletic Complex, our MCPS staff, students, support personnel and the numerous amount of community members who continue to understand and implement the importance of school facilities as it directly ties to student performance, I commend you and thank you for your efforts.”

MCPS facilities now stand with only six other school divisions in Virginia—Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Loudon, and Stafford—that have attained the Platinum Level award. Dr. Gretz said, “I am extremely proud of Mr. Harrow and our maintenance team. This award represents work that is done in direct service and support for our students, teachers, and all of the beneficiaries of the school facilities. It happens behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed. The relationship between the physical facilities and student learning is undeniable, and I am so grateful for the exemplary attention our team gives to our facilities.

“This national award further confirms the excellent stewardship our maintenance staff ensures on behalf of our taxpayers,” continued Dr. Gretz. “Our community is very generous, and this recognition highlights the work Greg and his team members do to ensure that every investment in our capital planning is honored. He and his team care for our facilities as though they were their own homes, and I’m thankful their work has been recognized at the national level.”

Also at the meeting in Arkansas, Harrow was elected to the board of directors of NSPMA and will serve a three-year term in that capacity. “I was honored to be nominated by a national association for such a high decree and to be elected to represent not only Virginia, but all facility directors across the United States.”



Greg Harrow (right) accepts the National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) Platinum Level award in Arkansas while past president and conference planner Jim Vicar makes the announcement. Platinum Level is the highest award presented by NSPMA.

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School Athletic Storage Building: Design-Build Construction With the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

K-Con, Inc. a Design-Build general contractor specializing in pre-engineered metal and panelized modular buildings supplied and installed a 60' x 30' (1,800 sq ft) sports storage building for the Charleston County School District in South Carolina. With K-Con as a pre-approved metal building supplier for TIPS, the Charleston County School District was able to access design and construction easily with K-Con, and the project was completed in one month of construction time.

The insulated, pre-engineered metal building was designed to match existing campus buildings.



The structure was designed to match existing buildings.



The 1800 sq foot building was completed within a month.

The total project delivery included site work, concrete and electrical. The storage facility included interior and exterior caging as part of the overall project for secure equipment storage and lockup.

TIPS is available for use by all public and private school, colleges, universities, cities, counties, and other government agencies in multiple states. TIPS along with K-Con's Design/Build approach provides a quick and efficient delivery of your projects, while maintaining procurement compliance.

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