

APPA Vice President, Information & Research 2014 Annual Report

The Information and Research Committee has a key role in fostering the growth and dissemination of the collective body of knowledge that elevates the role of educational facilities professionals.

The Information and Research Committee:

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Steve Peary (ERAPPA)	Larry Blake (SRAPPA)	Christina Hills (Benchmarking)
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Winifred Kwofie (PCAPP)	Maggie Kinnaman (At-Large)	Jeri King (VP, I&R)
	Norm Young (At-Large)	

The Information and Research Committee includes six regional representatives, three at large members, staff liaison Steve Glazner and two additional staff APPA members. During the past year, the Committee has held 10 conference calls and 2 face-to-face meetings.

Highlights of the Past Year:

1. **The Body of Knowledge (BOK)**

Offers foundational content required by facilities professionals at colleges, universities, schools, museums, and other nonprofit, educational organizations.

- A member benefit, on-line access is free to member institutions.
- 60 peer reviewed chapters
- 28 updated or new chapters were posted in the past year
- BOK supports APPA training and credentialing, tests.

2. **The Center for Facilities Research (CFaR)**

Advances the knowledge of Facilities Management through research, discovery and innovation.

- 16 completed, peer-reviewed research projects, 6 more are in process.
- We are working on a broad range of initiatives to engage, expand and energize this important source of “news you can use”.

3. **The Facilities Performance Indicators (FPI)**

Allows members to capture, track and benchmark the vital data needed to measure operations and performance, identify capital asset realities, and lead a successful facilities strategy.

- A member benefit, there is no fee to use this tool.
- Get ready for the next survey cycle!
- Last year, 308 members participated in the survey this year; about 25% of the institutional members.
- Some of survey definitions and directions were reviewed by a subcommittee of FPI users, led by Lindsay Wagner.
- We tested a “bonus” report last year with 70 institutions, who had consistently participated in major sections of the survey.
- We are reviewing the on-line report experience. Work on this is ongoing.

4. Energy and Sustainability Assessment Tool (ESAT)

Measures, benchmarks and improves the energy and environmental performance of campuses.

- A member benefit, there is no fee to use this tool.
- This is a new tool, able to be used throughout the year, to collect campus wide information, or gain even greater information by using the “by building” section.
- Find a link to it on the FPI home page.

5. New Publications

Check APPA’s Bookstore via the APPA.org homepage for APPA’s publications

- *Environmental Sustainability*, an anthology in the Critical Issues in Facilities Management series
- *Energy Efficiencies*, an anthology in the Critical Issues in Facilities Management series
- *Effective and Innovative Practices for the Strategic Facilities Manager*, edited by Jeri Ripley King.
- E-book versions of each of the three *The Operational Guidelines for Educational Facilities: (Custodial, Grounds and Maintenance)*, editor-in-chief, Alan S. Bigger.
- *Thought Leaders Report 2013: The Rising Cost of Higher Education (PDF, free download)*

6. The Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager

The committee annually recognizes the best magazine feature article by someone in educational facilities management.

- Richard L. McDermott of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston will receive the 2014 Rex Dillow Award for his article “Alright, Already! Let’s Stop Answering the Wrong Question about Deferred Maintenance” in the March/April 2014 *Facilities Manager*.

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Ripley King, July 10, 2014