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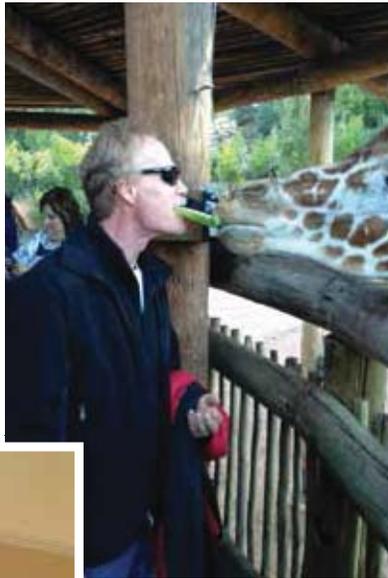
RMA Rocky Mountain Region

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The host team at the University of Colorado – Boulder exhibited tremendous can-do spirit in organizing and hosting the RMA event in Colorado Springs, despite the recent severe flooding at their home campus. Portions of the Front Range in Colorado experienced record breaking rainfall, with a normal year's worth falling over the course of a few days. The Boulder campus was closed for two days as buildings and services were restored. The Boulder Facilities team showed exceptional dedication and determination in quickly restoring normal campus operations.

This same team only days later hosted the "Going for the Gold" event 100 miles south in Colorado Springs. The 23-25 September event was a great success, with over 300 people in attendance at the Antlers Hilton Hotel, situated in a beautiful and vibrant downtown setting, at the base of Pike's Peak.

The season's first snowfall blanketed the peak the night before the conference. Those venturing up the mountain on the quaint cog railway were treated to magnificent views and the first scenes of winter, but were precluded from reaching the mountain top due to snow drifts blocking the tracks. Other recreational outings included fly fishing on the South



John Morris, up close and almost personal with one of the residents at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo



Andy Masters engages the crowd during the keynote address

Platte River, and the golf scramble at the scenic Pine Creek Golf Course.

Andy Masters delivered the opening keynote address, with his message of delegation and employee empowerment. Chuck

Farnsworth moved all those in attendance, sharing memories and lessons from his friend and mentor, Stephen Covey.

A total of 57 business partners were represented and/or supported the conference. Special thanks go to Ameresco, Chevron, Spirotherm, and Spectrum Engineers for their especially generous support. Martin/Martin also provided an inaugural donation toward an APPA U Scholarship fund.

The hillside setting of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo provided a unique venue for an Oktoberfest themed dinner, where we enjoyed cocktails and appetizers with some friendly giraffes. An oompah band and Bavarian dancers entertained everyone as we dined on traditional



German fare, and while taking in the breathtaking views as the lights of Colorado Springs twinkled below.

During the final evening's award banquet, awardees recognized included the University of Arizona (Facilities Excellence Award), University of Colorado – Boulder (Sustainability Award), Dave Button (Meritorious Award), Cloriza Lomeli (Unsung Heroes Award), and Lindsay Wagner (Pacesetter Award).

Next year's RMA conference, "Blaze Your Trail," will be hosted by the University of New Mexico in stunning Santa Fe on 22-24 September, 2014.

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