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University of Minnesota's Ruthann Manlet Elected VP Professional Development for Educational Facilities Association

August 3, 2015, Alexandria VA – Ruthann Manlet, facilities manager for the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (West Bank Campus) has been elected to serve as the vice president of professional development of APPA – Leadership in Educational Facilities, the leading industry association of facilities professionals at educational institutions.

As vice president of professional development, Manlet will oversee of all of the association's professional development and educational programs; coordinate programming across regions and state/local chapters; develop strategic direction and content for the APPA Annual Meeting; and oversee APPA's scholarship program. She will begin her three-year term August 5 at the 2015 APPA Annual Meeting.

"I am honored to have been elected by my peers and excited to take on this responsibility," Manlet said. "I am a strong believer that the success of any organization is dependent on management's support to the commitment of resources and the recruitment, development, and promotion of dedicated employees. APPA is the leader in the educational facilities industry, and I look forward to the challenge to grow and strengthen the programs and tools we offer to professionals at all levels of their career."

She has been actively involved in leadership roles at APPA international and the APPA Midwest region (MAPPAs) since 2005, including service as the MAPPAs president and as MAPPAs representative on the APPA Board of Directors.

Manlet has been employed in the facilities management department at the University of Minnesota for 30 years and currently serves as a facilities manager for the West Bank area of the Twin Cities campus. She is responsible for all maintenance and custodial activities for approximately 1.5 million gross square feet.

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