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Presidential Gavel passed to Newly Installed APPA President Chris Kopach, University of Arizona

July 28, 2017 ALEXANDRIA VA -- Chris Kopach, the assistant vice president of facilities management at University of Arizona, was officially installed as President of APPA – Leadership in Educational Facilities, during the APPA 2017 Annual Conference held July 21-23 in San Francisco, CA. APPA is the leading industry association of facilities professionals at educational institutions.

Chris is a long-serving member of the APPA Rocky Mountain Region (RMA) board, holding various leadership positions with the region. Chris has served as APPA’s Body of Knowledge content coordinator, and the coordinator of numerous educational webinars for RMA members. He also chairs The University of Arizona “Amigo Group” which fosters relationships between RMA, APPA, and institutions within Mexico.

With 35 years of dedication and experience within the educational facilities profession, the theme identified by Kopach as APPA’s president is to prepare future leaders through the transfer and share of professional knowledge among APPA members. Another area of focus during Kopach’s tenure will be to build and strengthen relationships with institutions in Mexico. Kopach has in recent months steered discussions with fellow professionals of the Universidad Panamericana Guadalajara campus, to offer a joint educational symposium with the university to be announced later this summer.

With the installation of Kopach to president, APPA’s new president-elect is Don Guckert, associate vice president for facilities management at the University of Iowa. Guckert has more than 30 years of experience in higher-education facilities management, and an additional 10 years of experience in the construction industry. He has served as a Dean of the APPA Institute for Facilities Management and as a faculty member and instructor of the Institute program.

The new president and president-elect took office at the APPA 2017 Annual Conference in San Francisco on the evening of July 22.

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