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The 2014 ERAPPA Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, held September 21 through September 24, was the meeting that almost wasn't. Originally scheduled to be held at the Revel hotel, the meeting needed to be relocated when the Revel announced it would be closing its doors. In six short weeks, the host committee, under the extraordinary leadership of co-chairs Andrew Christ (New Jersey Institute of Technology) and Mark Showers (Rowan University), was able to relocate our attendees to the Borgata hotel and the conference to the Atlantic City Convention Center. ERAPPA 2014 was a "go" once more!

More than 660 participants, representing 120 educational institutions, converged on Atlantic City to witness the miracle performed by this year's host, the New Jersey Chapter of APPA (NJAPPA). The conference theme was "An Ocean of Opportunities." The keynote speaker was George D. Martin, a 14-year veteran of the NFL and captain of the Super Bowl LXXI Champion New York Giants. The plenary speaker was Eric LeGrand, a former defensive tackle for Rutgers University who suffered a severe spinal injury during a game in 2010. The host committee delivered an engaging program that included a five-track professional development program, APPA's Supervisors Toolkit, APPA's EFP/CEFP Prep Course and Exam, a Hall of Resources, and a beach-themed networking event at the Landshark on the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the entire allotment of professional development scholarships was awarded for the second



The 2014-2015 ERAPPA Board (Larry Fitzgerald, Business Partner Representative, not pictured).



Glenn Smith receives the prestigious Norman H. Bedell Award.

year in a row— six educational scholarships, three credentialing scholarships, and ten Ambassador Scholarships.

At the Awards Banquet, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the outgoing chapter presidents and committee members, and host committee members. Merit Awards were given to the outgoing board members and the host committee chairs. Rick Battistoni and Matthew Yenchawere awarded the Rising Star Award. Connie Simmons, Christine Matheson, and Joe Wojysiak were awarded the Chapter Champion Award. ERAPPA President Michelle Frederick bestowed the President's Award upon Greg Clayton, Andrew Christ, and Mark Showers. The awards ceremony culminated with Glenn Smith receiving the prestigious Norman H. Bedell Award. Dale DeLois assumed the role of



The Unexpected Boys perform at the Awards Banquet.

ERAPPA President at the end of the Annual Meeting.

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