



# Regional Conference Reports

# 2015



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**K**ansas State University (K-State) hosted the CAPPA 2015 Annual Conference

October 9-14 in **Manhattan, Kansas**, with the theme of “The Future? It’s Now.” A total of 279 attendees representing both higher education and business partners took part in the event.

K-State President Dr. Kirk Schulz delivered the keynote address and spoke about the institution’s achievements, opportunities, and challenges. Day two was launched by the

dine at the Flint Hills Discovery Center, a museum showcasing the tallgrass prairie and the Flint Hills of Kansas.

CAPPA 2015 offered sessions in tracks ranging from facilities administration to maintenance, project management, and utilities. The educational sessions allowed attendees to see benchmarks and new innovations from other institutions so they could gain insights into facility improvements at their own campuses. A walking tour of the K-State campus highlighted recent and current renovations, including those at



Outgoing CAPPA President Glen Haubold passes gavel to 2015 President Ed Heptig.

sponsor prizes, meals, and refreshments in the exhibit hall, and provide other networking opportunities throughout the conference.

The closing banquet was held Tuesday evening. Norm Young, APPA Vice President for Information and Research, assisted in recognizing CAPPA award winners: Newsletter Award, Ana Thiemer and Sterling Miller; Certificate of Meritorious Service, Julio Cisneros and Mike Miller; Distinguished Member Award, Miles Abernathy and Shelton Riley; and the President’s Award, Sue-Anna Miller and Bob Eckels. The KC Improv Company provided entertainment at the awards banquet. The professional comedy troupe persuaded the crowd to relax with laughter and skits that included CAPPA’s President and Third Vice President participating as “volunteers.”

The conference concluded with the annual business meeting, passing of the gavel, and induction of executive committee members for 2015-16.



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2015 CAPPA Officer Team.

mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, “KC Wolf” Dan Meers. Meers spoke inspiringly of injuries he suffered in a zip-line accident that changed his outlook on life. He also was available to autograph his book, *Wolves Can’t Fly: Faith, Family, and Fur*.

Before the exhibit hall opened Sunday evening, attendees selected different outings, depending on their interests. They could join a golf tournament at the scenic Colbert Hills, tour a brewery and the Sunset Zoo, or head for the Prairie Band Casino. A football watching party and tour of the Bill Snyder Family Stadium was available on Sunday evening for football enthusiasts. In the exhibit hall, baseball fans watched the Kansas City Royals win a Major League playoff game. Monday evening allowed participants to tour and

Hale Library, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Engineering complex, as well as the chilled water plant and utility line improvements. The tour concluded at the newly renovated West Memorial Stadium, where attendees enjoyed Call Hall ice cream and posed for a group photo.

Collaboration was clearly evident in the exhibit hall, where business partners staffed exhibits geared to the needs and interests of CAPPA members. Higher education attendees could discuss issues with vendors and develop relationships they could build on when returning to their own facility. CAPPA is honored to have so many business partners

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