

Managing Your Facilities

Monthly Newsletter of the National School Plant Management Association

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Dear NSPMA Members,

TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL!!! With the upcoming holiday breaks, improvements to our facilities, successes of our school systems, and the successes of our students, it's a great time to be an educational institution facility leader. The NSPMA Executive Board, with the help and collaboration of the LSFMA Executive Board, continues to work on the 2018-2019 goals for the organization and the planning of the 2019 NSPMA & LSFMA Joint Spring Conference and Expo.

We are elated to announce this year's conference theme: *Faisons- le pour les enfants!* The English translation of this French saying is "Let's do it for the children!" We are all extremely fortunate and blessed to have a professional calling that has a direct

impact on the lives of children every day. It has been proven that a safe, functional, well-maintained, and aesthetically pleasing environment that is conducive to student learning has an impact on their performance. The focus of the conference program will be on topics and speakers that will have an impact on the learning environment of students.

In terms of goals, the organization previously established a steering committee/task force to begin designing a national certification framework. The steering committee has engaged in conversations with potential coursework/certification providers such as community colleges and private certification entities. A draft framework of course modules has been developed and is being honed down with input from the NSPMA Executive Board. One of our next steps in the process is to present the coursework/certification framework to all members in attendance at our NSPMA & LSFMA Joint Spring Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,

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SAVE THE DATE

LSFMA & NSPMA JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE & EXPO FEBRUARY 24-27, 2019

Join us at L'Auberge Casino & Hotel in
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The week preceding the world famous
Louisiana Mardi Gras Celebration!



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President's letter continued

this February. Another one of our goals is to increase our membership/vendor base and promote collegial conversations between all stakeholders. Our membership and vendor committees are working hard to build our bank of members and vendors. We are excited to announce that we have fully launched our new membership process, which allows for membership with benefits for those who are not able to participate in the annual conference.

You can visit the membership portal on our website www.nspma.org for details on membership benefits and for registration information. We are currently collaborating with Mitsubishi Electric on plans to have a webinar on HVAC-VRF systems as an educational opportunity for our members. The details of this event will be shared with our membership once finalized. During our monthly NSPMA Board meetings, we continue to get updates from our awards/scholarship, bylaws, nominating, past presidents, and conference committees.

Last, but not least, is our ongoing plans for our annual conference. The NSPMA and the LSFMA have collaborated and created a partnership agreement to host a joint conference. We are excited to announce the 2019 LSFMA & NSPMA Joint Spring Conference & Expo at the L'Auberge Casino, Hotel, and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We anticipate a large and diverse attendee and vendor representation from across the nation. The joint conference & expo will feature facility- specific training sessions, product and service demonstrations, a



a trade show, dynamic guest speakers, hospitality events, and a formal awards banquet. Plans are in the works for a spouse/guest tour package. The conference dates were strategically selected as they fall in the week preceding the world famous Louisiana Mardi Gras Celebration.

To date, the conference program has been drafted, speakers are being scheduled, our vendor sponsorship and booth package has been finalized, registration has opened, and we are experiencing high volume registration for members and vendors. Our December 1st registration report indicates we currently have 42 member registrations and 32 vendor registrations (18 vendors with standard booth registration and 14 with partnership registration). The conference dates are February 24-27, 2019. There are many more details to come, but please REGISTER NOW as space is LIMITED and we anticipate SELLING OUT our vendor hall and FULLY BOOKING our hotel room allotment. Also, please visit our website: www.nspma.org for any updates and information regarding the NSPMA. I hope you continue to have an enjoyable and safe school year!

48th Annual ASPMA Conference Held in Hot Springs, AR

A record number of school plant managers attended the 48th annual conference of the Arkansas School Plant Management Association (ASPMA) October 1-3 at the Hot Springs Convention Center & Embassy Suites. The year's conference, utilizing a theme of "**Paving the Way**," 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 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 basics of building systems, playground safety, and occupational hazards. During the conference, 12 attendees received initial CFD certification and a number of plant managers were recognized for recertification. ASPMA is pleased to announce that Dusty Duncan, with the Marion School District, was honored as the 2018-2019 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. Dusty also serves on the National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) Board of Directors.



Board member Maurice Henry, Hope School District, presents board member Dusty Duncan (left), Marion School District, with the President's Blue Ribbon Award.



This year, there were 58 vendors in the exhibit hall.



Three Certified Facilities Director (CFD) classes were offered at the event.

NYSSFA Explores the “Power of Communication” at Annual Conference



Rick Walters and Keith Watkins

More than 800 school facilities managers and business partners gathered in Saratoga Springs September 30 - October 3 for the School Facilities Managers' Conference and Expo, presented by the New York State School Facilities Association (NYSSFA) and the School Facilities Management Institute (SFMI). The conference bustled with timely training on a wide range of topics, a sold-out expo, and a record number of attendees.

Its theme, **The Power of Communication**, drove the event as a dance troupe of young children kicked off the expo with communication-related songs such as "867-5309/Jenny" and "Call Me Maybe," and attendees competed for prizes playing games using the event's first ever state-of-the-art conference app.

The event teed off with a golf tournament to benefit the NYSSFA scholarship fund, raising more than \$9,000 to go toward six scholarships awarded annually to children of its members.

The professional development portion of the conference was paramount for attendees, especially those working on accreditation. Tuesday's banquet program celebrated several newly earned accreditations as well as recertifications for members in Affiliate Development Certification, Advanced Affiliate Development Certification, and Certified Directors of Facilities.

NYSSFA and SFMI were honored to welcome NSPMA incoming president Rick Walters as their guest and are proud that past President Keith Watkins, CDF, will ascend to the role of NSPMA Vice President this spring in Baton Rouge.



Kim Keener and our friends from NJSBGA



Outgoing NYSSFA President Mike Coghlin (Left), Rick Walters (Center), Incoming NYSSFA President Paul Rooney (Right)

Midlothian site of 11th Annual VSPMA Conference

The Virginia School Plant Management Association held its 11th annual conference at the Midlothian Doubletree, in Midlothian, Virginia, October 21-24. The annual expo and trade show was sold out, and over 150 attendees were present from across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country. The conference presented opportunities to listen to several keynote speakers who focused on leadership, green school concepts, and custodial methodology. Over 15 learning sessions were presented to the membership. The conference was filled with social activities that included corn hole, a casino night, and a dance/karaoke night. The Virginia School Plant Management Association is excited to attend the 12th annual conference at "The Inn" at Virginia Tech for our 2019 conference.



LSFMA Holds Annual Conference in Marksville, LA

The 2018 fall conference of the Louisiana School Facility Managers Association was held October 18-19 at the Paragon Resort in Marksville, LA. Sessions on topics such as safe schools, state bid laws, and certifications provided a great opportunity for sharing ideas, problems, and solutions with others in the school facility management profession.



District's Disinfecting Subject of Video

In New York, the City School District of New Rochelle's program of cleaning and disinfecting is so comprehensive that it was chosen to be featured in a [video](#) demonstration of the EvaClean's Protexus system. The system uses an electrostatic process that causes droplets of the solution, which is safer than bleach, to wrap around objects, making it simple to cover hard-to-reach areas and the most frequently touched surfaces. View the video [here](#).

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School Safety Gets Real at MFAA Annual Conference

At their annual conference in October, the Massachusetts Facility Administrators Association hosted a session on school safety, including a dramatic demonstration on how safety film can resist shattering after a shooting. Click [here](#) to read the story in the *Cape Cod Times*.

MFAA also produced a short video showing the impact of firearms on various structures. Click [here](#) to view the video.

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