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ERAPPA Eastern Region

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More than 650 participants representing 122 educational institutions attended the 2013 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in Rochester, New York from September 29 through October 2. The conference theme was “Focusing on the Future.” Keynote speaker Erik Wahl once again wowed the audience with his dynamically choreographed paintings and inspirational messages. Plenary speaker Dan Thurmon balanced, juggled, and unicycled his way through his presentation about living “off-balance, on-purpose.”

The 2013 conference was hosted by the New York Chapter of APPA (NYAPPA) under the leadership of Barry McHugh (University of Rochester) and George Stooks (SUNY Geneseo.) The host committee delivered an engaging, thought-provoking, and thoroughly enjoyable program which included a five-track professional development program, APPA’s Supervisor’s Toolkit, a Hall of Resources with a variety of Business Partners, and an exciting evening of eclectic art and music at ARTISANWorks.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the entire allotment of ERAPPA professional development scholarships was awarded for the first time. Six educational scholarships, three credentialing scholarships, and ten Ambassador Scholarships were distributed. This is a significant achievement for the region as the robust scholarship program had been underutilized to this point.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the outgo-



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Plenary speaker Dan Thurmon

ing Chapter Presidents, ERAPPA Committee Members, and Host Committee Members. Merit Awards were given to the Host Committee Chairs, the outgoing newsletter editor, and outgoing Board Members. Steve Peary and Beth Clark were recognized with ERAPPA’s new Rising Star Award. Jerry Sidio (University of Rhode Island) and Bob Britton (Syracuse University) were awarded ERAPPA’s new Chapter Champion Award for the Southern New England Chapter of APPA (SNEAPPA) and NYAPPA respectively. ERAPPA President Dan Gearan bestowed President’s Awards upon Christine Matheson, Tracey Hartford, and Beth Clark.

Michelle Frederick assumed the role of ERAPPA President at the end of the Annual Meeting. Frederick spoke of her journey into and through her local chapter, the region, and international APPA, recognizing mentors who have assisted and guided her journey. Her theme carried through as she spoke about ERAPPA’s new mentorship program which was launched at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

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